



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 2, Lesson 11

Barnabas Encourages the Church

Lesson Aim: To show the importance of encouraging one another.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: Where is a favorite place you have gone on a trip?

GAME: Paul's First Missionary Journey Board Game

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

Read Worship Scripture: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

THE WORD BARNABAS WAS AN ENCOURAGER

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent His angel to rescue Peter from prison.

Point to Barnabas and Paul (Circa 46-48 A.D.). Note: Paul is Greek for Saul. **Today, we will see how Barnabas was an encourager. To encourage is to give someone hope or to urge someone to do something. The name Barnabas means "Son of Encouragement."**

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 9:26-28; 11:22-26; 14:19-23. Find and Highlight Key Verse Acts 11:23 First. Pray. **Barnabas encouraged people to accept Saul. Read Acts 9:26-28. They heard news about Jesus had spread to the town of Antioch. Read Acts 11:22-26.**

The Holy Spirit told the church in Antioch to set Saul and Barnabas apart for a special work. They sailed to many places to tell people about Jesus. Saul was called Paul. This trip is known as Paul's first missionary journey. People who did not want to hear about Jesus would plot against them, but many believed. Read Acts 14:19-23.

Point out Antioch. Follow Paul's first missionary journey on a map.

THE WAY YOU CAN ENCOURAGE OTHERS

Why were the believers in Jerusalem afraid of Saul? (They thought he was there to have them arrested.) **How did Barnabas encourage them?** (He told them how God changed Saul's heart and how Saul was preaching

about Jesus.) **Did Barnabas convince them?** (Yes.) **Barnabas was a peacemaker. How can you be a peacemaker this week?**

Who did the church in Jerusalem send to Antioch? (Barnabas.) **What did Barnabas encourage the new believers in Antioch to do?** (To stay true to Jesus.) **What does that mean?** (To put Him first in your life and follow His teachings.) **Who has encouraged you to believe in Jesus? To stay true to Jesus? Who can you encourage to stay true? What did the people of Antioch call those who follow Jesus?** (Christians.)

What was Saul's new name? (Paul.) **Barnabas and Paul never gave up, even when the Jews stirred up trouble against them and had them thrown out of Pisidian Antioch. Instead of fighting back, they just shook the dust from their feet in protest and headed off to the next town. Who can you encourage this week to never give up?**

What happened in Lystra? (Paul was stoned and dragged out of the city.) **What happened when the disciples gathered around him?** (He got up and went back into Lystra.) **What happened in Derbe?** (They preached about Jesus and many believed.) **In each town they visited, some people believed and would gather as the church. Paul and Barnabas returned to these towns on their way back to Antioch. Why do you think it was important for these churches to know they would face hardships?** (So they would be more prepared to face them.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God's people have always been called to encourage each other. Check out the directions God gave to Moses about Joshua. Reveal Deuteronomy 3:28. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **God chose Moses to encourage Joshua. He chose Barnabas to encourage Paul. Who do you think God has chosen for you to encourage?**

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Note of Encouragement
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #11
- OFFERING OF ART: Barnabas encouraging Paul
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Food for the Journey

GAME: Going on a Trip

CRAFT: Sandy Cyprus

DISCUSSION: Paul, Barnabas, and John Mark

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Erase It, Then Say It; Balloon Toss

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW