Lesson 4: Transformation

Today's Bible Story

There was once a very serious man named Saul. He did not like people who believed in Jesus. So, he decided to go to a town called Damascus to have Jesus' followers arrested and put in jail.

But as Saul was traveling, a bright light suddenly flashed in the sky. A voice said, "Saul, why are you hurting me?"

Saul asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

The voice said, "I am Jesus, the one you are hurting. Rise now. I want you to go into the city; there I will tell you what to do."

Saul got up. But when he did, he found that he was blind. He couldn't see a thing! His friends had heard the voice but saw nothing. They were shaken. Because Saul was now blind, they had to lead him into the city.

Meanwhile, in Damascus, a Christian man named Ananias was going about his daily life, when he, too, received an unexpected visit. Jesus came to him in a vision and said, "Go find the man named Saul. He is praying and is expecting you."

Ananias was nervous about this idea. He had heard about Saul and the way Saul treated Christians. But when Ananias prayed to Jesus, he was told, "Go anyway. I have chosen this man to be my servant."

So, Ananias found Saul and touched his eyes. Suddenly Saul could see again! Overjoyed, he rose and was baptized. From that day on, Saul was called Paul. He traveled all over, telling people about Jesus. All who heard him speak were amazed, and asked one another, "Isn't this the man who put Christians in jail? What is he doing now?" But Paul, whose faith had given him new strength, continued sharing the good news of Jesus wherever he went.



From Acts 9:1-19

Bible Rhyme

Saul was quite an angry man.
He had a very rotten plan:
Find the Christians, make them wail,
and throw them, one and all, in jail!

But the Lord had other plans.
Jesus came to change the man.
"Saul," he said, "Now that's enough!
"You have simply been too rough!"

Saul was shaken, but he knew
just what he should start to do:
Help the Christians after all!
And from that day on his name was Paul.

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In today's story, Saul was on his way to arrest people who believed in Jesus.

What words did Saul hear on the road to Damascus?

To find out, use the code on the scroll to find the correct letters to write in the spaces below!

1) What mission did God give to Saul?

10	4	5		7	6	8	9	8		
3	12	1	5		11	1	9		4	14	6
2	6	14	8	6	13	9	17	10	16	15	

Look up Acts 9:5 to check your answer!

2) Why do you think God chose Saul instead of someone who already was a believer?



1 = o	9 = u
2 = p	10=i
3 = w	11 =y
4 = a	12=h
5 = m	13=c
6 = e	14=r
7 = j	15=g
8 = s	16=n
	17=t

3) As a sign of the change God brought about in Saul's life, his name was changed to _____.

What changed <u>inside</u> Saul that day?

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