

# hopekids



## Four[Five- May 17

**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.

**Conversation Starter:** When have you discovered something new about God?

**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

### What You Do:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive
- Have a couple students be door greeters, a couple more help with communion in the big church and a few more to volunteer to stay and help with the littles once we finish in the elementary room.

I took out the activity time before lesson because so, any students are passing out communion or door greeters.

Instead, spend this time playing games with the students or talking to them about how their week went.

This is the get to know your students time.

**9:05/10:50 Leave for the Elementary Room**

**9:45/11:30 Leave for the Merge room**

# Communion

## What You Do:

First - have one of the students pass out communion once everyone is seated.

Discuss communions and the importance of taking it and have one of the students pray.

# Changed

## What You Need:

- Plastic tablecloth
- Clear glass
- Warm water
- Ground turmeric
- Rubbing alcohol
- Baking soda
- Vinegar
- Spoons
- Small plastic cups

## What You Do:

### *Before the Activity:*

- Spread out the tablecloth on a table or on the floor in the activity area.
- Fill the clear glass halfway with warm water and stir in one tablespoon of baking soda, one per Small Group.
- Pour a half cup of rubbing alcohol into a plastic cup then stir in one teaspoon of turmeric, one per Small Group.
- Pour a half cup of vinegar into a second plastic cup, one per Small Group.

### *During the Activity:*

- Hold up the jar of warm baking soda water and say, "This represents Saul. He thought he was doing the right thing, but his view was a little cloudy."
- Ask kids to watch as you pour some of the turmeric solution into the water. It will start out as a yellowish-orange color and turn to a reddish-orange color. Say, "This is like the moment Saul met Jesus on the road. It was a dramatic, life-changing encounter."
- Say, "When Jesus came into Saul's life, it was like a light turned on. Saul began to see everything differently." Add some vinegar, and watch the red water turn

back to yellow. Say, “Even after we follow Jesus, we still have to keep choosing to see things His way. The world will try to pull us back to our old ways of thinking.”

### **What You Say:**

“That was a pretty cool transformation, right? Just like the water changed colors, Saul’s entire life changed when he met Jesus. Before meeting Jesus, Saul believed that the stories about Jesus were dangerous lies. He went from being someone who hated Christians to being one of the most influential people for Jesus who ever lived!

“After meeting Jesus, Saul’s way of seeing the world completely changed. He became one of Jesus’ most loyal followers. It’s a powerful reminder that no matter how you see things right now—your friends, your family, or even yourself—God can help you see other people in a new way too. You can always ask the Holy Spirit to show you how God sees the people in your life. Maybe your little sister seems super annoying, but she really thinks you’re amazing and just wants to be with you. Maybe that rude kid at school who says mean stuff is just lonely, and no one is kind to them at home. God can even help you change the way you see your circumstances. No matter what’s going on in your life, God loves you, He’s always with you, and He has promised to make everything right in the end. Keep your eyes focused on Jesus, and **[Bottom Line] God can help you see things in a new way.**”

***[Make It Personal] (Share a kid-appropriate time about how God helped you see things in a new way. For example, you could share something like: “There was a time when I was really judgmental about someone. I only saw their flaws. But I asked God to help me see them the way He does, and over time, my perspective totally changed! I started to see their good qualities and the reasons God loves them. God completely changed how I saw that person.”)***

## ***Please take time to Pray!***

### **Ask:**

- Why do you think Jesus chose to appear to Saul in such a dramatic way (a blinding light and speaking voice) instead of in a quieter way, like a dream?
- When Jesus told Ananias to go to Saul, Ananias argued at first. Why was it so hard for him to believe Saul could change?
- Right after Saul could see again, he immediately began preaching about Jesus. Why do you think Saul didn’t hesitate or wait?
- Why do you think God didn’t just fix Saul instantly, but instead used Ananias—a regular Jesus-follower—to be part of Saul’s healing?
- After Saul’s transformation, the church continued to grow. How did Saul’s new mission help spread the message of Jesus even further?