



Saul Is Converted



Key Passage

- Acts 9:1–6

Lesson Focus

- Jesus called Saul, and Saul was changed forever!

Lesson Overview



Come On In

Students will assemble the puzzle of Philip and the Ethiopian as a review of Lesson 10. You may want to have the students color the puzzle, if appropriate. And/or allow them to play with play dough.



Circle Time

Prayer—Using the Flip Chart Prayer Page, discuss prayer and give each child the opportunity to pray after determining what type of prayer you will offer today.

God's Word—Students will learn that Saul hated the Christians and wanted to kill them. But God changed Saul. Now Saul would be a leader of the Christians and tell others about Jesus.

Song Time—Students will sing songs to help them remember the lesson of the day. Lyrics to the songs are found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.



Activity 1: Blind Saul

Students will answer questions from the lesson then be led blindfolded around the room.



Activity 2: Old Saul–New Saul Flip Stick

Students will color then assemble a flip stick to help them remember that God changed Saul.



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Students will review the memory verse as they play a game and recite/sing the verse. Give them an opportunity to repeat the verse with you or by themselves.



Applying God's Word/Snack

Students will review the lesson while enjoying the snack for the day.

Lesson Preparation

WHAT YOU WILL DO

WHAT YOU WILL NEED



FOR THE TEACHER

- Study the Prepare to Share section.
- Go Before the Throne.



COME ON IN

- Print and cut apart one Philip and Ethiopian Puzzle from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Put puzzle pieces into small plastic bags.
- Provide play dough if appropriate.

- Philip and Ethiopian Puzzle pieces in small plastic bag for each student
- Crayons (if appropriate)
- Play dough
- Cookie cutters



CIRCLE TIME

- Practice the songs on the Song Sheet at the back of this Teacher Guide.
- Print one copy each of the two Lesson Illustrations from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use.

- Stuffed animal for prayer time
- Bible
- Lesson Flip Chart Page
- Two Lesson Illustrations



BLIND SAUL

- Print one Blind Saul Questions from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use.

- Blind Saul Questions
- Blindfold



OLD SAUL—NEW SAUL FLIP STICK

- Print and cut out one Saul Flip Stick sheet from the Resource DVD-ROM for each student.
- Bring in supplies listed at right.
- Complete one Old Saul—New Saul Flip Stick to show

- Saul Flip Stick sheet for each student
- Crayons
- Craft stick for each student
- Glue sticks or tape
- Completed Old Saul—New Saul Flip Stick to show



MEMORY VERSE REVIEW AND ACTIVITY

- Print, preferably onto cardstock, and cut out one set of the 12 Memory Verse Flashcards from the Resource DVD-ROM for your use. You will use these cards for Lessons 8–12.

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- 12 Memory Verse Flashcards
- Tape or poster putty



APPLYING GOD'S WORD/SNACK

- Prepare and bring snacks.

- Student Take Home Sheets
- Lesson Flip Chart for Review
- Snacks



Prepare to Share

SCRIPTURAL BACKGROUND

Prepare to teach by preparing your heart. Read the key passages listed above with this background.

All believers who heed the words of Jesus Christ to repent and believe in the gospel (Mark 1:15) become new creations in Christ Jesus—the old is gone and the new has come (2 Corinthians 5:17). Believers are born again to a living hope through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). How this happens in the hearts of each individual is a work of God. Each transformation is dramatic in that God seals the soul of the believer for eternity (Ephesians 1:13–14).

However, some circumstances that surround the conversion of each believer may not seem as dramatic as others. God redeems some at a very young age from a Christian family, others attend church all their lives, trying to live lives honoring to God, and then one day they understand the truth of the gospel as they repent and turn to Christ as Savior. Still others live lives of darkness, sin, and rebellion—and God reveals His truth to them suddenly and unexpectedly, bringing them out of the darkness and into the light (John 8:12).

But there have been few conversion experiences that would top that of the Jew, Saul of Tarsus, who boasted of his confidence in his life and background. He had been circumcised according to Jewish law. He was a Hebrew of Hebrews, a descendant of Benjamin, of the house of Abraham—a true son of Israel. As a Pharisee, he was zealous for the Jewish law and openly and passionately persecuted the church—those who proclaimed Jesus as Lord (Philippians 3:4–6).

And yet, he was dramatically transformed into a new creation in Christ and then used by God to start numerous churches and write much of the New Testament. How did the Lord Jesus Christ get this murderous Pharisee's attention? It happened on the road to Damascus where Saul fully intended to find men and women of the Way (followers of Jesus) and bring them bound to Jerusalem for persecution and trial (Acts 9:1–2).

Jesus literally knocked Saul to the ground as he journeyed. He saw a bright light and heard a voice speaking to him, the Lord Jesus Himself, asking, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (Acts 9:3–4). Saul was astonished and afraid—to the point of asking what the Lord would have him do. The Lord had something for him—and it would start in the city of Damascus, the very city he was headed to in order to further destroy the church and the people of Christ. But the Lord's plan was far different than Saul's plan. Saul had been struck down and humbled and was afraid. The Lord had made

him blind, and Saul was helplessly led by the hand into the city (Acts 9:8).

The zealous Pharisee, Saul, had met the risen Christ who called him into ministry in a spectacular way. The Lord declared that Saul (who was also known as Paul) was His chosen vessel, and he would bear the name of Christ to the Gentiles, to kings, and to the children of Israel (Acts 9:15). Jesus had plans for Saul, and Saul's heart was dramatically changed so that "immediately he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He [Jesus] is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20)!

Saul was a new creation in Christ. This Hebrew of Hebrews who had persecuted the Way by binding and then delivering both men and women to prison (Acts 22:4); this Saul who had held the clothes of the murderers as they dragged the very first martyr for Christ, Stephen, out of the city and stoned him because of his faith and love for Jesus (Acts 7:57–59); this man now suffered for His Lord through beatings, stonings, shipwrecks, peril, robbers, weariness, toil, sleeplessness, hunger, thirst, cold, nakedness, and many other things (2 Corinthians 11:25–27). The Lord Jesus Christ had made Paul a new creation. And after meeting the living Jesus, he would no longer boast except in the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14).

HISTORICAL/APOLOGETICS BACKGROUND

If anyone deserves to be punished and to pay for his sins, it would be a person who has persecuted believers, hunted them down, imprisoned them, assisted with their murder, and blasphemed the name of God. Right? That may be how we think sometimes, but the truth is that all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). All sin is an affront to a holy God, no matter how small we think it may be, or how vile. The fact is, God's grace is greater than all our sin—than any sin. No sin is too vile that God cannot forgive it, and no sinner is so bad that God cannot redeem him.

We see this played out in the life of Saul of Tarsus. Saul was a fervently religious Jew who thought he was serving God by persecuting members of a new sect. They called themselves the Way (Acts 9:2, 19:9), and they claimed that their leader, who had been crucified for claiming to be God, had risen from the dead. Further, they were preaching that only by faith in this Man's name—Jesus—could anyone be saved. Saul would not believe the Man's "lies" and was zealously persecuting the followers of Jesus, even to the point of entering houses and dragging off men and women to prison (Acts 8:3).

It was in the context of Saul's ongoing, zealous persecution of the church that he encountered the risen Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9). After his vision of Jesus and sudden conversion, the blinded Saul was told to go into the city of Damascus and to wait for instructions. Several days later, Jesus appeared to a disciple named Ananias and told him to go lay his hands on Saul so that he would receive his sight. Ananias responded as we might respond. He said something like, "What? You mean the Saul of Tarsus who has been persecuting the church and killing the saints?! You mean the guy who came here with the purpose of imprisoning believers?!" And Jesus replied to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake" (Acts 9:15–16).

Years later, while writing to his young disciple Timothy, Saul, also called Paul, would recount his conversion experience:

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life (1 Timothy 1:12–16).

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is "exceedingly abundant" toward sinners—all sinners. That was the reason Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life, and then suffered and died—to save sinners. There is no sin too great that God cannot forgive, and no sinner so bad that God cannot change. God delights in taking persecutors and turning them into worshippers.

Paul said that he had obtained mercy that he might be an example of the great patience of Christ for those who would believe. And he serves as an example for all of us who do believe. If we think that God will not forgive us or someone we know and love for some sin, we can think of Paul. And remember that Jesus is all-forgiving; His death on the Cross is sufficient payment for ALL the sins of those who repent and turn to Him.

All sinners will be judged. As Paul told the Corinthians:

Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9–10).

But, we can thank God that those who have repented of their sins and trusted in Christ—in His perfect life, His substitutionary death, and His powerful Resurrection—are forgiven, washed, cleansed, and made righteous because of what Jesus did on the Cross. Paul followed this bad news of judgment to the Corinthians with the good news of forgiveness.

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:11).

There is no sin we might commit that is so great that it is beyond the reach of God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ. And there is no person who is so wicked that the grace of God may not touch his heart to convert him. No! Jesus is exceedingly abundant in grace. He died that men could be forgiven. As the writer of this hymn so elegantly wrote:

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

For more information on this topic, see the Online Resource Page.



BEFORE THE THRONE

Jesus, you are glorious! The incredible way you reached down to Saul the Pharisee and used him for your glory reveals your grace and mercy. Saul's life of faith after his conversion is an example for me. He willingly suffered in order to preach the name of his Lord. Circumstances didn't deter him from a life of faith. He kept his eyes on the eternal. Lord, I pray for such faith. Even little things distract me and cause me to feel sorry for myself. Grow in me, Holy Spirit, a heart joyfully surrendered to your will—one that is content in suffering. And may my students learn from Paul. Give them an understanding of what it means to be a new creation in Christ, that they would live their lives unashamedly surrendered to you and your Word, no matter the sacrifice.



COME ON IN

As children arrive . . .

- They will assemble and color (if appropriate) the Philip and Ethiopian Puzzle as a review of Lesson 10.
- If there is time, they can play with play dough.

During this time you should be at the door welcoming the children as they come in and directing them to sit down at the tables and begin the activity. Have an aid/helper ready to engage the children with the activity.



REVIEW

Using the Flip Chart, quickly review the previous lessons with your students. Take 5 to 10 minutes to reinforce the important truths the students have heard so far in your class.

Ask the children questions about the previous lessons as you display the Lesson Flip Chart Pages. Remind the children of each lesson's focus. This will refresh the truths in your students' minds and maintain continuity as you teach through the lessons.



Circle Time

In an orderly manner, have the children assemble in a circle away from the tables—either on the floor or in their chairs. Bring your Lesson Flip Chart, Bible, stuffed animal for prayer time, two Lesson Illustrations, and any other props you brought or prepared for this lesson.

PRAYER

This prayer time is designed to get children to begin to understand some simple concepts about prayer and to get them to understand that they can pray. Use a special stuffed animal—prayer bear—or an appropriate object to pass around the circle as each child gets his/her turn to pray. Only the child with the stuffed animal is allowed to pray or speak during this time. Using the same stuffed animal or other object all year will add continuity and structure to this time.

We start our Bible study with prayer. Let's pray. Turn to the Flip Chart Prayer Page. Briefly review the different types of prayer presented there. Then determine which type you want the children to pray today.

- I love you prayers—Adoration
- I'm sorry prayers—Confession
- Thank you prayers—Thanksgiving
- Please prayers—Supplication

Today Adoration is suggested. You might proceed this way:

Today let's say prayers of adoration—and tell God how much we love Him.

The prayers you begin with should be specific to your needs. This will model to the children that you believe God does care about all the details of your life, and you pray to Him about these things. Your example will increase their confidence in praying to God.

I'll start. Dear God, you are great and good. I love you so much because . . .
(insert personal prayer).

➤ Prior to making your transition to Circle Time, we suggest you take time for restroom breaks and hand washing.

➤ Preschoolers need to move. This is a good opportunity to get them to move. Make an orderly transition to the Circle Time. You can have carpet squares if you want to sit on the floor, or help them to move their chairs into the circle.

Pass the stuffed animal around the circle giving all the children an opportunity to say a prayer telling God they love Him.

Very good! Now let's put our stuffed animal away, and we'll get into God's Word.

GOD'S WORD

These first five questions will be repeated each week this quarter. The repetition of these questions will help to solidify these simple but foundational truths in the children's minds at a young age.

- ? **Does God know all things?** *Yes. Nothing can be hidden from God.*
- ? **Can you see God?** *No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me.*
- ? **Can God do all things?** *Yes! God can do all His holy will.*
- ? **Where do you learn how to love and obey God?** *In the Bible alone.*
- ? **Is God's Word true?** *Yes! Every Word of God is true.*

The following activity should be repeated at the beginning of each lesson to encourage anticipation and enthusiasm for looking into the Word of God. Use a sticky note to mark today's passage before you begin.

Bible Pass Around

➤ Before Bible Pass Around, place a sticky note in your Bible to mark the first passage to be read.

➤ When the Bible Pass Around Activity is completed, continue with the lesson.

We are going to start out today by looking into God's Word, the Bible. *Hold up Bible.* **God's Word is true, and we can trust what it says. But where should we look? One of you will help me with that. We're going to play Bible Pass Around. Whoever ends up with the Bible must hold it very carefully until it is time to look in it. When it is time to read, you can bring it to me, and we'll open it to see what we are going to talk about! Here's what we're going to do. I want everyone to count with me up to the number** *choose a number. You may also choose to practice the alphabet, recite the books of the Bible, sing one of the lesson songs, or recite the memory verse as you do this activity.* **We'll start right here. Hand the Bible to the first student. As we say each number (or word) you must carefully pass the Bible to the person beside you—remember, we don't want to drop it or tear it. Then when we get to the last number (or word), whoever has the Bible will hold on to it until we are ready to start our lesson. Are you ready? Let's begin.** *You may want to have the student with the Bible stand next to you until it is time to open it. Continue with the lesson when finished with Bible Pass Around.*

Refer to Lesson 10 Flip Chart. **Last week we learned that God wants other people to learn about Jesus. In our lesson, God used Philip to spread the word farther than it had gone before! God sent Philip on a journey. On his journey he met an Ethiopian man. This man worked for the queen of Ethiopia! The Ethiopian was in his chariot reading from the book of Isaiah. He wanted to understand who Isaiah, the prophet, wrote about. Philip knew who Isaiah wrote about. Philip had the opportunity to tell the Ethiopian man about Jesus!**

- ? **Did the Ethiopian man believe in Jesus?** *Yes!*

The man believed in Jesus! So, Philip baptized him. Then the man went home to Ethiopia. Now there was someone in Ethiopia who believed in Jesus! The Ethiopian man could spread the word about Jesus in another nation! And that's just what God wanted him to do!

Refer to Lesson 9 Flip Chart. Back in Jerusalem, the apostles were telling others about Jesus even though it got them into trouble! They were put in jail! The religious leaders commanded them to STOP teaching and talking about Jesus. But they would not stop! They had an important message. Jesus is the ONLY name by which men can be saved. The apostles wanted others to know that and understand it.

But it wasn't easy for them. There were many people who hated the Christians. The Christians believed in Jesus and would not stop talking about Him! The people who hated them tried and tried to stop them from talking about Jesus.

But Jesus is the truth. And a lot of people did not want to hear the truth. There was one man who was especially mean to the Christians. His name was Saul.

? Can you say that name with me? *Repeat "Saul" several times.*

We are going to read about Saul from the book of Acts. *Make this a special time as the student brings the Bible, and he/she opens it to where the sticky note is. Show the students where the book is. Let them look at it. Carry it around your circle.*

Listen to what the Bible says in Acts 9:1–2. *Read Acts 9:1–2 enthusiastically.*

Saul hated the Christians. He wanted to get rid of them! He wanted to stop them from talking about Jesus! And Saul had a plan to make that happen. He was on his way to a town called Damascus.

? Can you say that with me? *Repeat "Damascus" several times.*

Refer to Lesson Illustration #1. Saul wanted to find all the Christians there and tie them up! Then he would take them away to jail! Surely that would stop the Christians! But that is not what he ended up doing! He did leave for Damascus. But something happened to Saul on the way that would change his life forever! Listen as I read Acts 9:3–4. *Read Acts 9:3–4. Emphasize the answers to the questions below. Re-read the portions of the verse that will answer the questions as you ask them.*

? What did Saul see suddenly? *Acts 9:3. A light.*

? Where did the light come from? *Acts 9:3. From heaven.*

? What did Saul do when he saw the bright light? *Acts 9:4. He fell to the ground.*

? Then Saul heard a voice! What did the voice say? *Acts 9:4. Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*

Acts 9:1–2

Acts 9:3–4

► Re-read the verses or the portion of the verse(s) that answer the questions you are asking of the text. The children should hear God's Word and know they can answer questions from it. It is not too hard for them.

Acts 9:5a

Refer to Lesson Flip Chart. Wow! Saul must have been surprised! He must have been scared, too! A bright light and a voice came from heaven! This voice knew Saul's plan to get the Christians. I wonder what happened next! The Bible tells us! Listen carefully! *Read Acts 9:5a.*

? What did Saul ask? *Who are you, Lord?*

Saul wanted to know who was speaking to him from heaven! I think I would have wanted to know, too! Wouldn't you? Let's find out who it was. *Read Acts 9:5b.*

Acts 9:5b

? What was the answer? Who was it? *It was Jesus!*

Yes! It was Jesus! Jesus called to Saul from heaven. And Saul's life was about to change forever!

Acts 9:6

Well, the book of Acts tells us how Saul felt about all of this. Listen to this! *Read Acts 9:6.*

? How did Saul feel? *Allow discussion.*

He was trembling and astonished! That means he was probably very surprised and very scared!

? What do you think Saul's face looked like? Can you make a scared and surprised face with me? *Make a scared and surprised face.*

Saul was afraid and surprised! Jesus had died on the Cross. And now Jesus was talking to him from heaven! And Saul hated Jesus!

? What did Saul ask? *Re-read Acts 9:6. What do you want me to do?*

Yes! Saul was ready to listen to Jesus now! Jesus told Saul to go into the city of Damascus and wait. Saul obeyed Jesus. He got up to go. But he couldn't see! The bright light from heaven had blinded him! The men with him had to lead him by the hand into the city because he couldn't see where he was going.

Saul thought he had a plan for his own life. But God had a very different plan for him. God is in control! The Bible tells us that Saul was changed forever that day! He heard the voice of the Lord!

Refer to Lesson Illustration #1. Saul once hated the Christians and planned to kill them! He wanted to stop them.

Show Lesson Illustration #2. But God changed Saul! Now Saul was a Christian. He loved Jesus! And he wanted to tell others about Jesus. He would preach the gospel to Jews. He would preach the gospel to Gentiles. He would preach the gospel to kings. He would preach the gospel to anyone who would listen to him.

Refer again to Lesson Illustrations. **God changed Saul forever. Saul tried to stop the Christians from talking about Jesus.** *Show Lesson Illustration #1.*

But now Saul was a Christian, and he wouldn't stop talking about Jesus!
Show Lesson Illustration #2.

SONG TIME

Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. **Saul wanted to destroy the gospel. But when God changed Saul, he wanted to share the gospel! The gospel IS the power of God for salvation! Sing the Memory Verse Song with me!** *Sing the Memory Verse Song two or three times.*

Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page. **Jesus is the truth. People need to hear the truth. God calls us to tell others about the truth of Jesus Christ. I have a new song to teach you today. It is called, "Jesus Is the Truth." Let's sing it a few times together.** *Sing together while clapping.*

The Holy Spirit comes into believers' hearts when they turn from their sins and trust in Jesus. The Spirit helps the followers of Jesus know just what to do! Let's sing "The Holy Spirit Song." *Sing together while marching around the circle.*

Repeat songs as time allows. You may want to add hand motions, stomping, marching, or instruments.

► Turn to the Flip Chart Song Page and Flip Chart Memory Verse Page during this part of the lesson.

► Lyrics can be found on the Flip Chart Song Page and the Song Sheet at the end of this Teacher Guide.



Blind Saul

MATERIALS

- Blind Saul Questions
- Blindfold

INSTRUCTIONS

Have students answer the Blind Saul Questions. After each question is answered, blindfold one student and lead him from one end of the room to the other. Lead different "blind students" as the questions are answered.

Today we're going to pretend that we are Saul on the road to Damascus. I will ask you a question from today's lesson. After you answer it, I will put a blindfold on one of you, and we'll lead you across the room. Saul's friends had to lead him into Damascus because God had blinded him!

I want all of you to help answer the questions, and you can take turns being "Blind Saul." Are you ready? Let's go! *Play the game.*

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Saul saw a bright light that blinded his eyes. This light came from heaven. A voice spoke to Saul from heaven. It was Jesus! Jesus told Saul to go to Damascus and wait. God would tell him what to do. But Saul could not see. His friends had to help him get to Damascus. Jesus called Saul, and he was changed forever!



Old Saul–New Saul Flip Stick

MATERIALS

- Saul Flip Stick sheets for each student
- Crayons
- Craft stick for each student
- Glue sticks or tape
- Completed flip stick to show

INSTRUCTIONS

Print and cut out one Saul Flip Stick sheet for each student. Have students color each picture. Help students fold the pictures together, glue the craft stick onto one of the pictures, and tape or glue the other sides together.

Show completed flip stick. We're going to make a flip stick today. Here's old Saul; he wanted

to stop the Christians. And here is new Saul! God changed him, and now he told others about Jesus! First I want you to color the pictures. Then I will help you put the stick between them.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Saul did not like the Christians! They were telling everyone about Jesus! He HAD to stop them. Saul was on his way to Damascus. He planned to arrest more Christians. But God had a different plan for Saul. Saul met Jesus on the road to Damascus. God changed Saul. Now Saul told everyone he met about Jesus!



Memory Verse Review and Activity

Romans 1:16a For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.

MATERIALS

- Flip Chart Memory Verse Page
- Memory Verse Flashcards printed on cardstock
- Tape or poster putty

INSTRUCTIONS

Print, preferably onto cardstock, and cut out one set of the Memory Verse Flashcards. Tape the cards in order on the wall or board as you recite the verse together. Review the verse as you point to each card. Choose a student to remove one card from the wall. Recite the verse again with the class. Continue to choose students to remove cards one at a time, reciting the whole verse after each card is removed.

We're going to practice our memory verse. Let's say it first. *Point to each flashcard as you say each word and have the students repeat.*

Good job! Now I'm going to ask one of you to come up and take one of our cards down. Then we'll say the verse without that card! Do you think we can do it? Of course we can! OK, let's do it! *Call on a student to take down one card then recite the verse together. Help the students to recite the verse after each card is removed. Continue until the cards are gone.*

You may want to sing the Memory Verse Song instead of saying the verse. When finished, see if anyone can say the verse using the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page.

CONNECT TO THE TRUTH

Because Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the grave, sinners can have eternal life in heaven one day! That is good news! We should never be ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God to salvation!



Applying God's Word/Snack

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

After thanking God for your snack, review today's lesson using the Flip Chart.

Jesus's followers would not stop talking about Him! This made Saul very angry! He wanted to destroy the Christians. But God had a different plan. Saul met Jesus on the road to Damascus. The Bible tells us that after meeting Jesus, Saul was changed forever! He heard the voice of the Lord! Saul became a Christian and leader of Jesus's church. Now he would preach the gospel to anyone who would listen.

GOD'S WORD IN THE REAL WORLD

Jesus is the ONLY name by which men can be saved. This is the truth. But some people do not want to hear the truth. They want to stop people from talking about Jesus. The Bible tells the followers of Jesus not to be ashamed of the gospel. The gospel is the power of God for salvation! We want others to know that and understand it.

► Pass out the Student Take Home Sheets and remind the children to practice the memory verse this week.



Group Prayer Time

- Praise God for the apostles who were not ashamed of the gospel.
- Pray that God will open the eyes of the blind to see Jesus.

Do you still have more time? Review the past quarters using the Flip Charts, add another coloring sheet, recite and review the current and past memory verses, sing more songs, bring out play dough. Keep the children occupied with intentional, God-centered activities until their parents come to pick them up.

Song Sheet

ROMANS 1:16

(To the tune of "Amazing Grace")

For I'm not a-ashamed

(Amazing grace!)

Of the gospel of Christ,

(How sweet the sound)

For it is the-e power o-of God

(That saved a wretch like me.)

To-o sa-alvation for

(I once was lost,)

Everyone who believes.

(But now am found,)

Romans one ver-erse si-ixteen.

(Was blind, but now I see.)

JESUS IS THE TRUTH

(To the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell")

Jesus is the truth.

(The farmer in the dell,)

Yes, Jesus is the truth.

(The farmer in the dell.)

The Bible tells us; we can know that

(Hi -Ho the Derry-O!)

Jesus is the truth!

(The farmer in the dell.)

THE HOLY SPIRIT SONG

(To the tune of "Do You Know the Muffin Man?")

Do you have the Spi-i-rit?

(Do you know the muffin man,)

The Spi-i-rit, the Spi-i-rit.

(The muffin man, the muffin man?)

Do you have the Spi-i-rit,

(Do you know the muffin man,)

Li-ving inside of you?

(Who lives on Drury Lane?)

If you are a follower,

Of Jesus Christ, of Jesus Christ.

If you are a follower,

The Spirit lives in you.

The Spirit is the He-el-per

Sent by God, when you believe.

The Spirit is the He-el-per,

To know just what to do!

Think of fun ways to sing. Get children in a circle holding hands. They can go in one direction and at each verse quickly reverse direction. Put one or more than one child in the middle of the circle. Go around them then move in and back out! Get them into a straight line. Have them follow you around the room.