

From Enemy to Friend

Paul meets Jesus Acts 9:1-19



Challenge your child to retell the story. Help him or her remember key details by asking the following questions:

- ➤ Who stopped Saul on his way to Damascus? (Jesus)
- ★ What happened after Ananias prayed for Saul? (Saul could see again! Then he was baptized.)
- How did Saul change when he became a follower of Jesus? (He became a church leader and told everyone about Jesus. He changed his name to Paul.)

Read the following thought aloud to help increase your child's understanding:

Ananias trembled when Jesus told him to go pray for Saul. He knew that Saul wanted to arrest Jesus' followers, but Ananias still obeyed God. Jesus changed Saul from a man who arrested and even killed Christians to a man who helped spread the Good News about Jesus.



Together, discover how this specific lesson ties into God's Big Story. Read the following aloud to your child:

Meeting Jesus changed Paul completely. God's love is so great that there is nothing anyone can do that He cannot forgive. Through faith in Jesus, God is able to help us change.



But the Lord (point both hands up) said, "Go (extend arm, pointing forward), for Saul (touch top of head) is my chosen instrument to take my message (cup hands around your mouth) to the Gentiles (open one hand palm up) and to kings (open the other hand palm up), as well as to the people (with palms up lace fingers together and wiggle them) of Israel." Acts 9:15 (NLT)



Dear God.

You changed Paul into a new person inside. You changed a man filled with hate into a man who spread the news of Jesus' great love. Thank You that you can change me on the inside, too!

Amen.

