

Kids Church

May 17, 2026

K- 1st Grades



Theme This Week- “The Gift of the Holy Spirit helps Paul!”

Prayer Time- Father, show us the inner workings of how You pull someone close to You so that they call You Father. Show us that You are working on people in our family and in our community. Show us that You run after everyone no matter what and You never give up. And please use this time together to pull these kids and their families into Your family.

Challenge- Follow my Voice- blindfolded ones must follow their partners.

Special Story- Those gym lights actually blinded me.

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 8:9

Songs- Free, Goodness of God, Jesus Loves Me

Devotion- Paul becomes a believer
Acts 9:1-31

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Small Group Time

Circle of Silence

What You Need:

- Blindfold
- Object that makes a soft noise (small bell, egg shaker, tambourine, etc.)

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle on the floor in the activity area.
- Ask for a volunteer to be the “Listener,” and invite them to sit in the middle of the circle with a blindfold on.
- Explain that you will silently hand the noisemaker to someone in the circle.
- That person will gently shake it one time.
- The Listener will point in the direction the sound came from.
- If they point correctly, the person with the noisemaker becomes the new Listener. If not, the Listener gets to try again.
- Play for several rounds, letting different kids be the Listener.

What You Say:

“That was tricky! When you couldn’t use your eyes, you had to use your ears to ‘see’ where the sound was. You had to perceive things in a new way. When Saul was blind, he had to listen very carefully to what God was telling him. Sometimes, when we feel like we can’t ‘see’ what God is doing, we need to stop and listen. We might hear God tell us to see someone in a different way. Maybe someone seems angry, but when you stop and listen to God, you realize they really need a friend. When you stop and listen, **[Bottom Line] God can help you see things in a new way.**”

Take Time to Pray with your Kiddos!

Memory Verse Mountain

What You Need:

- Bible
- “Memory Verse Mountain” Activity Page
- Cardstock
- Scissors
- Coloring supplies

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Print “Memory Verse Mountain” on cardstock and cut, one per kid.

During the Activity:

- Open the Bible to Galatians 6:9 and read the Memory Verse out loud to the group.
- Give each kid a “Memory Verse Mountain” Activity Page (the mountain and the person).
- Show the kids the Memory Verse on their Activity Page.
- Encourage kids to color the mountain scene and the person on their paper.
- Show kids how to carefully slide the person into the slit on the mountain.
- Demonstrate how they can move the person up and down the mountain path.
- Practice saying the verse together as kids move the paper person up and down the mountain: *“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”*

What You Say:

“Look at your little trekker climbing the mountain! Our Memory Verse reminds us to keep going and not give up, just like a mountain climber. Sometimes the path is hard, but we can persevere!”

“After Saul met God on the road to Damascus, he didn’t give up sharing the good news about Jesus. With his perseverance, the church continued to grow as more and more people began to hear about Jesus and start their forever friendship with Him. Remember, God is with us, and **[Bottom Line] God can help you see things in a new way.**”

Discussion Questions

1. What was Paul's name before he became a Christian? Saul
2. Did Saul even like Jesus? Not at all.
3. What was Saul's goal? To get rid of all Christians.
4. Why was Saul going to Damascus? He heard there were Christians there.
5. What happened as Saul approached Damascus? A brilliant light shone in his face from the sky- so bright that he fell to the ground.
6. What did Saul and those with him hear from the sky? "Saul, Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"
7. When Saul asked who this is, what did the voice say? I am Jesus.
8. What happened to Saul vision? He was blinded for three days.
9. What did Jesus tell Saul to do? Go into Damascus and wait for a man named Ananias to help you.
10. What happened to Saul after he got his vision back? He changed everything, got baptized, and started to tell everyone that Jesus is real.
11. What do you think Saul thought about during those three days he was blind?
12. What do you think God might want you to do in your life?