

# Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What are some ways Paul changed after meeting Jesus?
- What are some ways Jesus changes people today?
- Do you know anyone who treats Christians badly? How can you respond to that person?



## Paul's Conversion and Baptism

Acts 9:1-25

**MAIN POINT: JESUS SAVED SAUL FROM HIS SINS AND CHOSE HIM TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL.**

Saul wanted to put an end to the church. He went into the believers' homes, dragged them out, and put them into jail. Many believers fled the city.

Saul headed to Damascus to arrest believers there, but on the way, a bright light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

"Who are You, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus," He replied. "Get up and go into the city. Then you will be told what you must do."

Saul got up and opened his eyes, but he couldn't see! So the men who were traveling with Saul led him by the hand into Damascus.

Ananias lived in Damascus. The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision. He told him to go to the house where Saul was staying. The Lord said, "I have chosen this man to take My name to Gentiles, kings, and the Israelites."

Ananias obeyed the Lord. Ananias put his hands on Saul, and suddenly Saul could see again. Saul got up and was baptized.

For the next few days, Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus. He began to go to the synagogues to preach about Jesus.

The people were amazed. They recognized Saul and knew he had wanted to put an end to the church and all the believers. Now he was one of them!

*Christ Connection: Jesus appeared to Saul and changed him inside and out. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15) Jesus called Saul, also known as Paul, who was once an enemy to Christians, to spend the rest of his life telling people the gospel and leading them to trust Jesus as Lord and Savior.*

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