



# Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup>

June 18-19, 2016

DATE

Paul and Barnabas

LESSON TITLE

Acts 9:19-31; 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can encourage each other.

MAIN POINT

## schedule

**First 10 minutes of the service hour:**  
Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

**Next 5 minutes:** Connect Time

**Next 25 minutes:** Large Group

**Last 25 minutes:** Snack and Small Group

## tips

Help kids understand the concept of encouragement as they have free play before Connect Time. Cheer kids on as they play games, and encourage other kids to do the same! Encourage kids about specific things they do well.

## check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them who they're going to encourage this week!

## large group heads up

Today we're talking about Paul and Barnabas, two friends who show us how we can encourage each other as part of God's team.



## connect time

**GOAL:** *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

### KICKING COMPLIMENTS

- Split kids into **small groups**.
- Have the leader start the game by gently **kicking the ball** towards a kid in the circle opposite or diagonal to them.
- When you kick the ball, you have to give a **compliment** to the person you're kicking towards!
  - Explain to kids that a compliment can be many things! Even if you don't know someone, you can still compliment him.
  - Ex: Maybe you like someone's shoes or shirt, or maybe you saw her drawing earlier, and she's a really good artist! Just find something nice to say to make the person feel good. (As much as you can, focus on inner qualities, but that might not be possible if kids don't know each other.)
- After the leader has kicked the ball to someone, that kid now has to kick the ball to someone new and compliment him/her!
- Everyone in the circle should receive compliments only once; kids need to kick the ball towards others who haven't yet heard a compliment. As the leader, you'll need to look out for kids who have not been complimented yet and help others kick in their direction.
- Before you start the game, reinforce your **expectations** for kicking the ball. Kids have to **kick gently** across the floor, not towards the ceiling or someone's head, etc. If they do, they'll have to sit out the rest of the game.

### TALK ABOUT IT

- How does it feel when someone compliments you?
- What's the nicest thing anyone has ever said to you?

**Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.**



## instructions

**Goal:** Kids will (1) recognize how Barnabas encouraged Paul, (2) understand that God wants us to encourage each other as part of his team, and (3) identify one person we can encourage this week.

**Why?** Encouragement is integral to being a part of God's team! This is a great time to help kids understand what meaningful encouragement is and how we can use it to build up one another.

**Tip:** Model encouragement as much as possible today! Look for tangible ways to build kids up throughout the whole hour.

## small group

### REVIEW THE STORY

1. At the beginning of today's story, what did most of the people think of Paul? (They didn't like that he had lots of followers; they thought he was a troublemaker; they wanted to kill him; they feared him.)
2. What did Barnabas say about Paul when others were trying to kill him? (Barnabas told others about all the things Paul had done; he said God had spoken to Paul; he said that Paul had no fear even when others did; he encouraged Paul!)
3. What did the other people think of Paul AFTER Barnabas said encouraging things about him? (They believed Barnabas, and there was peace.)
4. What do you think it means to encourage someone?
5. How does it feel when others encourage you?
6. Why is it important to encourage people?

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Jesus wants us to encourage each other just like Barnabas encouraged Paul. Tell kids to think of **one person that they could encourage this week**. (Give kids a minute to think. They can use the person they thought of in Large Group.)
- Give each kid a **letter template**. On the top of the page it says, "Dear (blank space)". Have kids **write down the name** of the person they want to encourage in the blank space.
- Now have kids write an **encouraging note or picture** (or both) to that person! Depending on kids' ages and abilities, they may not be able to write a lot, so feel free to help.
- Give kids some examples of things to write about. Kids could tell their person a specific thing they like about them, or something they're good at!

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*Extra time? Play the kick ball game from Connect Time again! Encourage kids to kick the ball towards someone new that they didn't compliment last time!*

## special notes

How has encouragement helped you in the past? Think of a specific example and share it with kids today, to help them grasp a real life example of why encouragement is necessary.

## presenter tips

Here's a link to the video we'll be watching today:

Saddleback Kids/Paul in Damascus:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E\\_lsmzsFU5Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_lsmzsFU5Y)

## script

*\*Click to play intro music.*

### WELCOME AND INTRO

Hey everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's so great to see you here today! I hope you had fun playing kickball, even though it was a little different than you might normally play. What did you have to do every time you kicked the ball to someone? (Let kids respond.) Yep, you had to say something nice to them, something that would make them feel good about themselves!

How did it feel to give a compliment to someone? (Let a few kids respond.) Okay, how did it feel when someone gave a compliment to you? (Let a few kids respond.) Yeah it feels pretty good! I know I love when someone says a nice thing to me, because sometimes, I'm having a bad day and I don't feel very happy. Has anybody ever felt that way? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, we all have hard days. But then, someone will say something to me and make me feel so much better!

We call that encouragement! Can you say, "encouragement"? (Let kids respond.) Encouragement is when we make someone feel more hopeful or brave or joyful. It's when we say or do something to help them. Do you all think encouragement is a good thing? (Let kids respond.) God thinks so too. He wants us all to encourage each other, because we're all a part of his team and family.

Let's play a little game. I'm going to tell you some scenarios, and if you think it's a good way to encourage someone, give me a thumbs up. If it's NOT a good way to encourage someone, give me a thumbs down. Okay, here's the first one.

- Your friend is sad because someone made fun of him at school. You tell them that you love him and you think he is a great friend. Is that an encouraging thing to say? (Let kids respond: Yes!)



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- Your little brother wants to play with you and your friends, but you tell him he's not cool enough to play with you. Is that an encouraging thing to say? (Let kids respond: No.)
- Your friend is feeling lonely, so you spend time with her. Is that an encouraging thing to do? (Let kids respond: Yes!)

### **INTRO: PAUL AND BARNABAS**

Today we're going to talk about a guy named Paul, and his friend Barnabas. Can you say those two names, "Paul and Barnabas"? (Let kids respond.) Good job! Paul LOVED to tell other people about Jesus. He was so excited for everyone to know who Jesus was and how much he loves us! He wanted to tell people that Jesus is the Rescuer that they'd been waiting for, and he came to save us from all the wrong things in the world. If you guys are excited about that too, give me a big smile! (Let kids respond.)

The sad thing is, some people didn't believe Jesus was the Rescuer, and they didn't like anyone who told others about him, like Paul. Then, there were other people who were mad at Paul, even though they DID believe in Jesus! Those people were mad because they were afraid; they thought Paul would get them in trouble. That's because Paul hadn't always believed in Jesus. He used to hurt people who believed in Jesus! Until God changed his heart.

Today, we're going to watch a video and see what happened when Paul started telling others about Jesus. As you watch, try to figure out how Barnabas helps his friend Paul.

### **Video: Saddleback Kids / Paul in Damascus**

So what did Paul's friend Barnabas do when people were afraid of Paul, and didn't believe him? (Let kids respond.) Yep, he told everyone that Paul had seen God, and spoken with him. He said that Paul wasn't afraid, and he told people about Jesus even when it was hard. Barnabas showed people that they could trust Paul. Basically, when everyone hated Paul, Barnabas stood up for him! If you think that was an encouraging thing for Barnabas to do for his friend, give me a thumbs up! (Let kids respond.)

### **PAUL NEEDS ENCOURAGEMENT**

Do you remember what happened when Paul first started teaching others about Jesus, in the beginning of the story? How did people react to him? (Let kids respond.) Yep, they wanted to kill him. If you were Paul, how would you feel? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, you might feel sad, or discouraged. Luckily, Paul had some friends to help him when he most needed it.

What did Paul's friends do to help him escape? (Let kids respond.) Yep, they waited and watched, and then lowered Paul down through a hole in the city wall...in a basket! That was a pretty brave thing for Paul's friends to do for him, wasn't it? (Let kids respond.) Yeah, his friends could have gotten in trouble for helping him, so it was pretty dangerous!

After that, Paul traveled to another city, called Jerusalem. Do you think he stopped talking about



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Jesus there? (Let kids respond.) Nope! He kept telling others about Jesus no matter what. But this time, some of the people in the city were afraid of him. They didn't think he was really a follower of Jesus. But remember what Barnabas did? (Let kids respond.)

He encouraged Paul! He stuck up for his friend, and told others all the good things Paul had done. When we stick up for others and say what's great about them, that's encouragement!

### **WE CAN ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TOO**

God wants us to encourage our friends in the same way that Barnabas did. We've been talking the last few weeks about how we're all a part of God's team, right? Well, since we're all on a team together, God wants us to love each other, and help each other by giving encouragement.

It's kind of like if you were playing a big soccer game, and there was a huge crowd watching you! You're trying to play as well as you can, and get the ball in the goal. But how would it feel if none of your teammates were cheering you on or saying encouraging things to you from the sidelines? Would that be hard? (Let kids respond.) Yep, it would be much harder to play! But if your teammates were cheering and encouraging you the whole time, do you think you would do better? (Let kids respond.) Me too.

### **RESPONSE TIME**

Let's all think of one person we can encourage this week! Everybody close your eyes, and take a few seconds to think of someone you know that could use some encouraging words. (Give kids 10 seconds of silence.) Okay, got it? In Small Group, we'll talk more about how you can encourage that person!

Let's look at the verse we've been learning. It's all about training to be a part of God's team. Let's say it together.

**Slide: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25: In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will never last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.**

Let's do some motions to go along with the end of this verse! We did these a few weeks ago, so you might remember!

- All who take part in the games train hard. **(Do a strong pose and then run in place.)**
- They do it to get a crown that will never last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever. **(Pretend to place a crown on your head.)**

### **PRAY**

Dear Jesus. Please help us encourage each other when we're having a hard time. We're so glad to be on your team. Amen!



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**WORSHIP**

Let's work together as a team and worship together right now! Everybody get up on your feet and sing this song about

**Music Video: I'm Yours**

**Music Video: More Like You Are**

*\*Dismiss kids to small groups.*

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# PREP needs



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## connect time supplies

Kicking Compliments Game - 1 beach ball per small group, reused

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## small group supplies

**Per group:** Bible, markers

**Per kid:** Coloring page, 1 letter template (in color on white paper)

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## large group supplies

**Per Group:** Bible

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## a/v needs

1. Summer Series Team Unit Intro loop (KC/SM media videos songs>slides>summer series slides>team)
2. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
3. Video: Saddleback Kids / Paul in Damascus ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E\\_lsmzsFU5Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_lsmzsFU5Y))
4. Slide: 1 Corinthians 9:24-25: In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will never last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.
5. Music Video: I'm Yours (<https://vimeo.com/77168212>)
6. Music Video: More Like You Are (<https://vimeo.com/154219576>)

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## connect questions

Tell me about Paul and Barnabas.  
How can we encourage others?