



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts–Revelation
Unit 2, Lesson 11

Barnabas Encourages Saul

Lesson Aim: To be a true friend to others.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Barnabas Encourages Saul
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Well Done!
- ACTIVITY CENTER: Do Your Best
- BUBBLE CENTER: Friends Stick Together

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

God gives us friends who we can care for and who can care for us. Let's thank God for our friends. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, thank You for our friends. Show us how to be a true friend to others. Amen.**

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE: Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." 2 Corinthians 5:17a

THE WORD BARNABAS WAS SAUL'S TRUE FRIEND CLASSROOM PROMISE

Before blowing bubbles, you may want to set down some safety guidelines for the children. Begin blowing bubbles. **I love bubbles, don't you? Can you catch a bubble?** Take some time to blow bubbles and allow the children to catch them.

When you see two or more bubbles stuck together, point them out. **Can you see how the bubbles are sticking together? I think true**

friends are like bubbles. Do you know why? It's because true friends stick together, too. Our story today is about a man named Barnabas who stuck with his friend Saul when no one else would. Let's learn about these true friends. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 11:25.

WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 9:26-28; 11:22-26

Read poem. Display visual.

- **Everyone was afraid of Saul.**
- **They didn't know God changed his heart.**
- **Barnabas helped them trust Saul,**
- **And give Saul a brand new start.**

- **Then, Barnabas moved to Antioch,**
- **Teaching others to stay close to the Lord.**
- **He was filled with the Holy Spirit;**
- **More people started following the Lord.**

- **Then, Barnabas went to Tarsus**
- **And brought back his friend Saul.**
- **These true friends taught together,**
- **And after that Saul was called Paul.**

Who was a true friend and helped Saul when no one else would? (Barnabas.) What did Barnabas and Saul do together? (Taught people about Jesus.)

THE WAY WE CAN BE A TRUE FRIEND

CRAFT: Friendship Frame

GAMES: Bridge of Encouragement, Say It and Show It

SNACK: Food with Friends

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Acts 9:26-28; 11:22-26

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: New Hearts, "New Creation" Ball Toss

STORY TIME