

CITY SG – May 16th- 17th, 2026

Bible Story: Paul Becomes a Believer | Ananias Helps Paul • Acts 9:1-31

Bottom Line: God can help you see things in a new way.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: Blindfolds (2 per bin), Plastic cups in two different colors (12 each color)

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Divide the kids into two teams and assign each team a cup color.
- Ask for one volunteer from each team to be a “stacker.”
- Blindfold the two stackers.
- Place a mixed pile of the colored cups in front of each blindfolded stacker.
- Explain that the rest of the team members will be the “guides.”
- When you say, “Go,” the guides are to give verbal instructions to help the blindfolded stacker find only their team’s colored cups and stack them.
- The first team to stack all of their cups wins.
- Play again with new volunteers as the stackers.

- **Say:** “Great job working together! If you were the stacker, you couldn’t see which cups to stack when you were blindfolded, could you? You needed your team to help you see! In our Bible Story today, we’re going to meet a man who couldn’t see, and then something amazing happened. God helped him see in a whole new way! Let’s go find out what happened.”

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Shake the Scales Off

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, Sticky notes

What You Do:

- Open your Bible and show the kids where the story is written. (Acts 9:1-31).
- Review the Bible Story with the kids by sharing the following points:
 - There was a man named Saul who thought he was helping God by arresting followers of Jesus.
 - While Saul was on his way to the city of Damascus to arrest Jesus-followers, Jesus appeared to him in a bright light! Jesus told Saul that Saul wasn’t helping Him at all!
 - Saul tried to open his eyes, but he couldn’t see.

- Saul's friends led him into the city. For three days, he prayed, and he didn't eat or drink anything.
- God told one of His followers, Ananias, to go and help Saul see again.
- Ananias didn't want to go! He had heard that Saul had done terrible things to Jesus' followers.
- But Ananias listened to God, went to the house where Saul was staying, and prayed for Saul.
- Something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again.
- Saul realized that he should be Jesus' friend, not His enemy!
- Saul started going around telling everyone, "Jesus loves you! Follow Him!"
- Ask the kids what they remember about Saul from the Bible Story. Remind them that when Jesus appeared to Saul, he was blinded.
- Ask for a volunteer to be Saul, and pick one from the kids who have their hands raised. Gently place several sticky notes over their eyes and on their arms and shirt, like "scales."
- Say, "When Saul couldn't see, he had to wait for three days. He prayed, and he didn't eat anything. Then God sent a man named Ananias to help him."
- Choose another child to be Ananias. Have "Ananias" come and gently take the sticky notes off the other volunteer's eyes.
- Say, "The Bible says it was like scales had fallen from Saul's eyes, and he could see again!"
- Now, give all the kids a few sticky notes and let them stick them on themselves.
- On the count of three, challenge everyone to shake, wiggle, and dance to "shake the scales off" without using their hands.

Say: "Great dancing and shaking, everyone! It feels good to get those sticky scales off so you can see! When the scales fell from Saul's eyes, he showed that he saw Jesus in a new way. He understood that Jesus was God's Son!"

2. Perseverance Challenge

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up Galatians 6:9.
- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
 - *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9
- Read the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Explain that you're going to practice the verse while doing some perseverance challenges.
- Lead the kids in saying the verse while everyone does each of the following actions:
 - Say the verse while balancing on one foot.
 - Say the verse while doing arm circles.
 - Say the verse while running in place as fast as you can.
- After each challenge, have the whole group cheer for each other: "DON'T STOP! DON'T GIVE UP—GOD'S WITH YOU!"

3. Prayer Activity

What You Need: LEGOs® or other building blocks (one set per bin)

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit with the blocks in the middle.
- Tell the group that you're going to build a prayer tower together.
- Start by saying something you want to pray for. It can be a prayer for a person or a "Thank You" to God.
- After you say what it is, place a block in the center of the circle.
- Invite the kid next to you to say something they want to pray for, then ask them to connect their block to yours.
- Continue around the circle with each kid adding their prayer and connecting a block to the structure.
- See how big you can build your prayer structure together.
- Encourage the kids to pray silently (or as a group) for some of the things they said.

- **Say:** "Look at our amazing prayer tower! Each block is a prayer we talked to God about. This helps us remember that when we pray together, we build each other up and grow stronger and stronger."

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- "Dear God, thank You for helping Saul see things in a new way. Please help us to see things in a new way, Your way, too. Help us see how we can be kind and how we can show Your love to others. Thank You for always being with us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, ask the kids to say one way they can show God's love to others.