

The Value of Varied Voices

This 5-day devotional guide will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "The Value of Varied Voices." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the week beginning Monday, October 19, 2026.

Monday

Scripture: Acts 13:1

Questions for Reflection

- What two leadership roles are mentioned in the church at Antioch?
- Which five leaders are named in this verse?
- What does the diversity of these leaders teach us about how God builds His church?
- How can you grow in appreciation for believers whose backgrounds and experiences differ from your own?

Questions for Children

- What church is mentioned in this verse?
- What were the jobs of the men listed in this verse?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You for gathering people from different backgrounds into one church family. Help me value the unique gifts and experiences that other believers bring to the body of Christ.

Tuesday

Scripture: Acts 13:1

Questions for Reflection

- Which leader was called Niger?
- Which leader had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch?
- Why do you think God chose people with different life experiences to serve together in leadership?
- How can you show greater respect for the perspectives and contributions of other believers?

Questions for Children

- What was the second name given for Simeon?
- Which leader grew up with Herod?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for using people from many different circumstances to accomplish Your purposes. Teach me to learn from others and rejoice in the ways You work through them.

Wednesday

Scripture: Acts 13:2

Questions for Reflection

- What were the leaders doing when the Holy Spirit spoke?
- Which two men did the Holy Spirit set apart for a special work?
- What does this verse teach about the relationship between worship and seeking God's direction?
- How can you become more intentional about listening to God's Word and responding to His leading?

Questions for Children

- What were the leaders doing when the Holy Spirit spoke to them?
- Which two men were chosen for a special task?

Prayer Prompt

Heavenly Father, help me seek You through worship and devotion. Give me a heart that listens attentively and obeys when You make Your will clear.

Thursday

Scripture: Acts 13:3

Questions for Reflection

- What three actions did the church take before sending Barnabas and Saul away?

- What did the church do after praying and fasting?
- Why is prayer an essential part of supporting those whom God calls into ministry?
- How can you more faithfully participate in the mission and ministry of your church?

Questions for Children

- What did the church do before sending Barnabas and Saul?
- What did the believers do with their hands before sending them away?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You for those who dedicate their lives to serving You. Help me faithfully pray for and encourage those who are engaged in gospel ministry.

Friday

Scripture: Acts 13:1-3

Questions for Reflection

- Who called Barnabas and Saul to their special ministry?
- How did the church at Antioch respond to the Holy Spirit's direction?
- What does this passage teach about the value of many faithful voices serving together under God's leadership?

- How can you use your own gifts to strengthen the church while working in unity with others?

Questions for Children

- Who told the church to set apart Barnabas and Saul?
- What church sent Barnabas and Saul out to serve?

Prayer Prompt

God, thank You for using many different people to accomplish Your work around the world. Help me use the gifts You have given me and gladly serve alongside other believers for Your glory.