



## Important Directions for Parents:

Below are the lesson notes and activities used by the teachers during the “Small Group” session of Kids Club. In your home, during this Covid-19 down time, you could adapt these activities to provide your children with additional, interactive things to do to reinforce the “Large Group” lesson materials provided on the webpage. The formatting and page breaks for these pages did not translate so well from their original electronic file, but you should be able to see how it works.

If you’d have questions, feel free to reach out. May the Lord guide your teaching. *Dr. Nelson*

### LESSON: PEOPLE THINK PAUL AND BARNABAS ARE GODS

Grades 3-6

 Acts 14

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#### Teachers Dig In

##### Dig In to the Bible

- Read: Acts 14
- In This Passage: Paul and Barnabas travel around, preaching and healing people. When they heal a crippled man in Lystra, the people think Paul and Barnabas are gods! Paul and Barnabas quickly point people to the only true God, sharing how he’s already been at work in their lives.
- Bible Point: God is the only God...
- Application: ...so we point people to him.
- Summary Verse: “Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name goes all the glory for your unfailing love and faithfulness” (Psalm 115:1).

##### Dig Deeper

- You’ll Be Teaching: *God is the only God.* Kids probably can’t relate to Paul and Barnabas’ experience exactly—they’ve probably never mistaken them for a god, and they probably never mistook someone else for a god. However, kids *do* sometimes forget to give God the glory for the amazing things he does in and through them. Use this lesson to help kids see how God is at work in their lives and point others to him as he works.
- Think About: What has God done for you? Tell someone!

## Dig In to Prayer

- Ask God to give your kids opportunities to point others to him.

## Quick Tip

- Being authentic and vulnerable with your kids is an important way to point them to God. Kids often view their Sunday school teachers as people who have all the answers, live near-perfect lives, and have it all together. We all know nothing could be further from the truth! Help kids see what God is doing in your life and how much you need him by sharing age-appropriate personal stories. (When we ask you to share first, do it!) It'll take the focus off you and move it onto God.

## This Lesson at a Glance



### LOW-ENERGY GAME

Kids play finger football.

#### Supplies

- pieces of paper or scrap paper (1 for every 2 people)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)



### OBJECT LESSON

Kids discover their bodies' limitations.



### LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

Kids thank God and point to him.

*\*Marked supplies can be reused from Core Bible Discovery*

Let's keep kids safe! You can help by using supplies as instructed for only ages 3+, purchasing child-safe items, and being aware of allergy concerns.



## LOW-ENERGY GAME

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### Credit Where Credit Is Due

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#### Supplies

- pieces of paper or scrap paper (1 for every 2 people)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

#### Tips

- If you used the Music Video block, consider repeating the songs from today's lesson during the game. You can find the downloadable album [here](#).
- If you have small pieces of scrap paper you'd like to use, simply have kids ball together smaller pieces of paper to create their paper footballs.

#### Play Finger Football

Say: **Today we're digging into the truth that God is the only God. When people got confused and thought Paul and Barnabas were gods, they made sure they pointed people to God instead of themselves. We can point out evidence of God all around us in big and small things. Let's play a fun game where you'll see we can celebrate God and give him credit for everything good.**

- Form pairs and give each pair a piece of paper.
- Have pairs crumple the paper to make a ball. If kids know how to do so, they could fold finger footballs instead.
- Partners can take turns being the Goal and the Punter.
- As the Goal, kids hold their hands with thumbs touching and pointer fingers up to make a football goal for the Punter to get the ball through.

- As the Punter, kids hold the ball between their fingers with one hand and flick it with the other hand, aiming for the ball to go through the goal.
- Each time a partner makes a goal, the pairs can celebrate and think of something God's made or done that made the goal possible (such as hands, fingers, eyes, the ability to aim, the ability to learn from past tries, the trees that made the paper that made the paper balls, and so on).
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play.

### Talk About It

Ask: • **What things did you discover could point to God as you made goals in the game?**

• **What are things in you or your life that can point to God?** Share your own example first, such as a way God has changed your heart toward a person or healed a friendship you thought was over.

Say: **God is the only God, and he's always doing things around us. We'd usually celebrate ourselves for making a goal, but instead, we can give God credit and help others know to watch for God. Paul and Barnabas pointed people to God, and we can, too!**



## OBJECT LESSON

[10 min]

### Can't Do it!

#### Supplies

- chairs

#### Make Circles With Legs While Drawing a Six

Say: **In our Bible story, people thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. But Paul explained that God is the only God.**

Ask: • **If you were Paul and Barnabas, besides using your words, how else might you prove that you weren't a god?**

Say: **Our bodies can show our human limitations. I'll show you!**

- Have each child sit in a chair and lift his or her right foot about 4 inches off the ground.
- Show kids how to move their right feet clockwise in a circle just off the ground.
- While they keep moving their feet in a circle, have kids use their right index fingers to draw the number six in the air.

Ask: • **What happened to your foot when you tried to draw a six?**

Say: You probably found that your foot paused or that your leg moved straight up or down instead of in a circle. That's because the left side of our brains controls the right side of our bodies. Our brains struggle to process two different directions at the same time, so they combine the directions into a single motion, causing our feet to want to draw a six, too. Don't believe me? Trying drawing the six with your left hand—**no problem!** Invite kids to experience the difference.

### Lift Your Ring Finger

Say: **Now let's try another body challenge. Can you lift your ring finger? It's not as easy as it seems.**

- Have each child place his or her right hand on a table or the floor with the palm down.
- Have kids tuck their middle fingers under their hands.
- Without moving their hands, have kids lift their thumbs, their pointer fingers, and then their pinky fingers off the table. They'll be able to do so without a problem.
- Without moving their hands, have kids try to lift their ring fingers off the table and observe what happens.

Say: **We can't move our ring fingers! That's because the tendons in your middle and ring finger are connected—and tendons are the parts of our bodies that connect muscle to bone. If you tuck your pointer finger instead, you'll have no problem moving all your fingers.**

### Talk About It

Ask: • **How can the things we can't do point people to God?**

Say: **God gave us limitations on purpose. We can't do everything. But God can do everything! God is the only God. We point people to him when we admit that we aren't perfect and that we need his limitless love and power in our lives.**



## LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

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### Pointing Prayers

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### Pray and Point

Say: **God is the only God, so we point others to him. Let's thank him and point to him as we pray.**

- Have kids each think of something they've never thanked God for before, such as toilet paper, a pillow, or school.

- Give each child a turn to pray aloud, “Thank you, God, for...”, pointing up as they pray.

### **Wrap Up**

Pray: **God, we praise you because you’re the only God!** You’ve done so much for us, and we want your help pointing others to you. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.

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