

Paul and Barnabas: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: I will share the Good News.

SuperVerse: *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.*

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

Bible Story: Acts 5:12–42; 11:19–30; 13:1–52; 14:1–28; 15:36–41

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

It's a great feeling to have good news to share with others. As followers of Christ, we have the best news ever—the Good News of Jesus Christ!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to join Paul and Barnabas on their mission trip. In Paphos, Paul miraculously blinds a sorcerer and the Roman governor is saved. In Perga, John Mark abandons the mission, leading to a rift between Paul and Barnabas. In Lystra, Paul is nearly stoned to death. Even so, the disciples continue preaching the Gospel.
- Let's watch the Signposts video to learn how the disciples followed Jesus' example.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Beach Ball Believing (10 minutes)

Objective: *Catch the Good News and share it with others.*

- In this game you will each have a chance to share the Good News with others so they can believe.

Game Instructions:

- The two players with the beach balls shout "Catch the Good News!" and toss the ball to the first player on their teams. The throwers in the middle then go to the end of their team line. The players catch the ball and shout, "I believe the Good News!" and go to the middle. Continue until all children have had the opportunity to catch the Good News and share it.

Teaching: Follow the Leader (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss how the disciples modeled Jesus to others.*

- Paul, Barnabas, and the other disciples did many miraculous and wonderful things. By doing these miracles, the disciples were being examples of Jesus.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The challenge is on Sail #3. Learn Romans 1:16 and share the Good News with someone.

SuperVerse: Superbook Power (5 minutes)

Objective: *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- God does not want us to shout the Gospel at people; however, He does want us to boldly share the Good News with His love and by the power of His Spirit!
- We are going to say our verse in a couple different ways. The girls say it when I whisper, "Go." Girls quietly say the verse. Then repeat with the boys. Now, when Paul was changed by the Gospel, he began to preach boldly about God's power to save through the Gospel. This time, the boys boldly shout the verse when I say "Go!" Boys shout the verse. Then repeat with the girls.

Prayer: Confidence Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- Even if people reject us or even laugh at us, we can't stop. Paul asked people to pray for him as he shared the Gospel.
- In our prayers, let's confess to God if you've felt embarrassed or ashamed to share Jesus with others. Then, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His power and boldness to share the Gospel whenever you have the opportunity. Now, let's ask the Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of people for when we share the Gospel with them.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Review Game: Play a true and false game to review the Bible lesson. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Craft Activity: Make custom Gospel shoes. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Maze Activity: Choose the correct routes for the apostles' separate journeys. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Activity: Look up verses about the power of the Gospel. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Two beach balls—for larger groups, add beach balls for more teams
- Permanent marker
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Three sheets of cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Mission Ship Pattern for any children who missed the previous lessons
- Sample craft from Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App