



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5  
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Well done."

### THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

Sing Bible Memory Verse and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the Holy Spirit who changes us. He changes each of us to be more like Him. We can become a true friend. When we see someone trying to do his or her best, we can be a true friend by saying, "Well done." That is today's **Whisper Verse: Let's try it together.** Review Whisper Verse together: "Well done." Include sign language.

**A true friend helps you do your best to love God and others. Let's do that now by giving our offering.** Leader prays. Sing: "Give Thanks to the Lord" while collecting the offering.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

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

**Barnabas helped others see that God had changed Saul's heart. Barnabas knew he could trust Saul because Saul was a new creation.** Sing: "A New Creation."

**Barnabas and Saul were true friends that served the Lord together. They reminded the followers that the Lord is with us, and He is mighty to save.** Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save."

### THE WORD BARNABAS WAS SAUL'S TRUE FRIEND CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned that God sent an angel to rescue Peter from prison. Today, we will see how God sent Barnabas to be Saul's true friend.

**A true friend helps you do your best to love God and others.** Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 11:25.

### WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 9:26-28; 11:21-26

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 looked for Saul? (Barnabas.) Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Acts 11:25 from the teacher's Bible. **Barnabas was a true friend to Saul. Barnabas helped Saul to do his best at teaching others about Jesus.**

**Barnabas brought Saul to help him teach the people about Jesus. Saul was a very good teacher. When we see someone do their best, we can say, "Well done." Imagine Barnabas saying, "Well done" to his friend Saul. That's our Whisper Verse today. Let's say it together: "Well done." Include sign language or hand motions.**

### THE WAY WE CAN BE A TRUE FRIEND

**CRAFT:** Friendship Frame

**GAMES:** Bridge of Encouragement, Say It and Show It

**SNACK:** Food with Friends

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

**FINAL FIVE MINUTES**

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

### GOT TIME?

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

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** New Hearts, "New Heart" Memory Pass

**STORY TIME**