

Gospel Project Video:
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Road to Damascus
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Lesson# 7: PAUL (SAUL) LEARNS TO TRUST & FOLLOW JESUS (ACTS 9:1-33) (Also ACTS 22)



The Bible says there was a man named Saul who was in Jerusalem when Stephen was stoned to death. Saul wanted Stephen to die. He even held the cloaks for the angry men so they could throw more stones. Saul was very well educated in the Old Testament law for the Jews. Saul believed in God, but he did not believe Jesus was God's Son.

Saul wanted to destroy Jesus' church. He thought they were wrong to follow Jesus. Saul persecuted Christians. He even dragged them out of their houses and put them in prison just because they followed Jesus.



Saul asked the High Priest in Jerusalem for letters so he could go the city of Damascus. He planned to arrest Christians there too. But when Saul was traveling along the road to Damascus something totally unexpected happened.

A bright light shown down on Saul and made him blind. Saul heard a voice say, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Saul asked, "Who are you?" The answer came, "I am Jesus, and you have been persecuting me. Now get up and go into the city to find out what you need to do." Saul was shocked. He finally knew that Jesus wasn't dead! Jesus really was alive again! Now Saul believed the truth. The other men traveling with Saul saw the light and heard the voice, but they couldn't see anyone.

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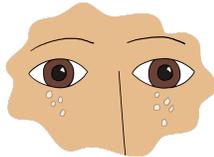


Since Saul was blind, the men had to lead him to Damascus. Saul went to a house on a street called "Straight Street." There he prayed. He was still blind, and he didn't eat or drink for 3 days.



A Christian named Ananias lived in the city of Damascus. Jesus came to Ananias in a vision and told him to go and meet Saul. He told him where to find Saul. Ananias was frightened. And he said to Jesus, "But Saul has been persecuting Christians." Ananias must have wondered what Saul might do to him.

But Jesus told Ananias that he had chosen Saul to do a very important work. Jesus chose Saul to teach the Gentiles (all of the people who were not Jews.) So, Ananias went to Straight Street and found Saul. He touched Saul and said, "Brother Saul, Jesus has sent me so you can see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit."



Then something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again!

Now Saul believed the truth. He knew that Jesus was alive again. He believed that Jesus had died to take away his sins. Ananias said, "What are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name." (Acts 22:16) Saul was baptized! He was now a disciple of Jesus!



Saul was called Paul now. He traveled to many places to teach the good news, doing the work that Jesus had planned for him to do. Paul taught everyone to trust and follow Jesus.

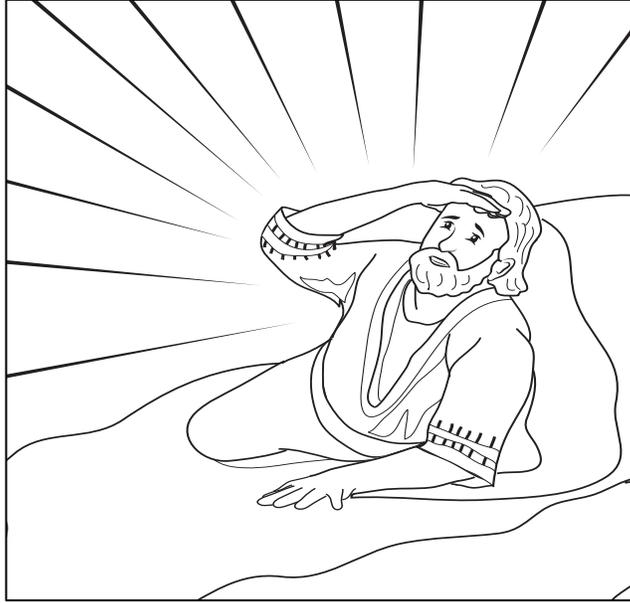
How can you follow Jesus like Paul did?



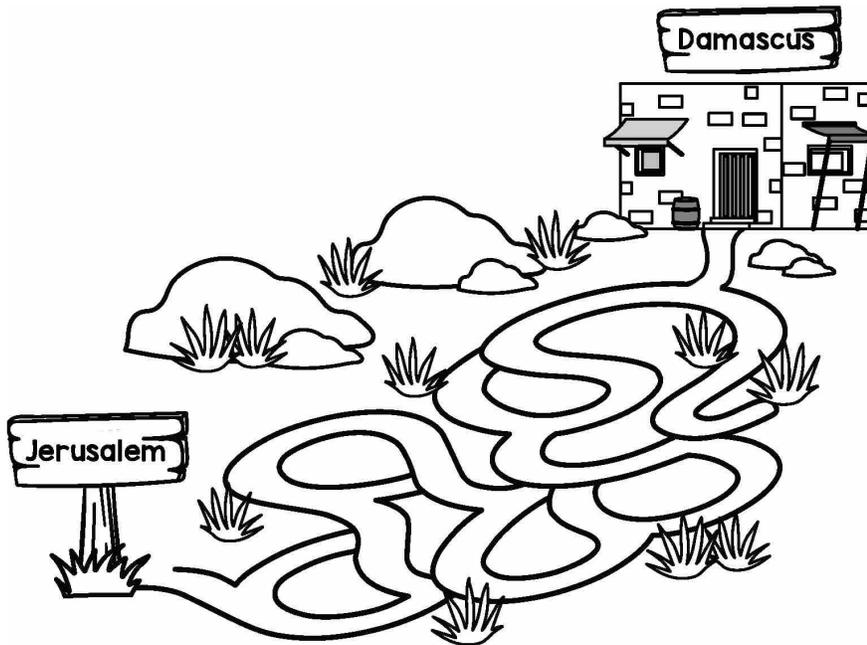
PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITIES

See Page 5 for another activity

Color the picture of Saul and the Light from Heaven

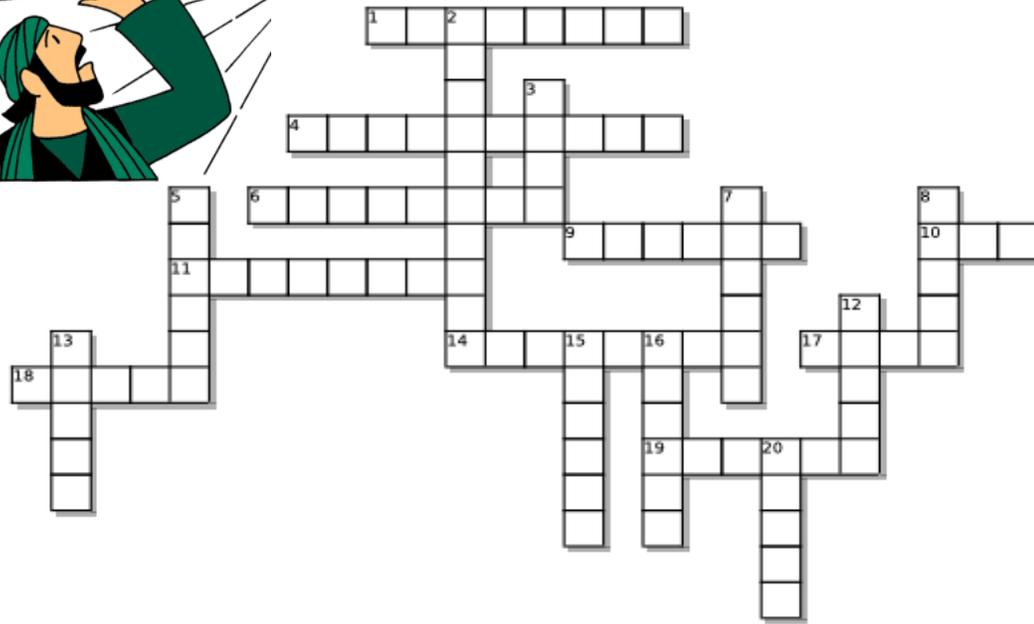


HELP SAUL GET TO DAMASCUS:



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITIES

PAUL BECOMES A CHRISTIAN



ACROSS

- 1 Ananias said to Saul, "Get up and be _____."
- 4 Saul was filled with the _____.
- 6 Saul got letters from the High Priest to go to _____.
- 9 Saul dragged Christians out of their _____.
- 10 Saul was well educated in the Old Testament _____.
- 11 Jesus told Saul to go to _____ Street.
- 14 Paul became a _____ of Jesus.
- 17 When Saul heard Jesus' voice, he knew Jesus wasn't _____.
- 18 Paul is Saul's _____ name.
- 19 Ananias touched Saul and _____ fell from his eyes.

DOWN

- 2 Saul _____ Christians.
- 3 "Be baptized and wash your _____ away."
- 5 In a _____ Jesus told Ananias to go teach Saul.
- 7 Saul is a _____ name.
- 8 The light from heaven made Saul _____.
- 12 _____ said, "Saul, why are you persecuting me?"
- 13 Saul heard Jesus' _____.
- 15 Saul wanted to destroy Jesus' _____.
- 16 Saul put Christians in _____.
- 20 On the road to Damascus a bright _____ shown on Saul.



THINK & TALK ABOUT THIS:

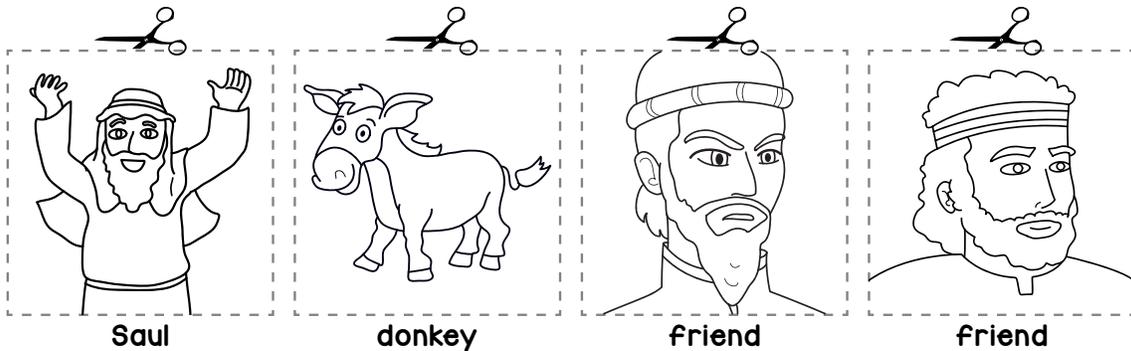
How can you be a disciple like Ananias?
How can you become a disciple like Paul?

PRIMARY GRADE ACTIVITY



Road to Damascus

Saul and some friends went to Damascus to arrest more followers of the Messiah. Color and cut out the men and donkey. Place them on the road.



Saul

donkey

friend

friend