



## 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 4K-2nd

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 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



### HIGH-ENERGY GAME

Kids spin and play.

#### Supplies

- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)



### LOW-ENERGY GAME

Kids play a version of Doggy, Doggy, Where's Your Bone?

#### Supplies

- multicolored pompoms (1 per person)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)



## LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

Kids sing songs that point to God.

### Supplies

- music
- music player

*\*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.



## HIGH-ENERGY GAME

[10 min]

### Completely Confused

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### Supplies

- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

### Tip

- 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](#).

### Spin and Play

Say: **Today we're learning that God is the only God, and we read about a time some people got confused and thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. The people were confused, so Paul and Barnabas helped them learn about the one and only God. Let's play a fun game where we'll feel what it's like to get a bit confused!**

- Have everyone spread out around you. When you call out “Spin!” everyone will spin for about 15 seconds.
- After 15 seconds of spinning, call out “Stop!” and then call out an object in the room you want everyone to walk to, such as a poster on a wall, a TV, a bookshelf, or things that are certain colors.
- Allow a little break after everyone has walked to the object to get ready to spin again. Kids can even sit down for the break if they need to.
- Increase the spin time little by little. Remind kids to take a break from spinning if needed.
- If you’d like, play upbeat music while everyone plays.

### Talk About It

Ask: • **What was it like to walk to something in the room when it felt like the room was spinning?**

Say: **That’s kind of like when we’re confused! When the people were confused about the amazing things Paul and Barnabas had done, they weren’t sure who to point to or whose power had made the surprising things happen. I bet most of us know what it’s like to see something amazing and wonder, “How did that happen?” or “Who did that?” I was confused once when I saw... Tell about an amazing thing you’ve seen that left you in wonder, such as a painting that filled the entire side of a tall building or an airplane taking off.**

Say: **You know who does so many amazing things around us? God! God is so powerful, and God is the only God. We can watch for the things God’s doing all around us and even through us. God worked through Paul and Barnabas, and like Paul and Barnabas, we can point people to God and help people not be confused.**



## LOW-ENERGY GAME

[10 min]

### Who Did It?

#### Supplies

- multicolored pompoms (1 per person)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

#### Tip

- 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](#).

## **Play a Version of Doggy, Doggy, Where's Your Bone?**

**Say: We read in the Bible today about Paul and Barnabas, two men who did amazing things because of God's power in them. Some people were confused and thought Paul and Barnabas were gods. They weren't sure who had really done the amazing things they'd seen. Let's play a game where you'll try to figure out who did something cool!**

- Have kids sit side by side in a line, and give each child a pompom.
- Invite a willing adult or teen helper to be the first Guesser so kids can see how the game works.
- Have the Guesser sit a few feet away from the kids facing them.
- Kids will hold their pompoms behind their backs while the Guesser turns his or her back to everyone and closes his or her eyes.
- Then you'll tap someone on the shoulder, and he or she will *quietly* get up and place his or her pompom just behind the Guesser, then sit back in the same spot in the line.
- Make sure kids all have their hands back behind their backs, and then allow the Guesser to open his or her eyes and turn around to face everyone again.
- Then allow the Guesser three tries to guess who placed the pompom behind the Guesser.
- If the Guesser chooses correctly, then that person can be the new Guesser.
- If the Guesser doesn't choose correctly, then the first person he or she guessed can be the new Guesser.
- Have the child who placed a pompom behind the Guesser retrieve it after the Guesser has finished guessing so everyone can continue playing throughout the rounds of the game. Continue until everyone has been the Guesser.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play.

## **Talk About It**

**Ask: • Tell whether it was hard for you to guess who left the pompom.**

**Say: In our game, there was only one person who left the pompom behind you. We could guess that it was other people, but it was really only one person. In the Bible people thought Paul and Barnabas were doing the incredible things—but it was really God doing them! God is the only God. Paul and Barnabas pointed to God by telling everyone they weren't gods and that God is the only God.**



### Sing It Loud

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#### Supplies

- music
- music player

#### Tip

- If you used the Music Video block, consider repeating the songs from today's lesson. You can find the downloadable album [here](#).

#### Choose Favorite Songs

Say: **Today we learned that God is the only God, so we point people to him. We found out that we can point people to God by telling them God loves them and he made them. Anytime we tell someone about God, we point people to him. And when we sing songs about God or to God, we point people to God, too. Let's choose our favorite songs from church and sing a little bit of them to point people to God.**

Invite kids to share their favorite songs from church. Lead kids in singing a verse from each song as kids mention their favorite songs. After singing the verse, ask kids to share something the song teaches them about God, and remind kids that when we sing a song to or about God, we point others to God. If kids can't think of any songs, you might start them off by using the songs from the Music Video block. Continue as time allows.

#### Pray

Say: **It's wonderful to hear your beautiful voices pointing others to God. Singing is a great way to tell people about our amazing God, and when we sing, we point people to God. Because God is the only God, we want them to know that he wants to be friends with them! Let's think of someone we can point to God this week by sharing about his love.**

Share about someone you want to point to God, and invite kids to share. Then lead kids in a brief prayer, asking God to remind them that He's is the only God.

Thank kids for coming to church to learn about the only God, and encourage them to come back next week to share about how they pointed people to God.

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