

Barnabas Shares

Acts 4:32-37

One of the ways Jesus' friends showed their love was by sharing everything they had. Nobody had to ask them to share. They wanted to share!

Some people had lots of food and clothing. But they didn't keep it all for themselves. They shared their food and clothes with Jesus' friends who had no food and clothing. If a family had more food than they needed, they didn't throw it away. They gave it to Jesus' friends who did not have enough food.

One of Jesus' friends helped other people so much that his friends gave him a nickname. The man's friends called him Barnabas. "Barnabas" meant something like "Mr. Helper." He was a cheerful, happy man. Barnabas was always helping people and trying to cheer them up!

Barnabas owned a field. He could have kept it for himself. Instead, Barnabas sold his field. Someone bought the land and gave Barnabas money for it. Barnabas could have spent that money on something he wanted for himself, but he didn't. Barnabas gave the money to the men who loved Jesus. He said, "Here, share this money with people who need it."

Barnabas had learned about Jesus and what Jesus said to do. He knew Jesus wanted him to help other people. Barnabas didn't keep his field or his money for himself. He showed he loved Jesus by sharing with other people.

* Cookie Pouch *



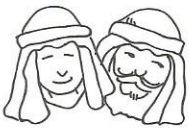
Memory Verse

Share with God's people.
~ Romans 12:13



Bible Truth

God wants me to share with others.



Bible Story

The early church shares with each other. (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35)

What You Need

- * page 90
- * crayons
- * tape
- * safety scissors
- * yarn
- * hole punch
- * cookies



What to Do



1. Give each child a pattern page.
2. Tell the story of the early church's sharing with each other, from Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-35.
3. Say the memory verse with the children.
4. Say, **God wants us to share with others, just like the church did in the Bible. Let's make a cookie pouch so that we can share some cookies with others.**
5. Have the children cut out the pouches from the pattern pages.
6. Help each child fold the pouch on the dashed line, then tape the side and bottom.
7. Have the children color their cookie pouches.
8. Punch a hole in each side of the top of the pouches. Thread an 8-inch length of yarn through the holes in each pouch and tie at each hole.
9. Give each child at least one cookie to put inside the cookie pouch. Share the cookie pouches with another class!



Before class



Duplicate a pattern page for each child. Cut an 8-inch length of yarn for each child. Be sure to bring extra cookies for snacking!



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Barnabas shows his love for Jesus by sharing.

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