

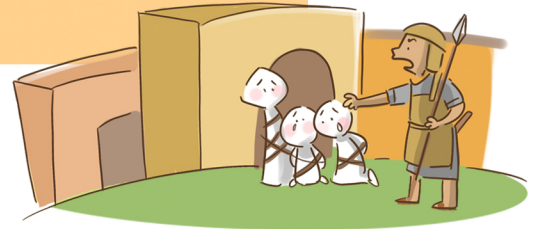


THE ADVENTURES OF PAUL

5. SAUL IS CHANGED



Saul hated the Church, but Jesus met him in a powerful way, and he was changed. Jesus changes us when we meet with Him.



¹⁻² But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

³⁻⁴ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him,

Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?

⁵ And he said,

Who are you, Lord?



And he said,

I am Jesus, whom you are
persecuting.

⁶ But rise and enter the city, and
you will be told what you are to do.

⁷⁻⁸ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.



⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said,



11-12 And the Lord said to him,

Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.

13-14 But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.”



15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.

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DID YOU KNOW



Damascus is believed to be one of the oldest cities in the world! Today, it has a large Christian population, even though Syria is a Muslim country. The light of the Gospel continues to shine there.



Saul was not just persecuting Christians, he was persecuting Jesus Himself (Acts 9:5). We are the body of Christ. When someone attacks us, they attack Jesus. (1 Corinthians 12:27).



The Greek word for “instrument” in Acts 9:15 also means “vessel”, like a jar. Saul was going to carry the Gospel to many different people around the world. All believers are vessels for the Lord, like Paul (2 Corinthians 4:7).



Saul is usually called Paul in the Bible, but he didn't really change his name. ‘Paul’ was his name in Greek, which was the common language at that time. His name was the same, but inside he was a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 in your Bible and write it below. The Lord makes you a new creation in Jesus Christ just as He did for Saul!



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LET'S HAVE FUN *

Find the hidden words below about Saul's conversion:

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P E G F Q F O D P Z U P Q G K

Saul
Damascus
Ananias
scales
persecute
goats
road
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Decorate this:

I am a new
creation!

