

June Week 2

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CRAFT WEEK 2

Barnabas in the Middle

SUPPLIES:

Story handout, Barnabas stick, heart stamps/stickers, crayons

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Give each child a story handout and invite them to color it.**
 - *"Friends, come sit with me. We're going to make a story picture. Look at your picture and tell me what you see. (Pause for answers.) That's right! The disciples are on one side of your paper, and look, Paul is on the other side. Paul wanted to be friends with the disciples, but they were scared because Paul used to be mean to people who followed Jesus. They thought Paul had come to be mean to them, and they did not want to be friends with Paul. But Paul had met Jesus and that changed Paul. Now, Paul loved Jesus and wanted to love others too."*
- ⇒ **Give each child a Barnabas sticker to put in the middle of the paper. Then, invite the kids to add hearts around the paper.**
 - *"Now you all get a Barnabas sticker. Barnabas knew that Paul had changed and loved Jesus. So, Barnabas told everyone that Paul had changed and loved Jesus now. Paul was even teaching other people to love Jesus too. Barnabas told the disciples to trust Paul. Let's put our Barnabas sticker in between Paul and the disciples. (Pause.) Then the disciples weren't afraid of Paul anymore. Barnabas loved like Jesus and helped make peace with everyone. Add heart stamps all over your paper. (Pause.) Now they could be friends and love like Jesus together!"*
- ⇒ **Bring it back to the Bottom Line**
 - *"Barnabas loved like Jesus and made peace between the disciples and Paul. Jesus shows us how to love others so we can make peace and love others like Jesus too."*
 - ***"Who shows you how to love others?"***
 - ***"Jesus shows me how to love others!"***

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ACTIVITY #1

Make That Face

SUPPLIES: Foam cube, emotions cards (in sleeves of the cube)

What You DO and SAY:

⇒ **Gather the children and show them the sides of the cube.**

- *"Friends, come sit on the floor in a circle with me. There are six different faces on this cube: (turn to each face when you name it) happy face, sad face, surprised face, excited face, angry face, and a laughing face. We're going to pass it around and take turns rolling it. I want you to look at the face it stops on, then lead our friends to make the same face. Then, pass it to the next person."*

⇒ **Pass the cube around and invite the children to roll it and make the face that lands face up.**

- *"Ready? [Child's name], You can roll it first! (Roll the cube.) Make the same face you see. (Pause.) Whoa! That's a [emotion] face! Everybody make the same face that [child's name] is making. (Pause.) Great job! Pass it to the friend next to you. (Pause.) Okay [child's name], roll the cube! (Continue with each child.)"*

⇒ **Bring it back to the Bible Story and Bottom Line.**

- *"In our Bible Story, we learned that the disciples were afraid of Paul at first. Show me your afraid face. (Pause.) But Paul had met Jesus and that changed him. Show me your surprised face. (Pause.) Barnabas told everyone that Paul had changed. Show me your excited face. (Pause.) Barnabas loved like Jesus and helped make peace with everyone. Show me your happy face. (Pause.) Great job! We can help make peace just like Barnabas and when we do, we are loving others the way Jesus shows us how to love."*
- **Who shows you how to love others?**
- **Jesus shows me how to love others!"**

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ACTIVITY #2

Parachute

SUPPLIES: Parachute, Heart stress balls

What You DO and SAY:

- ⇒ **Have children join you around the parachute. Put the hearts on the parachute.**
 - *“Friends, let’s have some fun together! This month we are learning that Jesus shows us how to love others. What does this look like? (Hold up the heart.) That’s right! It’s a heart. Hearts remind us of love. Let’s put these hearts on the parachute and bounce them HIGH!”*
- ⇒ **Turn the music on and have children join you in bouncing the parachute: High, low, fast, slow, etc. Each time all the earth balls bounce off, ask...**
 - *“Who shows you how to love others?”*
 - *“Jesus shows me how to love others!”*
- ⇒ **Repeat as long as children are interested.**
- ⇒ **Complete the activity and then Bring it Back to Jesus.**
 - *“Awesome job, friends! That was fun!”*
 - *“Who shows you how to love others?”*
 - *“Jesus shows me how to love others!”*

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READ, REVIEW, CONNECT IT, & PRAY
JUNE WEEK 2

Here are some ideas to try in a group or one-on-one.

2-year-olds are all at different stages of development! Some are ready to answer big questions and say the memory verse, while others aren't ready to talk yet. Even if they aren't ready to answer, they are listening!

READ A STORY – KEEP ALL MONTH

- *That's What a Friend Is!* by PK Hallinan

ASK A QUESTION

Who shows you how to love others?

Jesus shows me how to love others!

PRACTICE THE MEMORY VERSE

"Think and act as Jesus did." Philippians 2:5

SAY A PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you for making me.

Thank you for loving me.

Thank you for sending Jesus to be my friend forever.

Amen.