

Kids Church

May 17, 2026

2nd-3rd 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

Magic Appearing Picture

What You Need:

- White paper towels
- Washable markers
- Permanent markers
- Shallow pan
- Water
- Plastic tablecloth or tarp

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Spread the plastic tablecloth or tarp on a table or on the floor in the activity area.
- Fill the shallow pan half full of water and place it in the middle of the plastic tablecloth or tarp.

During the Activity:

- Give each kid a paper towel and instruct them to fold it in half.
- On the top layer of the folded paper towel, instruct kids to draw a simple picture of a sad face or a face with closed eyes using the washable markers.
- Ask kids to open their paper towel, and on the inside layer, directly behind their first drawing, instruct them to carefully draw a happy face or a face with open eyes using the permanent markers.
- When kids are finished with their drawings, fold the paper towel so that the sad face is showing.
- Let the kids take turns gently placing their folded paper towel into the pan of water.
- Watch as the water soaks into the paper towel, making the sad face disappear while the happy face appears! (Thicker paper towels may need a slight shake to move the lifted ink from the paper towel.)

What You Say:

“Wow, look at that! The picture changed right before our eyes! At first, all we could see was the sad face. But underneath, there was a happy face waiting to appear. This is like what happened to Saul. On the outside, he seemed mean and angry. But God changed his heart on the inside!

“God can help you see things in a new way too! God can change your heart to help you see Jesus in a new way. He can help you trust that Jesus is always with you, especially when things feel scary or uncertain or overwhelming. God can help you see other people in a new way too. Maybe that rude kid at school who says mean stuff is just lonely, and no one is kind to them at home. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you because **[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?