

October 13
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
Paul Became a Christian
(Acts 9)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Paul was an enemy of Jesus, but then God changed him. When we trust in Jesus, He changes us from the inside out..

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus is saved.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to save people. John 3:17

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Tell several facts about Jesus and ask preschoolers to guess who is being described. Facts may relate to where Jesus was born, the names of people who are his followers, miracles He performed, and most importantly, that He is God's Son and the Savior of the world.

SAY *You listened and figured out that Jesus was the person I was describing. In today's Bible story, we will learn about Paul, a man who was not a follower of Jesus but became a follower after Jesus spoke to him. .*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date
(If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins. Paul worked hard to stop people from telling others about Jesus. He was an enemy of Jesus. Paul heard Jesus' voice and felt His presence. Paul trusted in Jesus and was forgiven of his sins.*

4. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Place the key passage marker at John 3:17. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Point to the Bible book name at the top of the page and say it together. Then show preschoolers how to find chapter 3 by helping them look for a big number and verse 17 by helping them find a smaller number. Read aloud the verse. Use the following movement to help them learn it. For the word *world*, use both hands to create a circle by touching your fingertips together. Repeat the verse a few times, emphasizing the word *world* and doing the movement.

SAY *God sent Jesus to be the Savior of the entire world. Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins and is saved.*

5. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask preschoolers how they think the people felt at different times in the story. Encourage boys and girls to show each expression with their faces as they answer. Review different parts of the story such as the bright light coming down from heaven, Paul hearing Jesus' voice, Paul opening his eyes and not being able to see, Ananias placing his hands on Paul, and the people hearing Paul teach.

SAY *You showed how Paul and the other people in our story felt. How would you feel if you saw a bright light come down from heaven? How does it make you feel to know that when we trust in Jesus, He changes us from the inside out?*

6. PRAY

Invite preschoolers to tell you any prayer requests they have. Pray for them.

SAY Jesus, You are the Savior of the world. Thank You for loving us so much. Help us to be brave and tell others about You. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

FLASHLIGHT SCAVENGER HUNT

Prior to the session, write **Jesus on several sheets of construction paper** and tape them in various locations around the room. Form teams of preschoolers to move around the room with a **flashlight** to find Jesus' name. Encourage each team to switch who gets to hold and shine the flashlight after finding His name. Continue to play until they find all the locations and each child gets a chance to shine the light.

SAY *Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins. Before Paul trusted in Jesus, he worked hard to stop people from telling others about Jesus. He was an enemy of Jesus. Paul heard Jesus' voice and felt His presence. Paul trusted in Jesus and was saved from his sins.*

TOSS A BEANBAG

Place a **paper with Jesus** written on it on the floor. **Tape** a start line several feet away. Lead each child to take a turn standing behind the line and toss a beanbag. If it lands on Jesus' name, invite the child to tell something he or she knows about Jesus. If it lands to the side of it, prompt the child to ask a question about Jesus.

SAY *Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins. Paul worked hard to stop people from telling others about Jesus. He was an enemy of Jesus. Paul heard Jesus' voice and felt His presence. Paul trusted in Jesus and was saved. When we trust in Jesus, He changes us from the inside out.*

LEAD FRIENDS

Invite three or four preschoolers to form a line and hold hands, creating a chain. Hold hands with the first child in line and lead the boys and girls around the classroom. Navigate preschoolers around classroom furniture and fixtures. Be cautious of your pace so that everyone is able to keep up. Allow boys and girls an opportunity to lead their friends as well.

SAY *You did a great job leading your friends around the obstacles in the room. Paul's friends had to lead him into the city. He was traveling when a very bright light came down from heaven. A voice asked him, 'Why are you against me?' It was Jesus. Jesus told him to go into the city and wait for more instructions. When Paul opened his eyes, he couldn't see anything. His friends had to lead him.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

As children color, talk about the Christ Connection.

SAY *Paul was an enemy of Jesus, but then God changed him. When we trust in Jesus, He changes us from the inside out.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Storytelling Props are not included in the blue bin, but you may choose to bring them from home.

Open your Bible to ACTS 9 and tell the following Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers.

PAUL BECAME A CHRISTIAN

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use a flashlight: Place the Bible story picture poster where all children can see it. Shine a light on the poster when you talk about the light flashing around Paul. Dim the lights when you talk about Paul being blind. Turn the lights back on when Paul's sight is restored.

Open and Close Eyes: Prompt preschoolers to close their eyes when mentioning how Paul could not see because of the bright light and open their eyes when talking about how Ananias put his hands on Paul, and he was able to see again.

In the early days of the church, Paul worked hard to stop people from telling others about Jesus. He did not believe that Jesus is the Son of God. He thought that people who believed in Jesus should be put in jail or be killed. Many believers left the city to get away from Paul.

Paul decided to go to the city of Damascus to arrest believers there. He was traveling along the road when all of a sudden, a very bright light came down from heaven. It flashed around Paul, and he fell to the ground. Then Paul heard a voice saying, "Why are you against Me?"

"Who are You, Lord?" Paul asked.

"I am Jesus," He said. Jesus told Paul to go into the city and wait for more instructions.

Paul got up and opened his eyes, but he couldn't see anything! So the men who were traveling with Paul led him into the city.

A man named Ananias (an uh NIGH uhs) lived in the city. Ananias loved Jesus. God spoke to Ananias in a vision and told him to go visit Paul. Ananias knew that Paul was an enemy of Jesus, but God had a plan for Paul. God said, "I have chosen Paul to tell many people about Me."

Ananias obeyed God. He went to Paul and said, "Jesus sent me here to help you." Then Ananias put his hands on Paul, and Paul could see again. Paul got up and was baptized.

For the next few days, Paul stayed in the city with other people who believed in Jesus. He went to the synagogues to tell people about Jesus. "Jesus is the Son of God!" Paul said. The people were amazed. They knew Paul had been an enemy of Jesus, but now he loved Jesus!

The Jews did not like what Paul was saying, so they made a plan to kill him. The other believers helped Paul sneak out of the city at night.

Christ Connection: Paul was an enemy of Jesus and His followers, but then God changed him. Jesus came to earth to save sinners like Paul. (1 Timothy 1:15). When we trust in Jesus, He changes us from the inside out.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

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KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God sent Jesus to save people. John 3:17

LEARN

(CIRCLE TIME ON THE RUG)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite preschoolers to find a friend or two and lead them to group time by holding hands. Allow a preschooler to lead you to group time if needed.

SAY In our Bible story today, Paul was traveling along when a very bright light came down from heaven. He could not see. The men who were traveling with Paul led him into the city.

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the **key passage phrase marker** at 1 Corinthians 12:12. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Lead preschoolers to learn the key passage phrase..

SAY Who is the church? Right! People who believe in Jesus are part of one church. Our key passage phrase says, 'The church has many people who help.' Every part of the church is important. We can all help each other!

ACTIVITIES

SHAPE A ROAD

Place piles of blocks on the floor. Prompt preschoolers to work together to line up of the blocks from one area of the room to another to create a road. Ask them to recall who was traveling on a road to the city of Damascus.

SAY One day, Paul was traveling down a road on his way to Damascus when a very bright light came down from heaven. Paul fell to the ground and heard the voice of Jesus. Paul was an enemy of Jesus and His followers, but then Jesus changed him. Paul began telling people that Jesus is the Son of God.

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

Lead preschoolers to complete the **activity page**. As they work, continue talking about the Bible story and emphasize the GOSPEL GEMS below:

- Jesus spoke to Paul, and Paul believed in Jesus.
- God chose Paul to tell people about Jesus.
- Paul loved Jesus and told people about Him.

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to Acts 9 and tell the following Bible story:

In the early days of the church, Paul was against God. He tried to stop people from telling about Jesus. One day, Paul was traveling along a road when a very bright light came down from heaven. Paul fell down and heard a voice. "Who are You?" Paul asked. "I am Jesus," the voice said. Jesus told Paul what to do. God had chosen Paul to tell people about Jesus. When Paul got up, he couldn't see! The men with Paul took his hand

and led him to the city. A man named Ananias visited him there. God sent Ananias to help Paul see again. Now Paul loved Jesus and told people all about Him.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.