

The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

Paul's Conversion and Baptism

Acts 9:1-25

• Use lighting

effects: When you tell about Saul's conversion, dim the lights and flash a bright light. Then speak with a booming voice like Saul might have heard.

• Utilize posture:

Bend or crouch when Saul fell to the ground. Then reach out your hands when Ananias touched Saul.

After Jesus died, rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven, people in Jerusalem who believed in Jesus were persecuted, or treated cruelly because of their faith. One of Jesus' followers, Stephen, was even killed. A man named Saul had been there when Stephen was killed. **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 (duh MASS kuhs) to arrest believers there, but on the way, a bright light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. Saul fell to the ground. 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 (an uh NIGH uhs), a disciple of Jesus, lived in Damascus. The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision. He told him to go to the house where Saul was staying. Ananias knew that Saul had hurt many believers in Jerusalem and that he arrested anyone who believed in Jesus. But the Lord said, "Go! I have chosen this man to take My name to Gentiles, kings, and the Israelites."

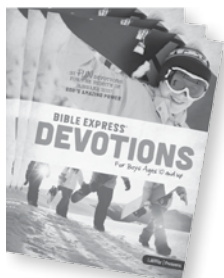
Ananias obeyed the Lord. He found Saul and told Saul that Jesus had sent him to help. Ananias put his hands on Saul, and suddenly Saul could see again. Saul got up and

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. Saul told the people, “Jesus is the Son of God!”

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! The Jews did not like Saul’s message, so they planned to kill him. Saul heard what the Jews wanted to do, so one night he left the city. The disciples helped Saul escape by lowering him down the city wall in a basket.

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.



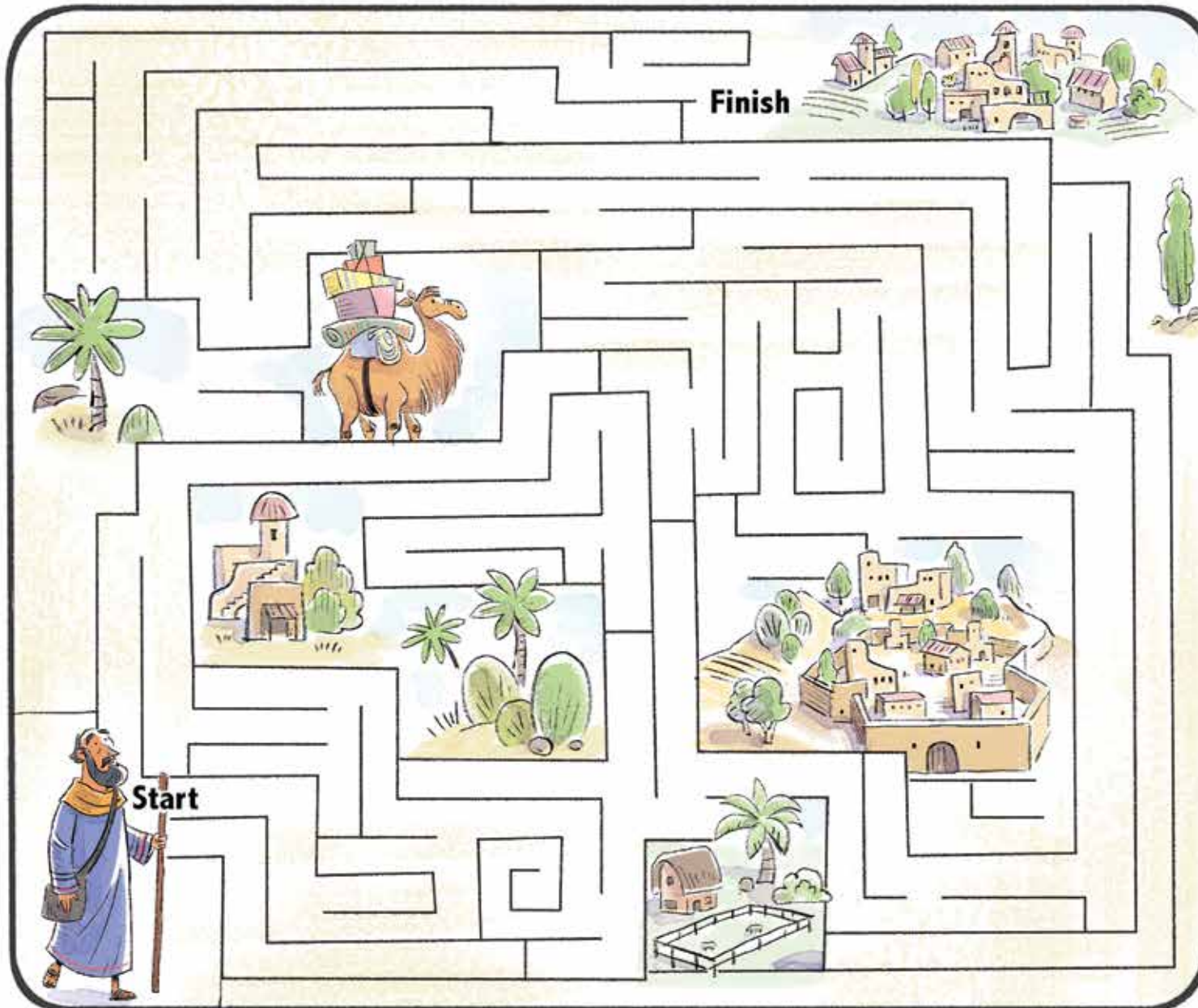
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Road to Damascus

DOWNLOAD THE
TGP FAMILY APP

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the maze to help Saul, also known as Paul, reach Damascus.



KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.

BIBLE STORY:

PAUL'S CONVERSION AND BAPTISM

- Saul, or Paul, hated Christians and planned to hurt them in Damascus.
- On his way there, Jesus spoke to him and blinded him.
- God told a man named Ananias to go help Paul.
- Jesus saved Paul from his sins and chose him to spread the gospel.

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?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Take a walk with your family. Talk about how Paul must have felt to see a bright light.

Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 30, Session 1



Called by God

Color the spaces according to the numbers:

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In a Row

Unscramble the names of these Bible books. Once you have them all straightened out, read down the column of circles to learn the answer to this big picture question: How do people hear about Jesus?

God uses _____ to tell others
about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.



The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.