

Lesson #41



6-13-2021
LEADER GUIDE

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

ACTS 9

GOAL

To acquaint children with the Apostle Paul, and show them that God can save and use anyone.

CHARACTERS

Saul: One of the most violent enemies of the Christians. God struck him with blindness, saved him, and turned him into the greatest Christian missionary, the Apostle Paul.

Ananias: God used him to heal Saul of his blindness.

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 9:15: But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

OVERVIEW

Read over Acts 9: Saul was one of the most vicious persecutors of the early church. As he was traveling to Damascus looking for more Christians to punish, a bright light from heaven blinded him, and Jesus asked Saul why he was persecuting Him. When Saul reached Damascus, he remained blind for three days until God led a disciple named Ananias to restore Saul's sight. Then, God saved him, and Saul changed his name to Paul. After this, Paul became one of the greatest missionaries that the church has ever known.

MEMORY VERSE MEANING

Acts 9:15: Despite Saul's work to persecute Christians, God chose him to spread His name to the world. God considers us to be valuable tools to do His important work.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 2



Q2a: What group of religious leaders hated the Christians?

A2: The Pharisees

Q2b: Have you ever been teased for something you believe in or think is right?

TN: The Christians at this time were more than teased for their beliefs; they were put into jail and sometimes worse.

SLIDE 3



Q3a: What was Saul's passion in life?

A3: To squash the message of Jesus and put as many Christians in jail as he could.

Q3b: Have you ever been or seen someone else bullied?

TN: Saul and the Pharisees' goal was to make the Christians as miserable as possible. They were doing this in hopes of getting them to stop spreading their message of hope.

SLIDE 4



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 5



Q5a: Where did Saul go?

A5: To the house of a Christian in Damascus

Q5b: Have you ever been unable to do something and needed help from others?

TN: Saul was in the middle of nowhere, blind, and unable to find his way to safety and shelter. This once able man now needed to depend on others to help him. Such experiences are often humbling.

SLIDE 6



Q6a: What did Saul do when he reached Damascus?

A6: He prayed constantly. He did not eat or drink.

Q6b: Have you ever helped someone who you didn't like?

TN: Ananais knew who Saul was, and he knew all of the horrible things he had done to Christians. When God asked him to visit Saul, Ananais was afraid and questioned whether this was a good idea. Sometimes God asks us to do things that don't make sense to us. We need to remember that what we see, know, and understand about the world and what is going on is very limited compared to what God sees, knows, and understands. When He asks us to do something, we should do it, regardless of what we think it could mean for us.



QUESTION & ANSWER

SLIDE 7



Q7a: What was Saul's passion after this experience?

A7: His passion was to proclaim the name of Jesus, to plant churches, and to spread the good news of Christ wherever he went.

Q7b: Does God ever ask people who have done bad things to work for Him?

TN: Absolutely! The Bible is filled with stories of people doing really bad things who God later uses to do wonderful things for people that glorify God. Paul is one of these people.

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CROSSWORD

ANSWER KEY

Across

2. What new name did God give Saul? (**Paul**)
3. Religious leaders were putting Christians in (**Jail**).
4. What city was Saul traveling to? (**Damascus**)
6. Paul suffered through jail, stoning, shipwreck, beating, riots, (**Homelessness**), and pain to bring the gospel far and wide.
8. Who did God send to Saul to heal him? (**Ananias**)

Down

1. A light that was brighter than the sun left Saul (**Blind**).
3. Who asked Saul, "Why are you persecuting me?" (**Jesus**)
5. God chose Paul to be a (**Missionary**), and spread the good news of Christ.
7. Who was the worst enemy of the Christians, and the one who had presided over Stephen's death? (**Saul**)



MEMORY
VERSE

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BIG IDEA

God can use anyone to do His good work.

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CLOSING
PRAYER

Dear God, some people just seem so bad that we think they can never ever be good. Through Paul, you showed us that is not true. You showed us that the dirtiest sinner can become the most faithful preacher. Help us to keep praying for those who need to be saved, and keep loving them no matter what. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

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PRE-LESSON
ACTIVITY

Obstacle Course | Supplies: If you don't have a playground, use chairs, sheets, trash cans, boxes, etc.

Create an obstacle that children or teams race through. Discuss the need to follow God wherever He calls us, even when it may be difficult.

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Family Devotional



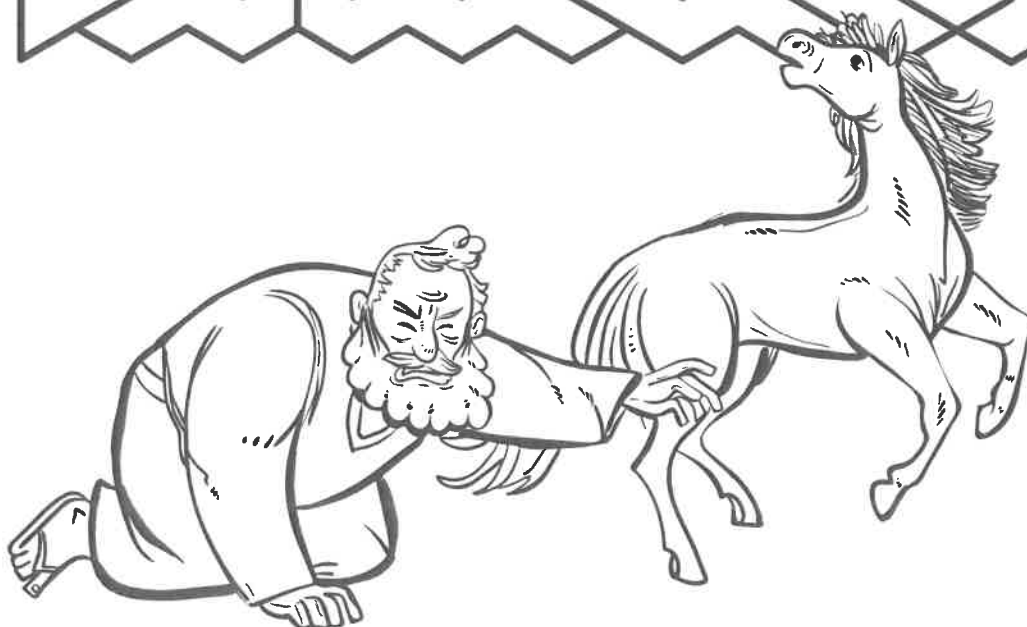
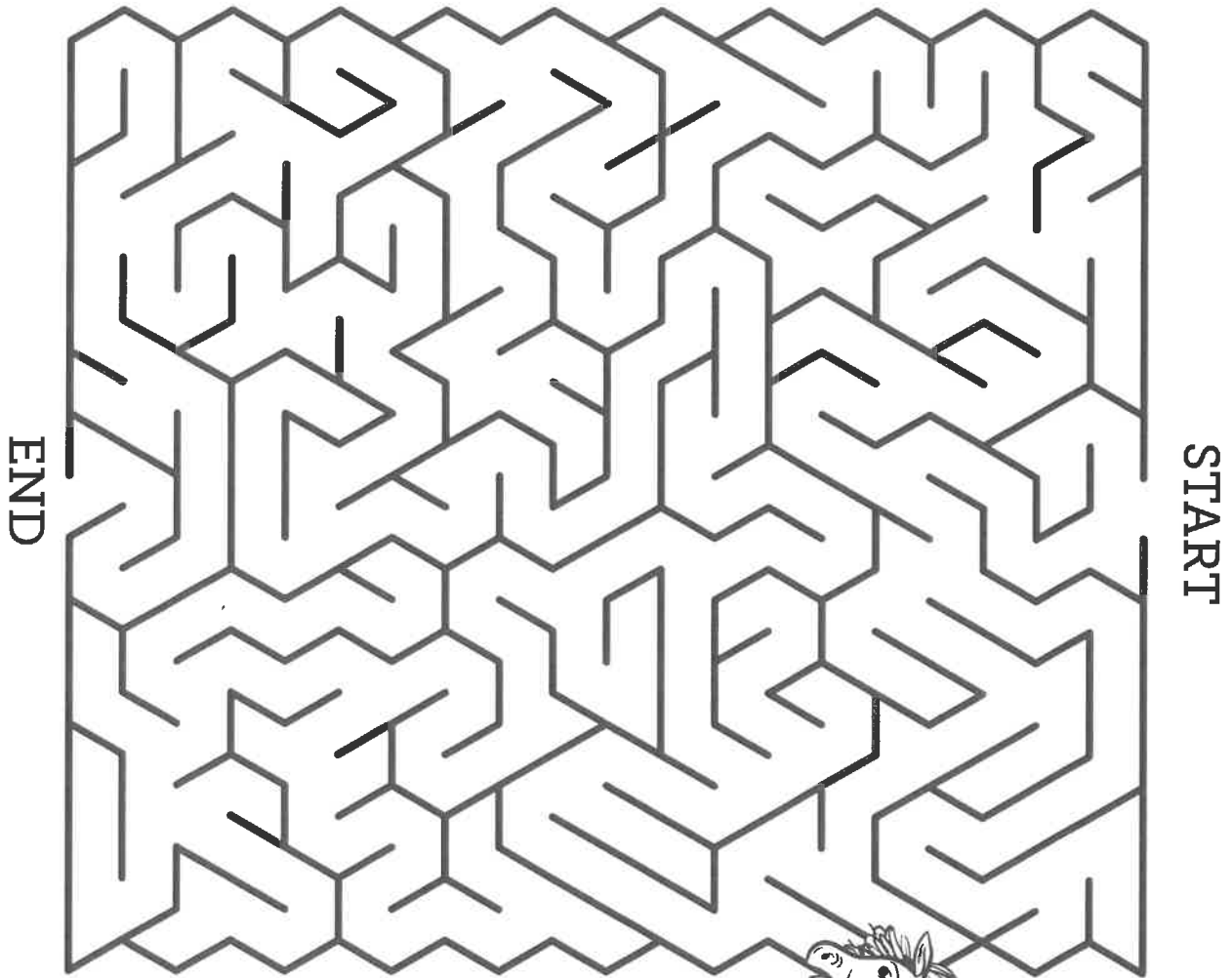
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Help Paul on his journey to accepting Jesus.



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Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Discover the hidden words.

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Word Bank

PAUL

JAIL

DAMASCUS

ANANIAS

BLIND

JESUS

MISSIONARY

SAUL

CHOSEN

SUFFER

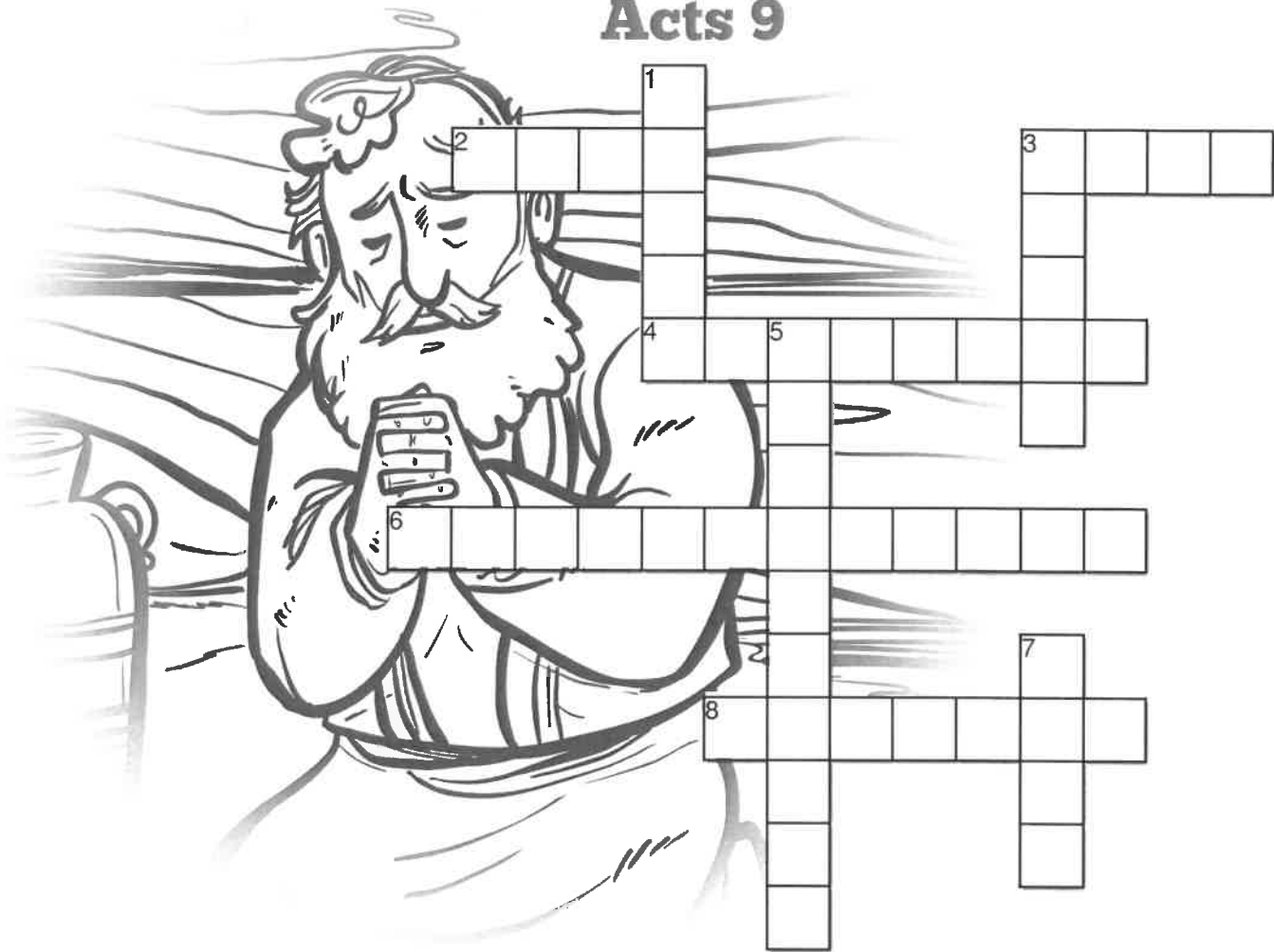
TRAVEL

RELIGIOUS



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