

Lesson Two

Barnabas Was A Generous Man

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37. Also read the scriptures suggested for **Lesson One**.

Lesson Aim: To learn that Barnabas gave his own money to the people of the church so none would be in need. To know they can give to the church also and to learn ways they can give.

Bible Words: Do that which is good (Romans 13:3).

Pre-Class: Give each child a picture-to-color for **Lesson Two** and some crayons. (Before class complete one picture to show to the children.) The picture shows Barnabas giving a bag of money to the apostles.

As the children color, tell them the picture shows Barnabas. Ask if they remember the last lesson where Barnabas took some food to people who had none. Ask if they did something good the past week.

Pre-class is also a good time to let the children talk and visit with each other. Just do not let them get too loud. It is important to have control of the class from the beginning.

When it is time for class to begin, take up the papers. They will be returned at the end of the class.

Attendance And Welcome: Follow the same routine as last week. The weekly repetition will make students feel comfortable and secure in your class. They will learn to sit still, wait for their turns and to help you sing *The Welcome Song*.

Be sure to smile and make special notice of new clothes, haircuts, etc. If you have had some out because of illness, let them know you missed them and are glad to see them back in class.

Make the visitors feel welcome. Let them know you are glad they came to visit.

Bible Lesson: Hold up your Bible. *Do you know what book this is? You are right. It is the Bible. When we come to Bible class we always learn from the Bible.*

Show picture #1 from **Lesson One**. *The last time we had class we learned about a good man. Do you remember his name? It is*

Barnabas. Briefly review last week's lesson. Today we are going to learn some more about Barnabas.

Show picture #1 for **Lesson Two**. *There were some people in the church where Barnabas lived who did not have food to eat, a place to live, or good clothes to wear.*

Show picture #2. *The other people of the church brought money and gave it to the apostles so everyone would have food, clothes, and a place to live. The apostles gave the money to those who needed it.*

Show picture #3. *Barnabas had some land to sell. When he sold the land, he brought the money and gave it to the apostles. The money Barnabas gave the apostles helped buy food, clothes, and a place to live for other people. Barnabas was a good man. He liked helping those other people. God is pleased when we all share what we have, as Barnabas and the others did long, long ago.*

Songs: You will need song charts for *The Bible, The Bible; Bible Words; Do Good To All;* and *The Prayer Song*.

After singing *Do Good To All*, ask the children to tell you what Barnabas did that was good. Share something good you did this past week with the children.

The prayer today should thank God for all the good things He gives everyone each day.

Application Lesson: You will need a basket or collection plate like the one used during worship service, coins, a hymnal, your Bible, and crayons.

Show picture #3. *Today we learned how Barnabas and other church members helped by giving money. Show the basket (or collection plate). Every week a basket (or plate) such as this one is passed during worship. Have you seen men pass a basket like this one? When the basket is passed, people put money in it. I put money in it and so do many others. The elders use the money to help those in need just like the apostles did in our Bible lesson today.*

Some of the money is also used to buy things for the church. Show the hymnal. The money buys song books so we can all sing praises to God. The money also buys Bibles (show the Bible) so people can read and learn about God and Jesus and Barnabas. Show the crayons. The money also buys the crayons we use in our class each week.

When everyone gives money to God, the elders can use it for many good things. Would you like to give some money to God? Give each child a coin. Pass the basket and let them put their money in the basket. I will give this money to the elders so they can use it to help someone or to buy something for the church.

Take-Home: Remove the pictures and the money bags for **Lesson Two** from the workbooks. Have one completed to show the children.

Give each child a picture and a bag of money punch-out. Assist them as they glue the money bag to the picture. The Bible words are at the top of the picture. Read them to the children and ask them to help you say the Bible words.

Label the papers and take them up. Return them during **Closing**.

Bible Lesson Review: Show picture #3 from the lesson. Briefly review the lesson. Pin the picture to the review board, beside the one from **Lesson One**. Sing *Do Good To All*.

If time permits, review last week's lesson also.

Closing: Return work papers and personal belongings to the children. Invite everyone back next week when you will tell them about another good man.

Say a dismissal prayer, asking God to help everyone return again next time.

Other Ideas:

1. Dress the children in Bible times costumes and let them act out the Bible lesson. Let two of the children be the apostles, collecting the money, and others could be Barnabas and the other people bringing money to them. The money bags could be small paper bags tied at the top with yarn.
2. Read a storybook or flip chart which shows people sharing.