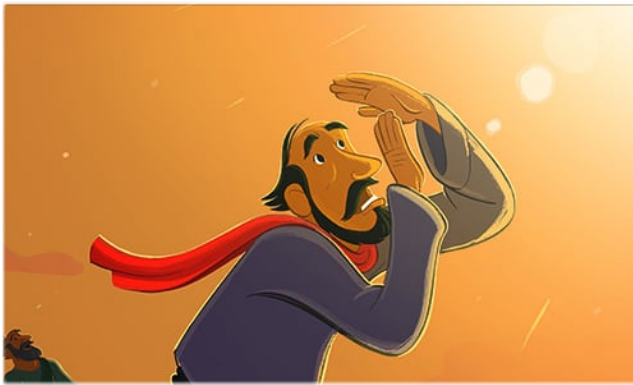


Paul's Conversion & Baptism

Acts 9:1-25



Bible Story

Jesus appeared to Saul and changed him inside and out. Jesus called Saul, who was once an enemy of Christians, to spend the rest of his life telling people the gospel and leading them to trust Jesus as Lord and Savior.

WHAT WAS SAUL LIKE?

Use a large sheet of paper to draw two circles. Label one 'Before Jesus' and the other 'After Jesus.'

Read Acts 8:1-3 and Acts 9:1-2, 19-22. Discuss words that could describe Saul before meeting Jesus and after meeting Jesus. Write the words in the circles.

Discuss how Saul changed and why.

RECITE A POEM

Learn this poem to remember the story, or come up with your own.

*Saul of Tarsus, man of God
In a former time had been
Persecutor of the Christians
Unaware he lived in sin.*

*Jesus called him. Jesus changed him.
Now he preaches with great might.
Teaches people of the Christ and
Urges them to choose what's right.*

EXPLAIN THE GOSPEL

I love this example of explaining the gospel to children. So why not have a go at making this wordless book and using the explanations alongside it to talk about the gospel.

Children could then use this to explain to their friends what the gospel is, just like Paul did once he encountered Jesus.

QUESTIONS

- Why was Saul going to Damascus?
- What happened when Jesus spoke to Saul?
- What did the Lord tell Ananias to do?
- How do you think Ananias felt when the Lord spoke to him?
- How do we know Saul was changed?
- How do people hear about Jesus?
- How would you explain the good news of Jesus to someone?

PRAYER

Father, thank You for saving us even when we, like Paul, were Your enemies. Help us to trust in You and boldly share the gospel with everyone. Fill us with Your power by the Holy Spirit so we can live on mission for You. Amen

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CRAFT IDEAS

IDEA 1: Paul's Conversion Mask

Using the mask template, make a mask to re-tell the story of Paul's conversion.

IDEA 2: Story Flip Book

Print out the template (page 3) and cut around the solid lines. Colour in the pictures. Glue the book together in the right order.

IDEA 3: Changing Expressions

Print out the template. Cut the strip of eyes off the top of the page. Carefully cut two slots on the face for the eyes to slide through. (Adults help needed!) Colour in the face. Slide in the eye strip and re-tell the story.