



A-llowing Risks (Acts 11:19-20) – ANTIOCH 25th – September 11-12, 2021

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When does God want us to avoid risks?

1. When going against God or His Word

And Moses said, "Now why do you transgress the command of the Lord? For this will not succeed. Numbers 14:41 NKJV

2. When foolishly tempting God to provide for you

Jesus said to him, "It is written again, '*You shall not tempt the Lord your God.*' " Matthew 4:7 NKJV

When does God want us to allow risks?

1. When Jesus is prompting you to trust Him

And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Matthew 14:28 NKJV

So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. Matthew 14:29 NKJV

2. When experimenting with ways to minister the gospel

Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. Acts 11:19 NKJV

But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. Acts 11:20 NKJV

What obstacles do we face to allowing risks?

Fear of criticism

(Galatians 1:10)

Fear of failure

(Romans 8:28)

Focus on self

(2 Timothy 3:2)

What's at stake if we don't allow risks?

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

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GOD MADE FAMILIES

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM



God promised an elderly Abraham that he would have a son and more descendants than the stars in the sky. By believing God for the impossible, Abraham would become the father of a huge nation as well as all people of the world who believe in Jesus for salvation. (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:11; Galatians 3:26-29)

Memory Verse: God made families. Genesis 1:26a (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Made My Family

Parent Engagement: Play with the craft your toddler made in class. As you play, ask “How do families care for babies?” and “Who gives families kids to love?” Invite the toddlers to wrap their pretend babies in the blankets and cuddle them. Say: God made families, and families love their kids and care for them just as Abraham and Sarah cared for baby Isaac. (Download the craft at visitgracechurch.com if you did not make it to church this weekend)

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KING SOLOMON

GOD GIVES WISDOM AND SOLOMON BUILDS THE TEMPLE



We serve an awesome and powerful God! This month we will learn about some of the powerful things that God can do when we obey him. We will learn that God gives us wisdom when we ask Him.

Memory Verse: You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples Psalm 77:14

Heart of the Lesson: Do Your Best for God - Solomon Builds the Temple -1 Kings 6 - 9 and 2 Chronicles 2-7

Parent Engagement: Help your kid finish coloring today's activity sheet. When finished, cut out the puzzle pieces for your kid. As you work together to do the puzzle, say Solomon did his best and built the temple for God. What is something we need to do this week? How can we do our best for God while doing it? (Puzzles can be downloaded at 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 'A' in Antioch stand for? - Acts 11:19-20

Parent Engagement: Do one thing this week that feels out of your comfort zone. Allow Risk by inviting the neighbor you haven't met over for dinner or dessert.

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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 'A' in Antioch stand for? - Acts 11:19-20

Parent Engagement: What does it mean to Allow Risk? How can you be courageous to allow risk this week?