

Paul (Saul) Learns About Jesus

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Scripture Reference

Acts 9: 1-20

The Point!

God wants everyone to know about Jesus!

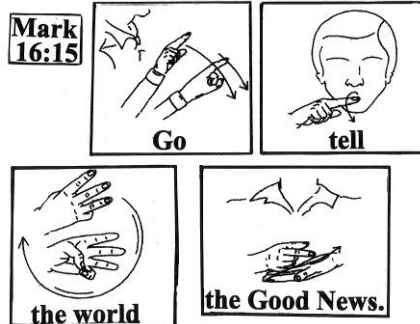
Lesson Goals

- ♥ **Tell** what God did to show love to Paul.
- ♥ **Identify** a way God shows love to him or her.
- ♥ **Be Encouraged** to tell someone that Jesus loves them.

Worship Time:

Memory Verse: Go tell the world the Good News. Mark 16:15

Use sign language to teach the memory verse.



Opening Prayer:

Dear Lord,
Thank You for loving us.
Thank You for Jesus.
In Jesus name, amen.

Songs:

Everybody Ought to Know

(Tune: "London Bridge")

(Adapted from: Everybody Ought to Know; House to House Pub., 1994. pg. 6)

(Clap while singing.)

Everybody ought to know, ought to know, ought to know.

Everybody ought to know, **Jesus loves YOU!**

(Gently touch someone near you.)

People near me ought to know, ought to know, ought to know.

People near me ought to know, **Jesus loves YOU!**

(Encourage children to look at and wave to someone far from them.)

Far-away people ought to know, ought to know, ought to know.

Far-away people ought to know, **Jesus loves YOU!**

(Adults in the room stand.)

Big people ought to know, ought to know, ought to know.

Big people ought to know, **Jesus loves YOU!**

(Children in room stand.)

Small people ought to know, ought to know, ought to know.

Small people ought to know, **Jesus loves YOU!**

(Sing this verse to child next to you.)

Every neighbor ought to know, ought to know, ought to know.

Every neighbor ought to know, **Jesus loves YOU!**

Lesson Introduction Activity:

Flashlight Fun

Based on activity in Gospel Light's Movers and Shakers

Do: Children interact with a flashlight.

Talk About:

- What are some other things that make bright lights?

After our snack, we will hear what happened when a man saw a very bright light.

Bible Story: Read the story from The Read With Me Bible.

Saul Believes & Saul in Damascus

The Read with Me Bible

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Saul wanted to find men and women who belonged to Jesus. He wanted to take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. On his journey, Saul approached Damascus. Suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground. He heard a voice say to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you opposing me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus," He replied. "I am the one you are opposing. Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do." The men traveling with Saul weren't able to speak. They heard the sound. But they didn't see anyone. Saul got up from the ground. He opened his eyes, but he couldn't see. So the men led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind. In Damascus there was a believer named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias! Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street. Ask for a man named Saul. He is praying." Then Ananias went to the house. He placed his hands on Saul. "Brother Saul," he said, "you saw Jesus. He sent me so that you will be able to see again. You will be filled with the Holy Spirit." Right away something like scales fell from Saul's eyes. And he could see again. He got up and was baptized. Saul spent several days with the believers in Damascus. He began to preach that Jesus is the Son of God. All who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Isn't he the man who caused great trouble in Jerusalem for those who worship Jesus?" After many days, the Jews planned to kill Saul. But he learned of their plan. Day and night they watched the city gates closely in order to kill him. But his followers helped him escape by night. They lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.

Discussing the story:

Ask: Where was Saul going? Where did the light come from? Who spoke to Saul from the light? What happened to Saul's eyes? Who helped Saul see again? What did Saul start doing after he could see again?

Say: Saul was going to Damascus to look for believers and put them in prison. Jesus spoke to Saul from the light and told him to stop. Saul could not see until Ananias helped him. After Saul could see again, he began to tell others about Jesus.

Pray: Thank God for Jesus. Thank God for missionaries. Ask God to help all of us to be missionaries for Jesus.

Closing Prayer:

Dear God,
Use all of me to share the news
So others can love You as I do.
In Jesus' name, amen.

Craft Activity: Gather a paper plate and a world cutout. Punch a hole in top of plate.

The Great Commission Reminder

Allow time to color their plate and world picture. Encourage the children to color the world similar to the globe, blue for the water and green for the land. Show them how to glue the world picture in the center of the plate.



Bible Activity: Say: *"Today we learned about a man named Saul whose name was changed to Paul when he learned about Jesus. After Paul learned about Jesus, he traveled many places to tell others about Jesus. Sometimes Paul walked and sometimes he traveled by boat. Let's pretend to travel with Paul."* Lead your family around your room using the following rhyme. Do the suggested motions.

Traveling with Paul

(Adapted from: *'Ring Around Jericho'*; Abingdon Press, 1999, pg. 105)

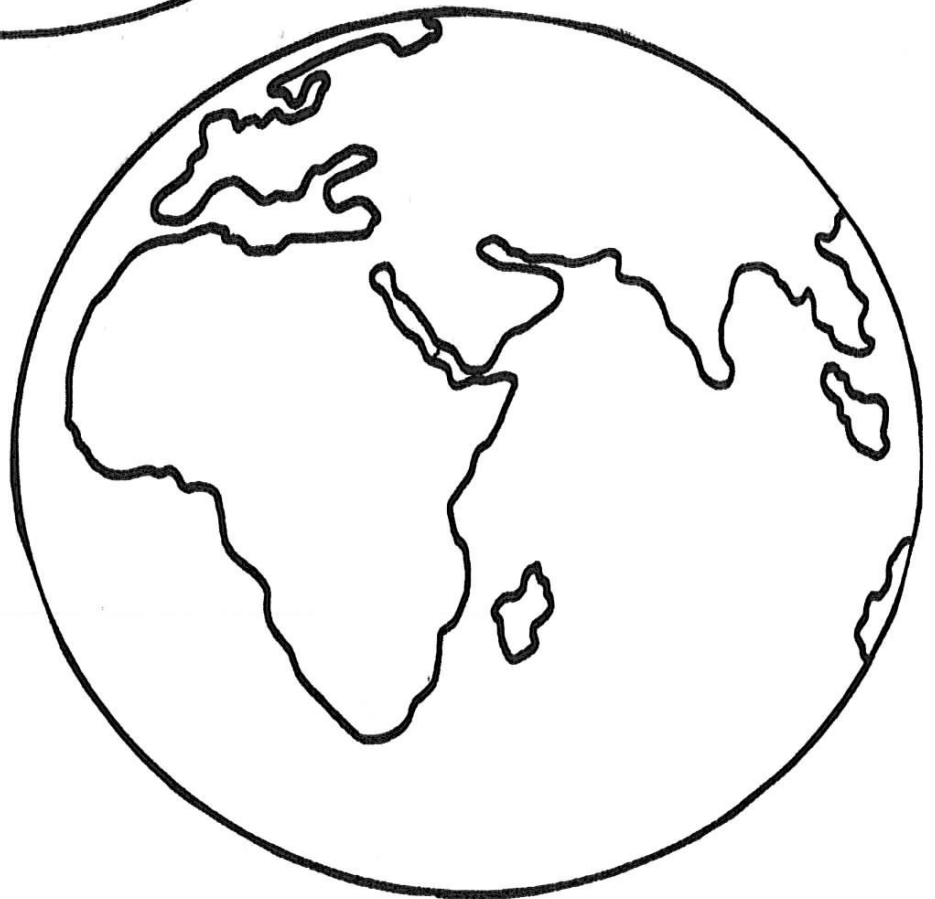
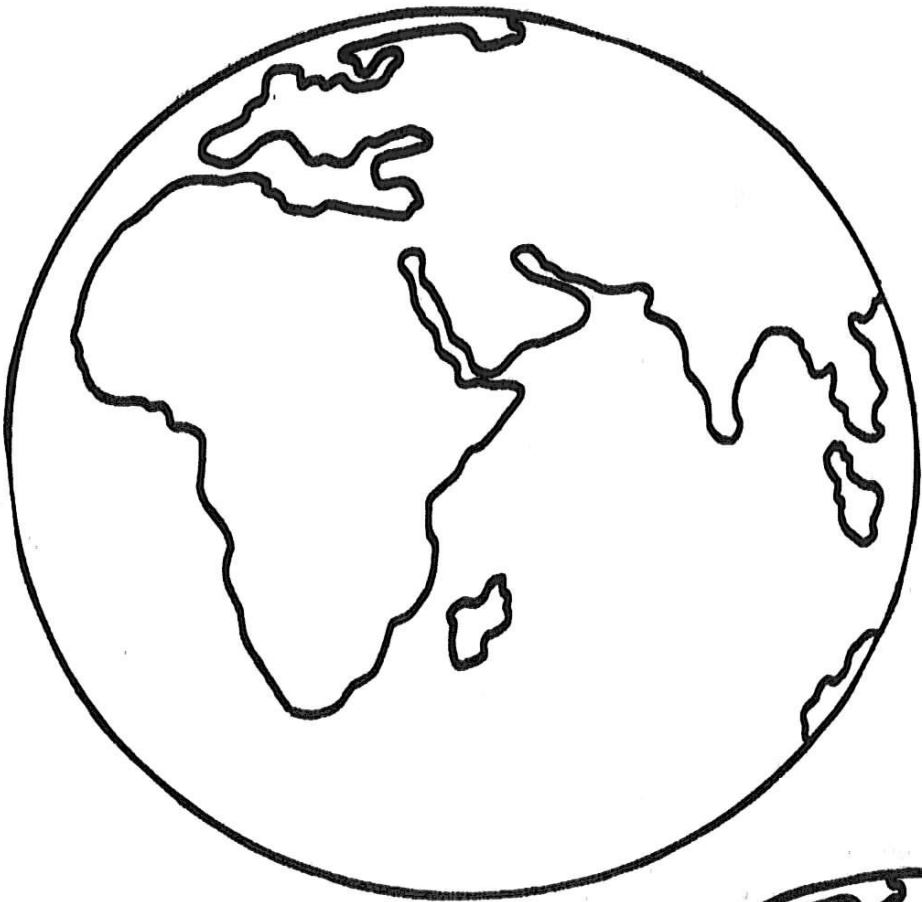
Let's walk to town, Paul, Paul, Paul.
(Walk around room.)
And tell about Jesus to all, all, all.
(Cup hands around mouth like a megaphone.)
We can go by camel.
(Pretend to ride camel.)
We can go by horse.
(Gallop like a horse.)
We can even go by boat.
(Pretend to row a boat.)
Of course!
Let's hop to town, Paul, Paul, Paul.
(Hop around the room.)
And tell about Jesus to all, all, all.
(Cup hands around mouth like a megaphone.)
We can go by camel.
(Pretend to ride camel.)

We can go by horse.
(Gallop like a horse.)
We can even go by boat.
(Pretend to row a boat.)
Of course!

Let's march to town, Paul, Paul, Paul.
(March around the room.)
And tell about Jesus to all, all, all.
(Cup hands around mouth like a megaphone.)
We can go by camel.
(Pretend to ride camel.)
We can go by horse.
(Gallop like a horse.)
We can even go by boat.
(Pretend to row a boat.)
Of course!

Let's tiptoe to town, Paul, Paul, Paul.
(Tiptoe around the room.)
And tell about Jesus to all, all, all.
(Cup hands around mouth like a megaphone.)
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(Pretend to ride camel.)
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Acts 9:1-19



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Saul lived in Jerusalem. He didn't believe that Jesus was God's Son. And he was angry that so many people did believe that God sent Jesus. Saul wanted to stop the people who loved Jesus! Sometimes he even put these people in jail.

Saul went to a city called Damascus to arrest people who loved Jesus. On his way, a bright light suddenly flashed! Saul fell to the ground. "Saul, Saul," a voice said. "Why are you fighting against Me?"

Saul asked, "Who are You, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, the One you are trying to hurt," the voice said. Now Saul knew Jesus really was God's Son. "Go into the city," Jesus told Saul. "You will be told what to do next."

When Saul stood up, he couldn't see anything. The people with him led him to a place to stay. For three days, Saul didn't eat or drink; instead, he prayed! Soon, God sent a man named Ananias to help Saul. Ananias prayed for Saul and Saul could see again. Now Saul wanted to tell others the good news about Jesus!

Faith @ Home

Saul Learns About Jesus

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Family Fun

Jesus Loves the Children of the World Collage

Look through catalogs and magazines for pictures of children from around the world. Cut them out or help your child cut them out. Glue them to a piece of paper.

Write Jesus loves all children. Talk with your child about how the children are different or alike. Talk about how God made all of us. Thank God for making us each special.

Prayer Time

PRAYER FOR YOUR CHILD

Lord, instill within (child's name) a heart's desire to tell others the Good News. Give him/her a Biblical worldview. Prepare him/her to be a missionary, whether it is at home or around the world.

Things to talk about:

- Paul was glad God loved Him.
- What can we say to thank God for His love?

Words to pray together:

Dear God,

Thank you for the good things you give us. Thank you for loving us. We (repeat words your child said.)

In Jesus' name, amen.

Family Devotion Time

Encourage your family to follow you in doing the actions during this story.

The Story of Paul

(Adapted from; Holy Moses Stomp, Abingdon Press; 2002, pg. 96)

Paul was mad, so the story goes,
Mad from his head down to his toes.
(Make an angry face, point to head & toes.)
He wanted all followers of Jesus' way
Taken to prison for the rest of their days.
(Hold wrists together as if tied together.)

So off he went to another town,
Traveling the road up hill and down.
(Walk in place, bending at knee, then standing straight.)

But before he'd traveled very far,
He saw a great light more bright than a star.
(Cover eyes with your hands as if light is shining in your face.)
He heard Jesus speaking from the light,
And Paul made a change that very night.
(Cup hand around ear.)
Paul was sorry he'd treated people so bad.
Paul made a change from mad to glad.
(Make a sad face then happy face.)

Now because the light was so very bright,
Paul could not see for three days and nights.

(Hold up three fingers.)

Then Jesus spoke to another man
And asked Ananias to give Paul a hand.

(Hold up your hand.)

Ananias was afraid at first,
For he had heard that Paul was the worst.

(Make a scared face.)

But Ananias went to Paul that day,
He taught Paul to follow Jesus' way.

(Walk your fingers.)

Ananias helped Paul see again.
Paul and Ananias became good friends.

(Hug yourself.)

Paul began to teach and preach and pray.
Now Paul was a follower of Jesus' way.

(Make a cross with your fingers.)