



**C-hrist's Presence (Acts 11:21-23) – ANTIOCH 25th – October 16-17, 2021**

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Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. **Revelation 3:20 NKJV**

**C-hrist's Presence**

- Acts 11:21-23

**People who encounter Grace Church sense Christ in every person, ministry, and gathering**

**What does Jesus promise about His presence?**

But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. **Romans 8:9 NKJV**

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.  
**Romans 8:10 NKJV**

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."  
**Matthew 18:20 NKJV**

## How can people sense Christ's presence?

So he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. **Exodus 34:28 NKJV**

Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. **Exodus 34:29 NKJV**

So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. **Exodus 34:30 NKJV**

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23 NKJV**

And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord. **Acts 11:21 NKJV**

Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. **Acts 11:22 NKJV**

When he came and had seen the grace of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord. **Acts 11:23 NKJV**

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." **John 13:35 NKJV**

## How do we cultivate Christ's presence?

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NURSERY

# GOD KEEPS US SAFE

NOAH'S ARK



We must learn to decide whether to merely follow our own desires or to live in a way that honors God. This month we will help our toddler see from the story of Noah that to choose fellowship with the God who loves them is far better.

**Memory Verse:** "God keeps us safe." Psalm 4:8 (adapted for toddlers)

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Keeps Us Safe Wherever We Are

**Parent Engagement:** Explore today's sensory bags together. Squish it, squeeze it, move the boat around, etc. Say: "God keeps us safe. How did God keep Noah, his family and the animals safe on the ark?"

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# ISRAEL'S LATER KINGS

A FEW GOOD KINGS



After David and Solomon, Israel split into two parts and had a lot of kings. It was a dark time in Israel's history. Most of the kings in this time did not follow God. This month we will learn about a few of the good kings that loved God!

**Memory Verse:** "No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us." Romans 8:37

**Heart of the Lesson:** God Loves People - even our enemies - Jonah's Epic Time Out - Jonah 1-4

**Parent Engagement:** Ask your kid to show your today's craft and tell you about Jonah's epic time out in today's story. If you don't have today's craft, you can print it off at [visitgracechurch.com/kids](http://visitgracechurch.com/kids)

ELEMENTARY



DISCOVERING OUR ANTIOCH VALUES



As Grace Church comes up on our 25th anniversary we will explore the 7 ANTIOCH values that Grace adopted from the church of Antioch. In this series, we will see how the Antiochian church lived these values out and how we can do the same in the church and in our lives.

**Memory Verse:** When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. Acts 11:23

**Heart of the Lesson:** What does the C in Antioch mean? - Acts 11:19-23

**Parent Engagement:** Read Galatians 5:22-23. Talk with your child about the different fruits of the spirits. Which ones do you see in them? Which one do you need to grow in?



# ANTIOCH SHERLOCK

THE MYSTERY OF THE ANTIOCH VALUES



What are the ANTIOCH values? What do they mean? And why are we learning about them? As we celebrate Grace's 25th anniversary as a whole church, our 5th and 6th graders will have the opportunity to embark on a mystery to discover the ANTIOCH values and how they fit into them. We will be starting our time in Large Group answering clues to discover what the value is for the week. Then, we will go into Small Group discussion to talk about what the value means and how it applies to their lives. We will gather back into Large Group to debrief together.

**Memory Verse:** When the church at Jerusalem heard what had happened, they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he arrived and saw this evidence of God's blessing, he was filled with joy, and he encouraged the believers to stay true to the Lord. Acts 11:22-23

**Heart of the Lesson:** What does the C in Antioch mean? - Acts 11:22-23

**Parent Engagement:** What does Christ's presence look like? What do you think Barnabus saw when he encountered the "evidence of God's blessing" in the church of Antioch? Draw or write what you think that looks like?