

SUNDAY REPLAY

Hi Parents! Welcome to **Week 5** of our *Game Changer* series!

This week in KidZone, kids learned that when we're on God's team, we encourage others. God doesn't want us playing alone — He wants us building each other up! Keep the conversation going at home with this guide and help your child grow stronger in faith!

Memorize Me

"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."
— Ecclesiastes 4:9

Need to Know

On God's Team, Players Encourage Others.

Fantastic 5

Barnabas Encourages Paul

(Acts 9:26–31)

After Paul began following Jesus, many believers were afraid of him because of his past. They didn't trust that he had really changed.

But Barnabas believed in Paul.

He brought Paul to the apostles and told them about Paul's encounter with Jesus.

Because Barnabas encouraged and stood up for Paul, Paul was welcomed — and he began boldly preaching about Jesus!

One man's encouragement helped change the world.

Ask Me This!

(Great for the ride home, bedtime, or around the dinner table)

Why were the believers afraid of Paul?

 Acts 9:26 — Because he used to hurt Christians.

Who believed in Paul and helped him?

 Acts 9:27 — Barnabas.

What did Barnabas tell the apostles?

 Acts 9:27 — That Paul had seen Jesus and was boldly preaching.

What happened after Barnabas encouraged Paul?

 Acts 9:28 — Paul was welcomed and began preaching freely.

How can we be like Barnabas?

 By encouraging others, believing in them, and speaking up for them.

Take Off!

(Try this together throughout the week!)

Tuesday: Read Acts 9:27 and talk about what it means to believe the best about someone.

Thursday: Practice encouragement! Each family member says one encouraging thing about another person at the table.

Saturday: Write a short note, text, or draw a picture to encourage a friend, teacher, or sibling.

All Week: Say together:

“On God’s team, players encourage others!”

Prayer Guide

On God’s Team, Players Encourage Others

Opening:

“Dear God, thank You for putting us on Your team.”

Thanksgiving:

“Thank You for Barnabas and how he encouraged Paul.”

Confession:

“Forgive us when we say unkind words or forget to build others up.”

Prayer for the Child:

“God, help [child’s name] be someone who encourages friends and family.”

Prayer for Boldness & Kindness:

“Holy Spirit, give [child’s name] courage to stand up for others and speak life.”

Closing:

“Thank You for using our words to make a difference. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Parent Challenge

This week, talk with your child about the power of encouragement. Words can build up or tear down — and God calls us to build up.

Read Acts 9:26–31 together and discuss how Barnabas helped Paul when others doubted him.

Look for opportunities to:

- Celebrate effort, not just success
- Speak positive words over your child
- Encourage someone who may feel left out
- Model believing the best about others

End the week by sharing how someone's encouragement has helped you in your life.

 **We're Better Together**

Thank you for partnering with us and trusting us to invest in your child's faith. We are so grateful to walk alongside your family as your child discovers Jesus, grows spiritually, and learns what it means to live life on God's team.

If you need any tools or support, please reach out — we'd love to help!

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