



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
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 Barnabas encouraged Saul and other believers. To encourage is to give someone hope or to urge someone to do something.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 9:26-28; 11:22-26. Pray. **In Jerusalem, Barnabas encouraged other believers to accept Saul after God changed his heart on the road to Damascus.** Read Acts 9:26-28. **Soon the church in Jerusalem heard the news about Jesus had spread to the town of Antioch.** Read Acts 11:22-26.

The Holy Spirit told the prophets and teachers of the church in Antioch to set Saul and Barnabas apart for a special work. They sailed to many different places to tell people about Jesus. For the rest of his life, Saul was called Paul. On this journey, people who did not want to hear about Jesus would plot against them, but in each town, many believed. On their way back to Antioch, Paul and Barnabas returned to many of these places to encourage the new believers. This trip is known as Paul's first missionary journey. A missionary is someone who is sent on a mission to another land.

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

THE WAY YOU CAN ENCOURAGE OTHERS

Barnabas was a faithful friend who helped others follow Jesus. He encouraged the apostles to accept Saul when they were afraid he was there to have them arrested. What did Barnabas say? (God changed Saul's heart. Saul was preaching about Jesus in Damascus.) **Did they trust Saul then?** (Yes.) **Barnabas was a peacemaker. How can you be a peacemaker this week? Is there a new person at your school or church whom you can help feel welcome?**

Barnabas encouraged people in Antioch to believe in Jesus and believers to stay true to Jesus. That means to put Him first in your life and follow His teachings. Who has encouraged you to believe in Jesus? Who encourages you to stay true to Jesus? Who can you encourage to believe in Jesus or to stay true to Jesus?

Barnabas invited Saul to come to Antioch and join him in serving the Lord. Who can you invite to join you in serving the Lord this week? How long did Barnabas and Saul stay in Antioch? (One year.) **The people of Antioch were the first to use the word Christian as the name for those who follow Jesus.**

What was Saul's new name? (Paul.) **What special work did the Holy Spirit have for Paul and Barnabas?** (To take a journey sailing to different places to tell people about Jesus.)

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. 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
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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