

Paul and Barnabas: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: I will love and encourage others.

SuperVerse: *Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.* Hebrews 10:24 (NLT)

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

Game Materials Needed:

- Two tennis balls or small rubber balls
- Two large boxes or clean trash cans (32 gallon)
- Four sheets of paper
- Marker
- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Painters tape or masking tape
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Table
- Ten cardboard building blocks—Or, substitute small boxes, wood blocks, or plastic cups
- Tube of decorating gel or icing, paper plate, and a rag for cleanup; OR toothpaste may be used
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Mission Ship Pattern
- Sample craft made in Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Tape
- Sheets of paper; approximately 5–10
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

No matter what happened, Paul and Barnabas never stopped sharing the Good News. As followers of Jesus, we should always share God’s love, too!

- 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
- In our Bible Background video, we will learn more about Paul and Barnabas’s mission trips.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Relay Game: You Can Do It! (15 minutes)

Objective: Play a game of second chances.

- No matter how hard we try, we all will miss the mark and fall short as we follow Christ. God never gives up on us and we can’t give up on each other. This game gives everyone a second, third, fourth, or as many chances as needed to be successful!

Game Instructions:

- Players bounce the ball toward the box. Continue until all players on one team have finished. Put a star beside that team on the board. The other team continues to play until they finish. Record the scores and declare a second winner for the highest score.

Teaching: That’s Encouraging! (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss building up vs. tearing down.

- Paul and Barnabas encouraged others and showed God’s love to them. There are many ways that we can demonstrate God’s love and encourage others.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The mission challenge is found on Sail #2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11 and Philippians 2:4. Look for opportunities to encourage someone.

SuperVerse: Superbook Cover-up (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- The Holy Spirit may lead us to encourage someone whom others reject and have lost confidence in. With the Holy Spirit’s help, we can show God’s love and give them another chance.
- Ask a child to come to the board and choose the first word of the verse, write it on the upper part of the board, then erase only that word from the random order verse at the bottom of the board. The next child will select the next word in order. Other children can help out if needed. Once the entire SuperVerse is written correctly, have everyone say it aloud together.

Prayer: Encouraging Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- As followers of Christ, we are called to build up and motivate rather than tear down. The Holy Spirit will help us think of ways to encourage others.
- In our prayer time, I would like you to think of someone who needs to be encouraged. Now, ask the Holy Spirit to help you think of creative ways to encourage that person. It could be by your words or an action that will be of help and support.

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

Building Game: Demonstrate how we can encourage others. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Social Network Activity: Post a message to encourage others. | **Grades 4–6** | 10 min

Craft: Make a card to encourage someone. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Activity: Look up verses to discuss Paul and Barnabas’s disagreement. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min