Biblical Drama based on Acts 9:1-19
Character Parts: Narrators 1-8, High Priest, Saul, Jesus, Traveler, Ananias

Narrator 1: After Jesus' resurrection, many of the religious leaders in Jerusalem who had Jesus put to death were still trying to attack Jesus' followers.

High Priest: I'm sick of hearing about this Jesus! I thought we were rid of him. But now his followers are saying he is risen from the dead!

Saul: I know. Those Christians are so annoying. There must be something we can do to shut them up!

Narrator 2: Saul was one of the Jewish scribes who wanted to serve God, but he didn't believe in Jesus. In fact, Saul thought that people who followed Jesus were bad!

Saul: *(speaking to the high priest)* Excuse me, sir. I was wondering if you could give me a letter of approval so I can go to Damascus, arrest the followers of Jesus there, and bring them here to Jerusalem to be put on trial.

High Priest: Hmmm. Great idea! I've wanted to do that, myself, but I simply cannot fit another arrest into my busy schedule.

Narrator 3: So Paul left for Damascus that very day. But as he neared the city, something strange happened — a great light from the sky flashed all around him. Saul fell to the ground. Suddenly, a voice spoke.

Jesus: Saul, Saul! Why are you persecuting me?

Saul: Who are you, Lord?

Jesus: I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. Now, get up and go to the city. There you will be told what to do.

Traveler: What was that? I thought I heard a voice.

Saul: *(getting up)* Yes, I did, too — wait a minute! I can't see! I've been blinded!

Traveler: Really? Let me see. How many fingers am I holding up?

Saul: How would I know! I just told you I'm blind!

(The travelers pick Saul up and help him.)

Narrator 4: So the travelers took Saul by the hand and led him into Damascus. For three days Saul was not able to see. During that time he didn't eat or drink anything.

Narrator 5: Meanwhile, there was a Christian in Damascus named Ananias *(an-ah-NAI-as)* who had a vision, in which the Lord appeared to him.

Jesus: Ananias!

Ananias: Here I am, Lord.

Jesus: Go to Straight Street, and find a man from Tarsus named Saul. He's praying in Judas' house right now.

Ananias: But Lord, I heard this Saul is not a very nice guy. He has had your people arrested! I don't trust him!

Jesus: I know. But I want you to go anyway. I have chosen him to serve me.

Narrator 6: So Ananias went, entered the house, and placed his hands on Saul.

Ananias: Saul, Jesus sent me here so that you would see again, and that you would be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Narrator 7: At once, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he was cured!

Saul: I can see! Jesus has let me see again!

Narrator 8: Saul stood up. His strength came back, and he felt like a new man. He was baptized. Soon afterwards, Saul started to be called Paul. And from then on, he told everyone he met about Jesus!

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