

RE-GENERATION *Devotionals*

Being a Barnabas, not a Shammua

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EVERY GOOD AND PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE, COMING DOWN FROM THE FATHER OF THE HEAVENLY LIGHTS, WHO DOES NOT CHANGE LIKE SHIFTING SHADOWS.

JAMES 1:17

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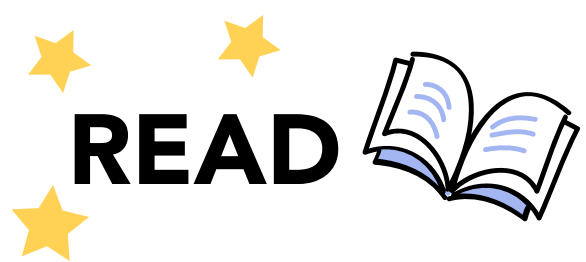


READ THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES:

- ★ Numbers 13:1-3
- ★ Numbers 13:27-33
- ★ Acts 4:36
- ★ Acts 11:22-24
- ★ James 1:17

They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit.

Numbers 13:27



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After reading the scriptures, watch the video to summarise the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmWhLAAqFEo>

Shammua and the other nine spies were not people of encouragement. They did not have faith in God and they did not support Moses. In fact, they started spreading rumours and lies about the promised land, making people doubt Moses and God. Barnabas, on the other hand, was an encourager. The apostles actually nicknamed him 'Barnabas' which means 'son of encouragement'. Wherever he went, he encouraged people by telling them about the amazing things God has done.

Who should we be like? Shammua or Barnabas?

It's not a trick question! God wants us to be encouragers, not discouragers. During this season we can choose to encourage our friends and family, or we can choose to put them down. But be warned – remember what happened to the 10 spies? They didn't get to see the promised land which God had prepared for them. In this season we need to choose to trust God and build up those around us, or we risk missing out on what God has for us.



ACTIVITY



GET CREATIVE...

Make a collage all the good things God has done in your life. You can use magazines or newspapers to stick or draw ideas on your poster. If you have access to a printer you can print images or photographs from your computer, such as pictures of family members or hobbies. You could also find some encouraging scriptures to write on your poster. Stick the poster to the wall where you can see it every day and remember the amazing things God has given you.



TIME TO SPEAK UP...

Think of 5 good things that God has done in your life. Encourage your family by telling them how amazing God is!



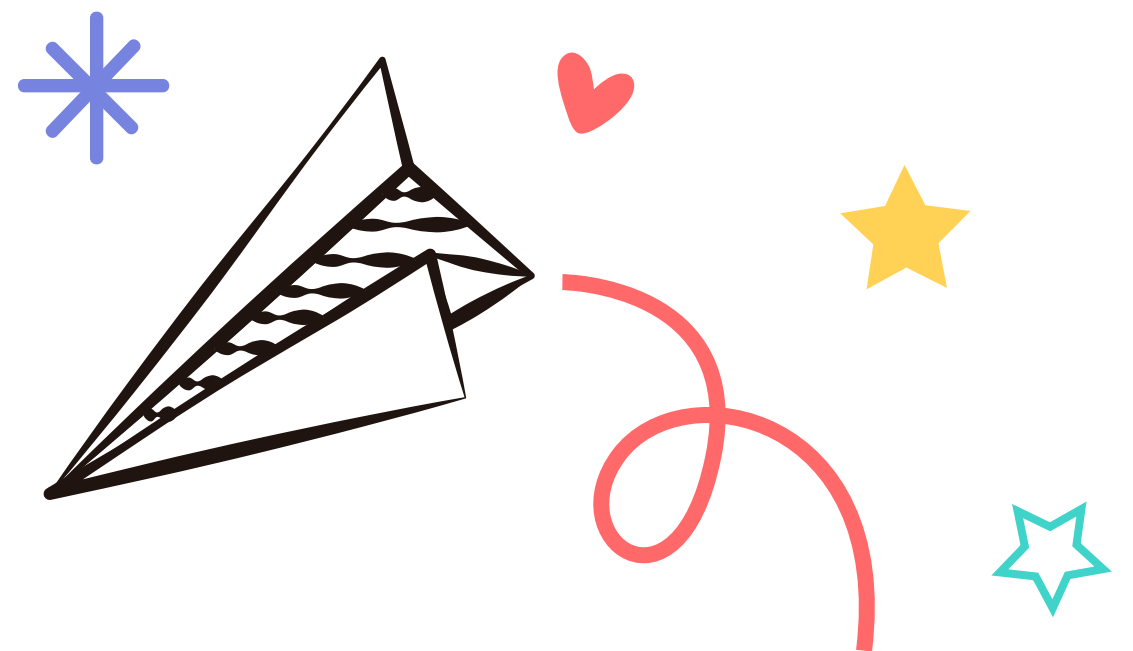
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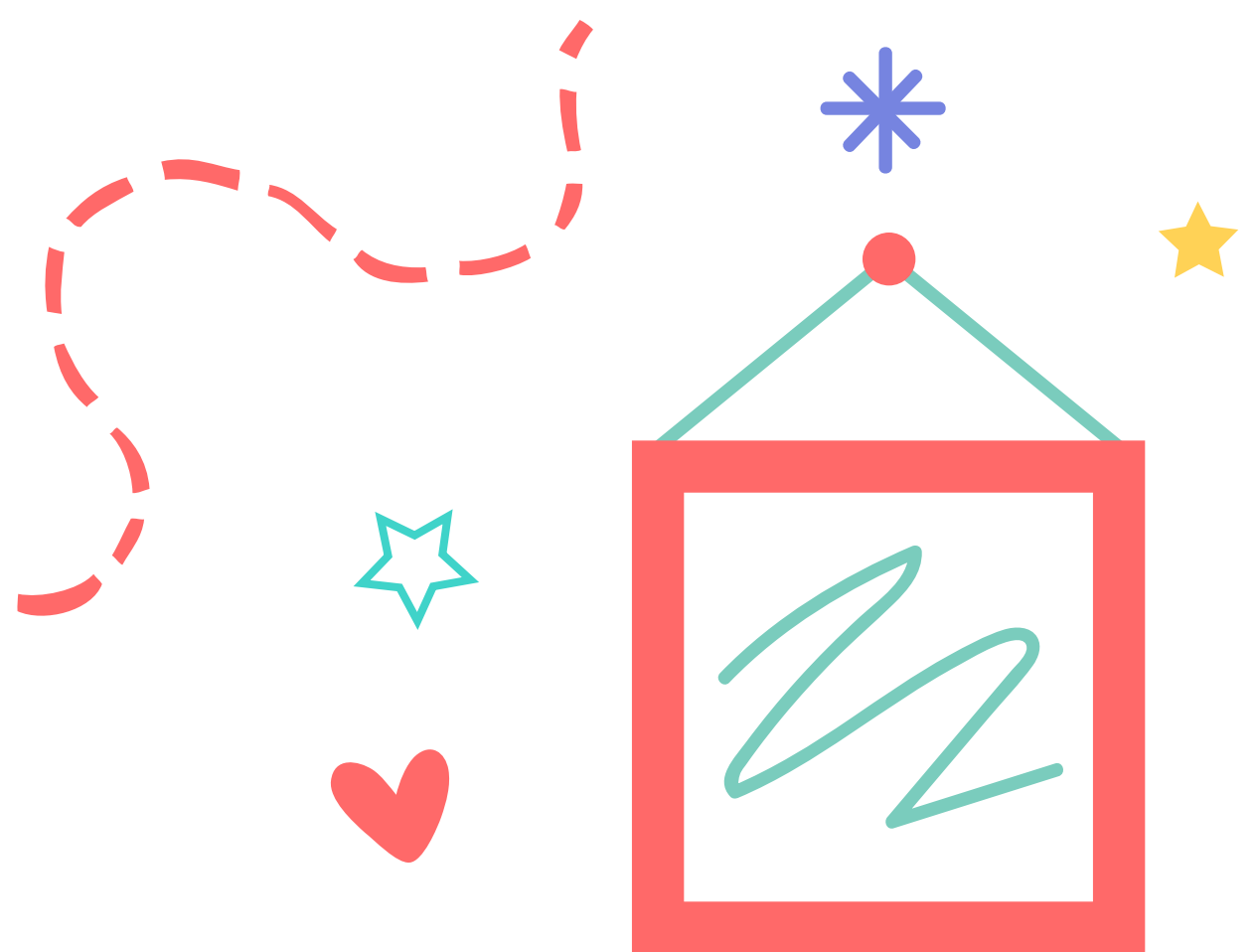
LET'S TALK TO GOD...

Thank God for the good things he has given us. Ask God to help you be a Barnabas, not a Shammua. Ask Him to help you encourage those around you.

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