



Lesson
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1st-4th

PAUL'S CONVERSION

May 2 & 3

JESUS IS THE WAY



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Saul didn't believe in Jesus and tried to stop His followers. One day, a bright light from heaven shone on him, and Jesus spoke to him. Saul was blinded, but God sent a man named Ananias to pray for him. Saul's sight came back, his heart changed, and he began telling everyone about Jesus. Later, Saul became known as Paul.

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that no matter who we are, Jesus is the only way to God and can change our lives.

Acts 9

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Kids Camp - June 8-11
woodmenvalley.org/kidscamp

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
True Word Channel



KEY VERSE:

God has breathed life into all Scripture. It is useful for teaching us what is true. It is useful for correcting our mistakes. It is useful for making our lives whole again. It is useful for training us to do what is right.

2 Timothy 3:16, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

KIDS CAMP

You don't have to go far away to be a missionary. God has given you a mission field right where you are! Your school, your neighborhood, your team, and your friends are all places where you can show God's love every day. Being kind, including other kids and talking about Jesus are powerful ways to make a difference.

One of the best ways to be a missionary right now is by inviting your friends to Kids Camp! It's a fun, exciting time where they can learn about God, make new friends and experience God's love. Your invitation could change someone's life forever!

PRAY: Who is God asking you to invite to Kids Camp?



5:45-6:10pm
8:45-9:10am
10:45-11:10am

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, ***(insert child/parent name)***!

Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and mark it with a sticky note. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

6:10-6:25pm
9:10-9:25am
11:10-11:25am

EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: Jesus is the Way!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.

SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.

SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **Jesus is the Way**. This story comes from the Bible in **Acts 9:3-6**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?

DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who is our story about today?

Saul, Jesus, Ananias

2. What is the problem?

Saul didn't believe in Jesus and was trying to stop Jesus' followers from spreading the good news.

3. What will God do?

Jesus spoke to Saul through a bright light and through one of His follower's Ananias to show Saul that Jesus is the only way. This changed Saul's heart and he started telling everyone about Jesus!



MAKE: Paul Activity Page

Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: activity page, light page, God statement sticker, crayons/markers, glue



DO:

Pass out one activity sheet and one light page per child. Have them color it and glue the light page over the activity page (see example). Add the God statement sticker to the craft.



SAY:

Today we get to learn about Saul! Saul was changed by God and chose to follow Jesus. God then changed his name to Paul! Let's make a special craft to prepare us for our story.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



6:25-6:50pm
9:25-9:50am
11:25-11:50am

LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God by participating in Worship and hearing an engaging Bible story.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Child of God

SONG 2: Less Like Me



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



PRAYER

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING

Highlight the opportunity to give back to God through our offering.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: Jesus is the Way!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: “The Way” worship song in PowerPoint



SAY:

Jesus is the way! Saul’s life was totally changed when Jesus met him on the road to Damascus. He went from someone who tried to stop Jesus’ followers from spreading the good news to someone who spent his whole life spreading the good news to everyone.



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - **No matter who we are, Jesus is the only way to God and Jesus can change our lives forever!**
 - **Friends, we all sin. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that goes against God. And our sin separates us from God. But the good news is that God loves us so much that He made a plan to fix that separation caused by sin.**
 - **God made a way for us to have a relationship with Him again by sending Jesus to die on the cross. Jesus took the punishment for our sins. He rose from the grave, conquering death and sin once and for all. Jesus is the way!**
 - **Whether this is your first time hearing that Jesus is the way, or your thousandth time, as we sing this final song, think about what that means to you.**
 - Play “The Way” worship response song



PRAY

Help create a smooth transition from Worship Response by praying over the kids.



OFFERING



SAY:

God gives to us...so we give back to God! Offering is an opportunity every week to give some of our money to God as a way to say “Thank you, God!” for all He has done for us.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY: *May you trust that Jesus is the only way. He gives us life forever with God because He loves us!*

6:50-7:10pm
9:50-10:10am
11:50am-12:10pm

RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Saul, Jesus, Ananias

2. What was the problem?

Saul didn't believe in Jesus and was trying to stop Jesus' followers from spreading the good news.

3. What did God do?

Jesus spoke to Saul through a bright light and through one of His follower's Ananias to show Saul that Jesus is the only way. This changed Saul's heart and he started telling everyone about Jesus!

4. Why does this matter to me?

It doesn't matter what I've done, Jesus can change my life because He is the only way to God and He loves me.

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can admit that I'm a sinner and I need Jesus to save me; I can pray for someone who doesn't believe in Jesus



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing their parent the announcement card.