### Paul's Conversion - God is Love!

Bible Passage: Acts 9 Memory Verse of the Week: "Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:11

# **Storytelling Video**

Click **HERE** to watch this week's Kids Worship video.

## **Discussion & Activities**

Review the story with your children. Use the image below to review the story in creative and unique ways that you know your child will enjoy. Use a Bible to read this story straight from God's Word as you review it. Encourage your reading-age children to practice using their own Bibles!

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RESEARCH IT Use the info in my Bible to find out: - who wrote this part? - for whom did they write it? - why was it important to write down? - where is this in the timeline of the Bible? PRAY IT	Ç
Imagine myself in the story. Change each sentence a bit to turn the words into a praye   What does it feel/smell/sound/taste/look like? PLAY IT	
I can act it out or reenact it with stuffed ar make up a dance, shape it out of play do or build it with blocks.	,
ASK II Does this passage remind me of another Bible passage? What does this show me about God? Is God asking me to do something in response to this?	l accents, ne else.

#### **Story Overview:**

Jesus' followers were going around and telling many people about Jesus. But there were still some Jews who didn't believe in Jesus. They knew all about God, but they didn't believe that God had sent Jesus to die for our sins and that He had come back to life. One of these people was named Saul. He was very mean to Jesus' followers. One day, Saul was on his way to a place called Damascus when Jesus appeared to him as a bright light and told Saul who He was. Immediately after, Saul was blind. His friends had to lead him to Damascus. God loved Saul and had big plans for him, so He sent a man named Ananias to heal Saul. When Saul was healed, he knew God loved him and he loved God! Saul got a new name, Paul, and started telling everyone about Jesus! God's love had changed Paul's whole life.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

Adapt and ask these questions to fit your children's ages and developmental levels.

- 1. What was Paul like before he met Jesus?
- 2. What was he like after he met Jesus?
- 3. How did Ananias show love for God and for Paul?
- 4. How did Paul's life change after he believed in Jesus?
- 5. How can you share God's love with others?

### **Prayer of Blessing**

Bless each child individually by going around and gently placing your hand on their head or shoulder saying:

May God fill you with His love, and may you share His love with the people He brings into your lives. May you serve Him with this love each day of your life.

# **Craft: Hearts Full of Love**

#### SUPPLIES

Heart cutout, writing/drawing materials

### CREATE

In our story, we saw how God's love changed Paul's life. God is love and loves each and every person on earth. Have your children write and/or draw different ways they have experienced God's love or how they can share God's love with others.

### **Activity: Blindfold Challenges**

In today's story, Paul becomes blind because of the bright light surrounding him and Jesus as they talked on the road to Damascus. Participate with your children in some blindfold challenges. Choose safe and simple activities to ensure your children's safety. Some ideas include:

- Brushing their teeth
- Making a sandwich
- Drawing a picture
- Going through a simple obstacle course
- Picking out and putting on their clothes
- Eating a meal