

Saul Becomes Paul

Acts 9:1-20



Saul, also known as Paul, was a devoted Pharisee who persecuted Christians. But when Jesus appeared to Saul in a vision, Saul was struck blind. A disciple named Ananias came to Saul and restored his sight. Immediately, Saul was baptized and devoted himself to preaching and teaching people that Jesus is the Messiah, and about the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Saul/Paul was a devoted Pharisee who persecuted early Christians before Jesus spoke to him. Saul was his Jewish name and Paul his Greek name.

Ananias, a Christian in Damascus, was told by God in a vision to help Saul.



Conversion happens when someone adopts new beliefs. Saul/Paul continued to see himself as Jewish even after his conversion experience.

About the Video

Saul/Paul was a pretty mean guy who persecuted Christians. Then, on the road to Damascus, he was blinded by a vision of Jesus. With the help of Ananias, he was transformed into a follower of Jesus and became one of the most well-known evangelists ever.

- What changed about Saul/Paul after Jesus appeared to him?
- Why was Ananias afraid?
- When have you changed your mind about something?

Try This!

Make a big U-turn sign. Talk about what it means to make a big change for the better. Hold up your sign and shout together, "I can change for Jesus!"

Prayer

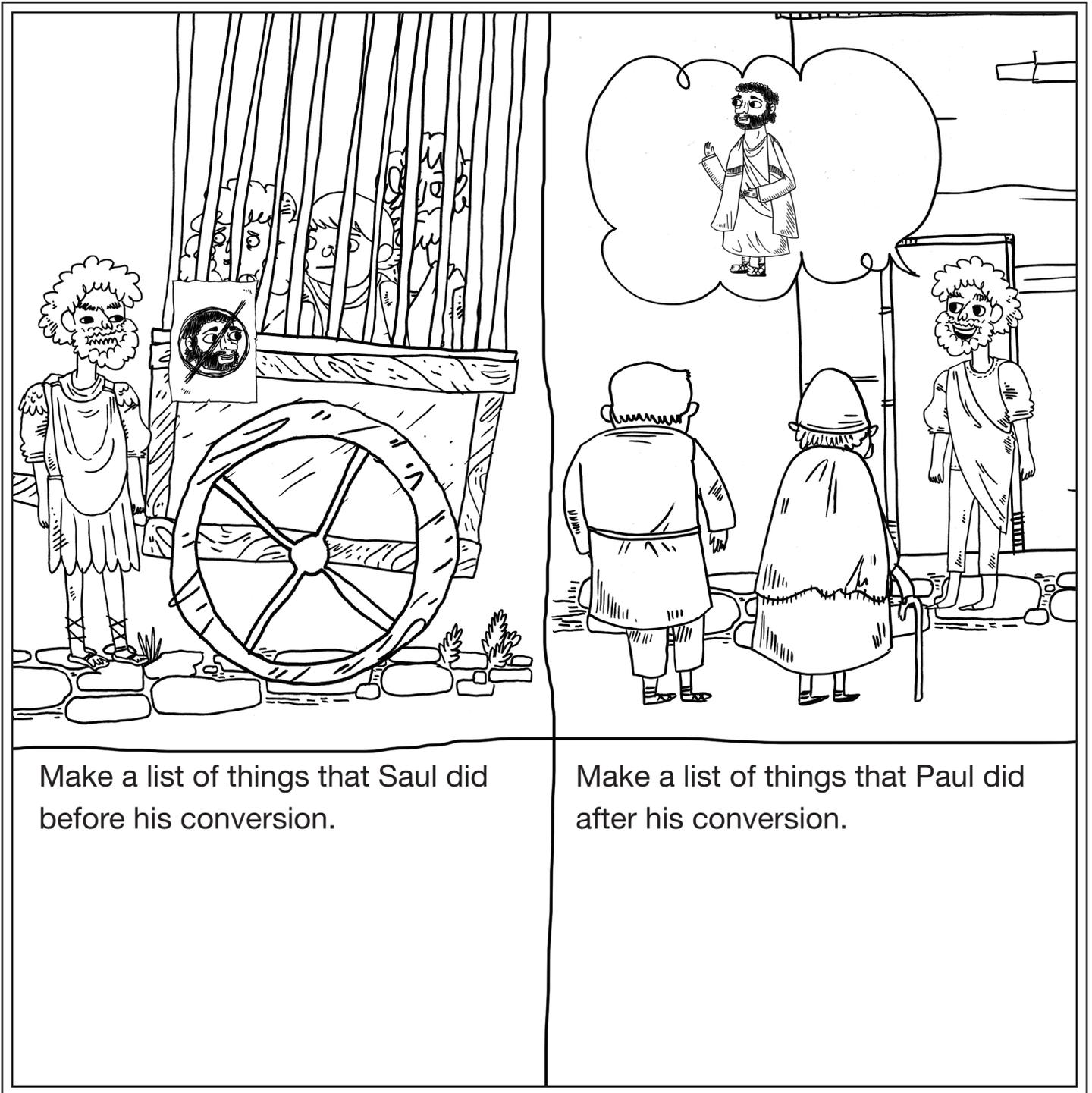
Dear God, people change, but your love is always the same. Help us see and cheer for positive changes in ourselves and in others. Amen!

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God called Ananais to visit Saul. Ananais helped Paul to see.

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Make a list of things that Saul did before his conversion.

Make a list of things that Paul did after his conversion.

Saul experienced a *conversion*, a change from one way of thinking and believing to another way.