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3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

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Talk Together:

1. Who has encouraged your spiritual growth over the years?
2. Who is Barnabas? How did he encourage the believers in Antioch? (v. 20-23)
3. How is Barnabas described? (v. 24) Why do you think he was the best person to send to Antioch?
4. From whom did Barnabas seek help in Tarsus and why? What was their primary ministry for a whole year? (v. 25-26)

Conviction:

I will build up and encourage others to grow in their faith in Jesus and be faithful.

Application:

Be an Encourager! Think of people who need encouragement. How can you use your resources, gifts, skills, or talents to encourage them this week?

Pray Together:

Dear Father, empower us with the Holy Spirit to seize every opportunity to build up and encourage others to be faithful and strong in the Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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