Preschool–Grade 5

The Paul and Barnabas Craft

Stand upright on thy feet · Acts 13:1–5; 14:8–20 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



Harder

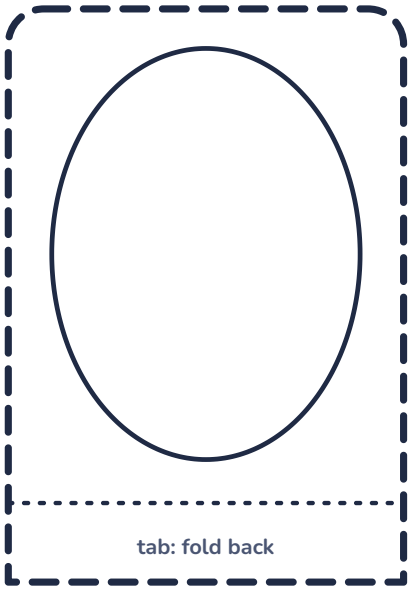
Both levels are two stand-up panels on a tan ground piece: Paul and Barnabas in the first oval, and the man from Lystra standing on his feet in the second. Paul said, "Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked" (Acts 14:10). Medium (left): the two panels on the ground. Harder (right): the same, with a zigzag backdrop of heaven, earth and the sea standing behind them (14:15).

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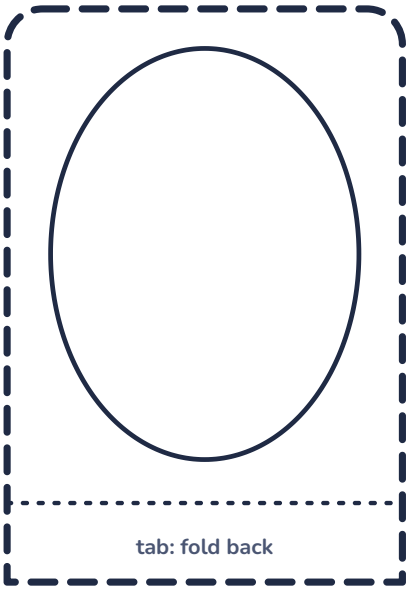
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✂ Cut on the dashed lines

Paul and Barnabas: draw both men in the oval



the man at Lystra: draw him standing on his feet



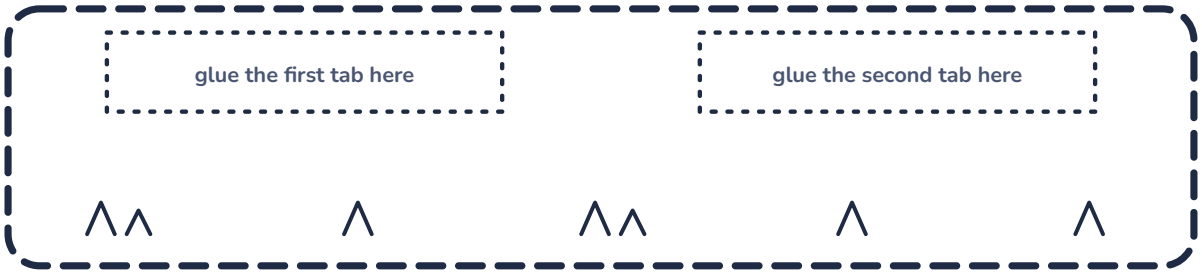
verse strip: glue it on the back of the Paul and Barnabas panel

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 13:2 (KJV)

color around each oval light blue (the sky)

the ground: color it tan, and glue each tab on a dotted box



Color around both ovals light blue and the ground tan. Draw Paul and Barnabas in the first oval and the man standing on his feet in the second. Cut out all four pieces. Fold each tab back and glue it on a dotted box, so the panels stand up. Glue the verse strip on the back of the first panel.

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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

Heaven, earth and the sea (harder level)

Color it, cut on the dashed lines, and fold on the dotted lines like a zigzag.



heaven: the sky light blue, the sun yellow

earth: the hills and treetop green, the trunk brown

the sea: the water blue, the fish orange

How to make the heaven, earth and sea backdrop

1. Make the stand-up scene from page 2 first.
2. Color the three parts: heaven with a light blue sky and a yellow sun (leave the clouds white), earth with green hills and a green treetop on a brown trunk, and the sea blue with an orange fish.
3. Cut it out on the dashed lines. Fold it back and forth on the two dotted lines like a zigzag, so it stands up by itself.
4. On the back, write "Give God the glory!" and one thing God made that you thank Him for.
5. Stand it behind the ground piece. Paul and Barnabas told the people to turn "unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein" (Acts 14:15).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/paul-and-barnabas-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue and tan crayons or markers plus any colors for the drawings, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child, crayons in yellow, green, brown, blue and orange, and a pencil.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the two panels, the ground and the verse strip ahead of time. Fold the tabs back, glue them on the dotted boxes so the panels stand, and glue the verse strip on the back of the first panel.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and glue the panels on the ground. Kids color the sky and ground, draw in the ovals, and lay the man's panel down and stand it up when you say, "Stand upright on thy feet."
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut, fold, glue and tell the story. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the scene like the medium level. Then add the heaven, earth and sea backdrop from page 3, with "Give God the glory!" written on the back. This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color around both ovals light blue, for the sky. Color the ground tan.
2. **Draw:** in the first oval, draw Paul and Barnabas, two men in long robes. In the second oval, draw the man from Lystra standing up on his feet.
3. **Cut:** cut out the two panels, the ground and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Stand them up:** fold the tab at the bottom of each panel back on the dotted line. Glue each tab on one of the dotted boxes on the ground, so the panels stand up side by side.
5. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the Paul and Barnabas panel. Read it together.
6. **Tell it:** lay the man's panel down flat, because he sat and "never had walked" (Acts 14:8). Say Paul's words, "Stand upright on thy feet," and stand the panel up: "he leaped and walked" (14:10).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Who said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work"? *(The Holy Ghost, Acts 13:2)*
- What did the church do before they sent them away? *(They fasted, prayed and laid their hands on them, 13:3)*
- What did Paul and Barnabas preach? *(The word of God, 13:5)*
- Lay the man's panel down. How long had the man been unable to walk? *(He never had walked, 14:8)*
- Stand the panel up. What did Paul say, and what did the man do? *("Stand upright on thy feet," and he leaped and walked, 14:10)*
- When the people wanted to worship them, what did Paul and Barnabas say? *("We also are men," and turn "unto the living God," 14:15)*
- What happened after Paul was stoned? *(As the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, 14:20)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: ministered to the Lord** means worshiped and served God; **fasted** means went without food to seek God; **separate me** means set apart for Me; **whereunto** means that; **impotent in his feet** means his feet had no strength; **stedfastly** means steadily; **men of like passions with you** means people just like you.
- **What the Bible says:** Acts 14 doesn't describe the man, his clothes or the place where he sat, and it names no crutches or mat. The ovals are for kids' own drawings, and the colors are only for the craft.
- **People only in the ovals:** the template draws no people. Kids draw Paul, Barnabas and the man inside the ovals, men in long robes.
- **Paul and Saul:** the verse says "Saul." It is the same man: "Saul, (who also is called Paul,)" (13:9).
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and glue the panels on the ground ahead of time. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child stand the man up and say, "He leaped and walked!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Paul and Barnabas lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/paul-and-barnabas.

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