

Be a Berean

Materials

- Eight copies of Be a Berean Skit (following pages)
- Two Bibles
- Two chairs
- Table
- Two cans of white play dough
- Four cans of colored play dough

Instructions

Distribute Be a Berean Skits to seven volunteers and keep one for your use. Follow the directions on the Skit.

The characters, Berean and Galatian, will each need soft white play dough to represent the pure truth of Scripture. They should be sitting with a Bible on the table in front of them. Berean's Bible should be open. Galatian's Bible should be closed.

Each False Prophet will have colored play dough. The colored play dough symbolizes the knowledge they are sharing with the students. Instruct the false prophets to offer some of the colored play dough to Berean and Galatian as they speak. Galatian will mix the colored dough in with his white dough, showing the corrupting nature of false teaching.

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Cast of Characters:

Narrator

Berean: Bible student who compares the teaching of every prophet to the Word of God.

Galatian: Student who believes every false prophet.

False Prophet #1: claims to know the truth, but teachings don't line up with the Bible.

False Prophet #2: claims to know the truth, but teachings don't line up with the Bible.

False Prophet #3: claims to know the truth, but teachings don't line up with the Bible.

False Prophet #4: claims to know the truth, but teachings don't line up with the Bible.

Narrator: Galatian and Berean are both students. Galatian goes to church and reads his Bible every now and then, but he hasn't grasped just how important the Bible is for making decisions about truth. Berean understands how to use the Bible to filter all incoming information. The white play dough represents the pure truth of God's Word. Let's see how using the Bible to interpret truth works.

Galatian: I read the Bible. I think it has a lot of good things in it.

Berean: The Bible is more than just a book of good things, Galatian. It helps me figure out who God is and what truth is.

False Prophet #1 (*Steps forward and gives a piece of colored dough to Galatian and Berean while talking.*): Hi guys! Have you heard the latest news on the age of the earth? Scientists have proven the age of the earth is 4.54 billion years. If you don't believe me, you can come over to my house later and I'll show you the latest article in my new *Discover* magazine. (*Walks away to leave the two students to think.*)

Galatian: Wow! *Discover* magazine! It must be true. (*Mixes the new color in with his/her white dough.*)

Berean (*Flipping through the Bible to Genesis.*): Hmm . . . according to information in Genesis, the earth is closer to 6,000 years old. I'm going to trust God's Word over man's. (*Tosses the new colored dough aside, picks up his/her clean white dough, and examines its pure white color.*)

False Prophet #2 (*Steps forward and gives a piece of colored dough to Galatian and Berean.*): Hello friends! Did you watch the History Channel last night? There was this great show about Adam's first wife, Lillith. She was created before Eve. But she sinned and was kicked out of the garden. God made Eve next out of Adam's rib after all that. And they have proof that it really did happen just like that! Now you know! (*Struts away to leave the two students*

to think.)

Galatian: Incredible! The History Channel! I love all the stuff I learn on the History Channel. It must be true if it was on TV! *(Mixes more colored dough into the now darkened ball of white dough.)*

Berean *(Flipping through the Bible):* Hmm . . . Lillith? I don't remember a Lillith. Let me see. According to Genesis 1 and 2, God made Adam and Eve on Day Six of Creation. No Lillith. That's just not true! *(Tosses the new colored dough aside, picks up the clean white dough, and examines the pure white color.)*

False Prophet #3 *(Steps forward and gives a piece of colored dough to Galatian and Berean.):* Oh, there you are! You are not going to believe this amazing truth. Some men came to my door to talk about the Bible with me. Did you know we can become gods? Yeah, it's true. We can become the god of our own world. This is great news! *(excited)* I am going to become a god! *(Walks away to leave the two students to think.)*

Galatian: Did you hear that? Cool! Berean, we can become gods! I'm gonna have to check that out. I always thought there was only one god. But if I could be a god, I would make a pretty cool one. *(Getting more and more excited.)* I could be even more powerful than Superman! *(Mixes the new color into the darkened dough.)*

Berean *(Rolling eyes and flipping through the Bible.):* That doesn't sound right to me. Here it is. 1 Samuel 2:2 says, "There is none holy like the LORD: for there is none besides you." There is only one God. And that is the only truth. That's what I thought. *(Tosses the new colored dough aside, picks up the clean white dough, and examines its pure white color.)*

False Prophet #4 *(Steps forward and gives a piece of colored dough to Galatian and Berean.):* Hi there! Have you heard the latest? Contrary to what you may have heard, Jesus is not the only way to God and heaven. Jesus is one way to heaven, but there are many other paths. God is love. He wants to welcome everyone who seeks after spiritual awakening no matter what they believe. *(Walks away to leave the two students to think.)*

Galatian: Now that makes sense. God is love. He wouldn't condemn anyone. Everyone can get to heaven on his or her own path. I think that sounds great! *(Mixes the new color in with the darkened dough.)*

Berean *(Flipping through the Bible):* Aha! Here it is. John 14:6, "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'" Jesus is the only way to God. The Bible is truth I can trust—not the teachings of false prophets. *(Tosses the new colored dough aside, picks up the clean white dough, and examines its pure white color and walks away carrying the Bible.)*

Galatian *(Gets up and follows Berean to the back of the room, carrying multicolored dough, shaking his/her head, muttering):* It sure is hard to figure out what to believe these days. There always seems to be something newer and better. What really is true?