

The Story Week 29 -

God Uses Paul

Overview Card

**Memory Verse:**

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back and take you to be with me.
- John 14:3

Bottom Line:

When I believe in Jesus, God transforms my life.

Songs:

Great Big God
Life With Jesus
I Like To

Coloring Page:

Jesus talks to Saul

Resource:

The Story for Little Ones, Chapter 29:
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The Very Hungry Caterpillar

What You Need:

The book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle.

What You Do:

Sit with the children and read the book, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle.

What You Say:

In our story, the caterpillar was transformed from a caterpillar into a beautiful butterfly, and in our Bible lesson Saul was transformed from a mean cruel man into a kind, loving man after God's heart.

Our story tells about a caterpillar's transformation and our Bible lesson tells about Saul's transformation. Our Bible lesson shows how God can completely transform a person's life when they believe in Jesus. God has a purpose and plan for each person that places his/her faith in Jesus. God chose Saul to be His instrument to share the Good News.

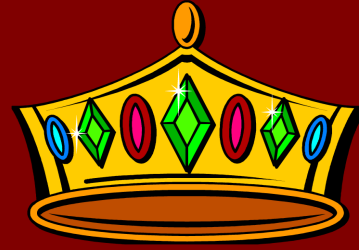


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I Can Be a Follower

What You Need: No supplies necessary

What You Do:

Have the children stand in a circle. Walk around in a circle as they sing the first verse of the song, "Paul Became a Follower" to the tune of "Do You Know the Muffin Man." Walk around the circle in the opposite direction as you sing the second stanza.

Paul Became a Follower:

Paul became a follower,
A follower, a follower
Paul became a follower
Of Jesus, our friend.

I can be a follower,
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What You Say:

Saul was a man who did not believe in Jesus. In fact he was so mad at the people who did believe in Jesus, that he wanted to arrest them. As he was traveling to a town, something strange happened. A bright light from Heaven suddenly flashed around him. Saul fell to the ground. He heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul! Why are you doing things against me?" Saul said, "Who are you, Lord?" The voice answered, "I am Jesus. I am the One you are trying to hurt. Get up now and go into the city." Saul got up from the ground. He opened his eyes—BUT HE COULD NOT SEE! So the men who came with him had to lead him to the town.

In town, there was a person named Ananias. He loved Jesus very much. The Lord spoke to him and said, "Get up and go to the house of Judas. Ask for a man named Saul from the city of Tarsus. He is praying in the house. Ananias obeyed God and went to the house and found Saul. He put his hands on Saul's eyes and something like fish scales fell off. Immediately Saul could see!

Saul decided to love Jesus and wanted to serve Him and His friends. Saul decided to change his name to show the change in his heart. His name became Paul. Paul stayed in town and told people about Jesus' love. He shared with them how Jesus had changed his life. He told them how much God loved them. All the people were amazed. They knew that Jesus had definitely changed his life. When I believe in Jesus, God transforms my life.



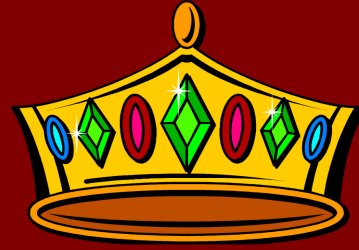
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Change It

What You Need:

Pictures of "Change It" cards and masking tape

http://gracepointe.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/GP-Preschool_Paul_5-29-11.pdf

What You Do:

Photocopy the change cards from the website listed above and ensure that you have enough cards for at least two of the children to have the same card. Tape the cards to the children's clothing. Make sure each child knows the card that is taped to his or her clothing. Have the children stand in a circle.

Practice to be sure the children understand the game. Call out one of the things pictured on the cards, like caterpillar. Have all the children wearing a caterpillar card change places in the circle. Play the game until everyone's card has been named at least once. Occasionally say, Everybody, Change It!

What You Say:

"When I call out frog, everyone who has a frog picture changes places. When I call out butterfly, everyone who has a butterfly picture changes places. Stay in the circle. When I say, Everyone change it! Everyone in the circle will change places with someone else."



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Going to Saul

What You Need: Balancing Ball Spoons and Balls, Extra Balls and Bucket



What You Do:

The children will pretend that they are taking the good news to Saul by playing a spoon relay game.

1. Divide the children into two teams and have them form two lines.
2. Place the ball at the start of each line.
3. Give the first child in each line a spoon.
4. The object is to carry the spoon, with the ball, to the other side of the room and drop the ball into the bowl. Then, to bring the spoon back to the next person in line.
5. The next person in line repeats this until all of the children in the line have had a turn.
6. If the ball falls, the child simply stops and picks it up, puts it back in the spoon, and continues walking.

What You Say:

"Today we are going to play a game that will remind us of the Bible Story about Saul. You are going to pretend to be Ananias. He brought the good news to Saul that God was going to heal him and that he had great plans for him. We are going to pretend that the ball is the good news.



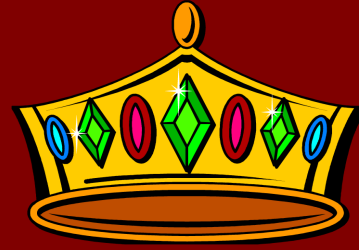
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I Choose to Believe

What You Need: “Page of People”, scissors, masking tape, glue sticks, a long piece of butcher paper, and cardstock in an assortment of colors.

What You Do:

Before the activity: Make copies of “Page of People” on a variety of different paper. Cut the page into four different pages, give one person to each child.

During the activity: Tape the butcher paper to the wall at the children’s eye level. Write “I Choose to Believe” at the top of the page. Give each child one person. Tell kids to cut out their person and decorate it anyway they like. Once they have cut out their person, show them how to glue them to the butcher paper on the wall. Stand back together and look at all the different people.

What You Say:

At the start of the activity: “Our Bible story today was about a man named Saul. Saul was a man who did not believe in Jesus. In fact he was so mad at the people who did believe in Jesus, that he wanted to arrest them. Jesus talked to Saul and changed his heart. After that, Saul decided to love Jesus and wanted to serve Him and His friends. Saul decided to change his name to show the change in his heart. His name became Paul. Paul stayed in town and told people about Jesus’ love. He shared with them how Jesus had changed his life. He told them how much God loved them. All the people were amazed. They knew that Jesus had definitely changed his life. God loves us too. We can tell other people about His love and choose to believe just like Paul.

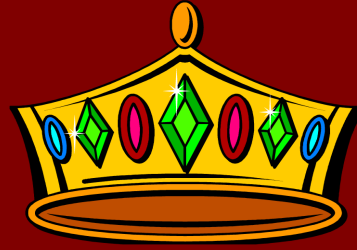


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CRAFT



Color Your Own Story of Paul

What You Need: Story Cube and Markers

What You Do: Use your own markers or crayons to color the illustrations and then assemble the story cube.



What You Say:

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In town, there was a person named Ananias. He loved Jesus very much. The Lord spoke to him and said, "Get up and go to the street called Straight Street. Find the house of Judas. Ask for a man named Saul from the city of Tarsus. He is praying in the house. But Ananias answered, "Lord, many people have told me about this man. He has done terrible things to people who believe in You." The Lord said to Ananias, "Go! I have chosen Saul for an important work. He believes in Me now and he will tell many people about Me. So Ananias obeyed God and went to the house and found Saul. He put his hands on Saul's eyes and something like fish scales fell off. Immediately Saul could see! But there was a difference in what he now saw.

He not only could see physically again, but now he saw everything with new eyes—spiritually. Before, he wanted to hurt Jesus' friends and even kill them; now, he loved Jesus and wanted to serve Him and His friends. Next, Saul got up and was baptized because he wanted everyone to know that he believed in Jesus. Saul decided to change his name to show the change in his heart. His name became Paul. Paul stayed in town and told people about Jesus' love. He shared with them how Jesus had changed his life. He told them how much God loved them. All the people were amazed. They knew that Jesus had definitely changed his life. God loves us too. We can tell other people about His love.



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