

ACTS 9 SAUL'S CONVERSION

Scripture: Acts 9:1-19

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Main Takeaway: God completely changed the life of a man who persecuted the church to become one of his chosen instruments through his faith in Jesus.

Supplies: Blindfold, obstacle course you create of objects within your room.

Ask:

Who remembers what we talked about last week? (Philip and the Ethiopian) Was anyone able to share the good news with a friend this past week? Today, we're going to talk about how God revealed the truth of his Son Jesus to a man who persecuted the church. When that man came to the knowledge and faith in Jesus, he became one of God's greatest missionaries.

Read: Acts 9:1-19

Ask:

Could you imagine being Ananias? What about one of the people traveling with Saul? He was on a mission and then left it completely. What would you think if you were Saul? How would you feel? What would you think knowing that you had been persecuting followers of the truth? What would you do after?

Do an Activity:

Paul was blinded after his encounter with Jesus, but in reality, he was already blind-spiritually. He was persecuting the church in the name of God. He was persecuting the very truth he was trying to defend. He was blinded by his hatred. But then he met Jesus. Sure, he became physically blind for a few days, but he was finally able to see the truth! Then, he was healed so he could see physically as well.

Let's do an activity to remember the blindness Saul endured.

Create an obstacle course with the kids. Then, have them pick a partner and lead them through the obstacle course with a blindfold.

Explain:

God can take any life and turn it around. The bully who is the meanest to you at school? God can change that person's heart and turn them into an incredible follower of Him. Have you made mistakes that make you feel like God could never use you? Well, if he can use Saul, he can use you. No one is beyond the reach of Jesus. Not you, not me, not anyone you know. Who can you pray for this week that they wouldn't be blind to the truth of Jesus anymore? What can you do to follow God's call?

Memorize Acts 9:15

Close in Prayer