

Barton Stone, Follower of Jesus, Tells Others About Jesus at Cane Ridge*

Mark 16:15; 20, Mark 14:22-23

"Walk slowly to the shelf and pick up the basket with the story Barton Stone, Follower of Jesus, Tells Others About Jesus at Cane Ridge. Carry it carefully to the circle and set the tray beside you. Take the green felt underlay and lay it out in front of you. Smooth it and trace the outline as you say:"

"This is the land of Kentucky. So many important things happen in Kentucky that we need a small piece of it to help us to tell the stories."

Place the Cane Ridge Meetinghouse at the center of the underlay near the edge closest to you. Place a tree stump next to Barton Stone; a stump in the middle front; another to the right meetinghouse and a stump to the left front of the underlay. Then pause for a moment and say:

"When the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to Jesus' followers, they were filled with so much love that amazing things happened. They were able to say and do the wonderful things that Jesus did. They did this in faraway Jerusalem, Judea and here in Kentucky."

Present Barton Stone and place him in front of the Cane Ridge Meetinghouse then say:

When Barton Stone received the gift of the Holy Spirit, (Do the sign of the Spirit above Barton Stone) he did what Jesus would do but in his own special way.

Barton Stone came to Cane Ridge to be the shepherd to the people of God at this church. (Point to meetinghouse then place two women, two children and two men around Barton Stone.) This church was called the Cane Ridge Meeting House. (Hold hand over the meetinghouse)

At Cane Ridge there were special celebrations called revivals. At these revivals people would travel from faraway to hear the stories about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Once there was a great revival at Cane Ridge and many people came to hear the stories of God.

Some came on horseback, (Bring in figure on horseback to the front right of the underlay) some came in wagons (Place wagon next to the Meeting House on

the left. Put three figures near the wagon) and some people walked. (Bring in more people and place figures around each stump.)

Some carried tents and supplies. *(Place tent, fire and three figures next to the tent)*

Barton Stone and others from all different churches stood on top of tree stumps and in the back of wagons and told the people the stories of God. *(Move Barton Stone and male and female figures on top of various stumps and one figure on the back of the wagon)*

They told the people that God and Jesus loved them.

When some people heard these stories they prayed. *(Start with figures gathered at the wagon and make the sign of the spirit above the figures) I wonder what they prayed? (Pause)*

Some people sang songs. *(Make the sign of the Spirit above the figures near the left middle stump) I wonder what songs they sang? (Pause)*

Some people were so overwhelmed with love they could not move. *(Make the sign of the Spirit over figures near the left front stump and lay two figures down) I wonder what it is like to feel that much love? (Pause)*

When these people could finally move they told others about the wonderful works of God and Jesus. *(Stand two figures up and face them toward each other) I wonder what they said? (Pause)*

Some people laughed with joy *(Make the sign of the Spirit over figures near the stump in the middle front) and others danced and danced (Have two figures near Barton Stone dance.)*

Some people were so energized they ran and ran until they fell-down. *(Send one figure near the tent from the right to the left across the underlay and then lay figure down when near the wagon. Wait a few seconds and then stand figure back up)*

On the third day of the revival some of the people joined together at the table for the Lord's Supper. *(Put out the table in front of the meetinghouse in the middle of the underlay the place the bread, the cup and the pitcher on the table and hover hand over table in blessing)* They had a wonderful feast.

Barton Stone was very happy because Christians from all different churches had come together at Cane Ridge to worship God and hear the stories of Jesus.

Wondering Questions:

I wonder how many people might have come to the Cane Ridge?

I wonder what it was like to be at the Cane Ridge Revival?

I wonder what it is like to stand on stump and tell others about Jesus?

I wonder if you have ever been so happy about God you could not move?

I wonder if you have ever told others about God and Jesus?

I wonder if you have ever been so happy about God that you danced?

I wonder what made Barton Stone so happy?



Supply List:

Apple green underlay

Wagon

Cane Ridge Meetinghouse

Horse & Rider

Tent & Campfire

18 Figures (6 Women, 6 Men, 6

5 Tree Stumps

Children & Barton Stone

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