

## **A New Way to See Kinder Lesson**

**Main Scripture:** Acts 6-9, 12-28, Colossians 2, Romans 8, Ephesians 2

**Spiritual Truth:** Following Jesus TRANSFORMS us. When we follow Jesus we get a NEW life in Him. God doesn't see our sin anymore, he doesn't look at all the bad stuff we've done, he just sees Jesus.

**Supplies:** *2 Paper plates per child, popsicle sticks, tissue paper, tape, stapler, glue, foot coloring sheets, butcher paper, glue*

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### **Welcome**

Welcome children and introduce or remind them of Bible story time rules.

### **Prayer**

**Bible Story** (Acts 6-9, 12-28, Colossians 2, Romans 8, Ephesians 2)

Good Morning Friends! Last week we talked about God sending us a "helper". Do you remember who the "helper" was? The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps guide followers of Jesus to make right choices, be kind and can even pray for us when we don't know the right words to say.

Today we're going to talk about someone in the Bible who had a big transformation. Do you know what that word, "transformed" means? Transformed means that you were one way, then something happened and now you are totally different. Think about that movie "Transformers". They start as normal looking cars and then they "transform" or turn into something totally different, robot aliens! Today we're going to learn about a man who was "transformed" when he met Jesus--he changed so much, he even changed his name! Let's hear about his story from our "Jesus Storybook Bible". This story is called "A New Way to See".

*Read the story, pages 334-341.*

Saul went from hating Jesus and hurting his followers to loving Jesus with all his heart and telling everyone about Him! Now that is one crazy transformation! Saul even changed his name! What was his new name? Paul.

Jesus changed Paul's life forever. Even though Saul/Paul didn't love Jesus, Jesus loved him and had BIG plans for his life. When he met Jesus, on the road, what happened to him? He went blind. He had to go see Ananias, who knew Saul wasn't a good guy, but Ananias trusted God and obeyed and Saul got his sight back and became Paul.

So much of our New Testament is written by Paul. After he met Jesus, he gave his whole life to telling others about him, even when his life was in danger from shipwrecks, getting imprisoned and even once getting bitten by a snake! He knew that only Jesus could rescue people and he had to let them know.

So what did we learn today? Following Jesus TRANSFORMS us. Can you say that with me? Following Jesus TRANSFORMS us. When we follow Jesus we get a NEW life in Him. God doesn't see our sin anymore, he doesn't look at all the bad stuff we've done, he just sees Jesus. Just like he used a bad guy like Paul to tell the world about His son. Today we're going to do a few activities that teach us more about how Jesus transforms us and help us review our story today. But first, let's pray!

Close in prayer.

### **Memory Verse:**

Read the verse and then practice saying the verse together out loud.

*"If anyone belongs to Christ, then he is made new. The old things have gone; everything is made new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*

### **Story Reinforcers:**

#### **Saul/Paul Masks:**

*Supplies: 2 Paper plates per child, popsicle sticks, tissue paper, tape, stapler, glue*

Reminds kids that Saul "transformed" after he met Jesus and became Paul. Give each child a paper plate and allow them to draw "blind Saul" face on one side. Talk about how Saul was BEFORE he met Jesus (mean, didn't like people). Have them glue to squares of tissue paper on his eyes to be like the "scales" that made him blind. Give them another plate and talk about what happened AFTER Saul met Jesus & became Paul. Let them draw the "Paul" face on that side. Tape or glue the popsicle stick between the plates and then staple the plates together. Encourage them to reenact the story using the masks.

*(adapted from <http://adventuresinmommydom.org/pauls-conversion-sunday-school-lesson/>)*

#### **Feet Maze:**

*Supplies: foot coloring sheets, butcher paper, glue*

Give each child 2-3 foot cut outs and let them decorate it. While they color the feet, talk to them about how after Paul's transformation, he immediately went and told others the good news. Talk about how we, as Christ followers, should tell other people the good news of Jesus as well. Ask them when they can talk to someone about Jesus & why we should do that. When everyone has finished coloring their feet, have them cut out the feet and glue them to a large piece of butcher paper on the floor, placing them wherever they want. When they've finished gluing the feet, have them line up and make their way through the foot maze, only stepping on the feet. *To add variations to the game:* see how fast they can make it through, make them do it while holding hands with a partner, or have them recite the memory verse as they go through.

### **Transformer Game:**

*Supplies: none*

Talk about how Saul was "transformed" into Paul when he met Jesus. Tell them, In this game you will be "traveling" around the room. If I call out "Saul" you have to act like you are being blinded by a bright light. If I call out "Paul" you have to act like you are telling people about Jesus. If I call out "Ananias" you have to kneel down and pray. *Play this game a few rounds, then if they get tired of this version, have them "transform" into animals that you call out.*