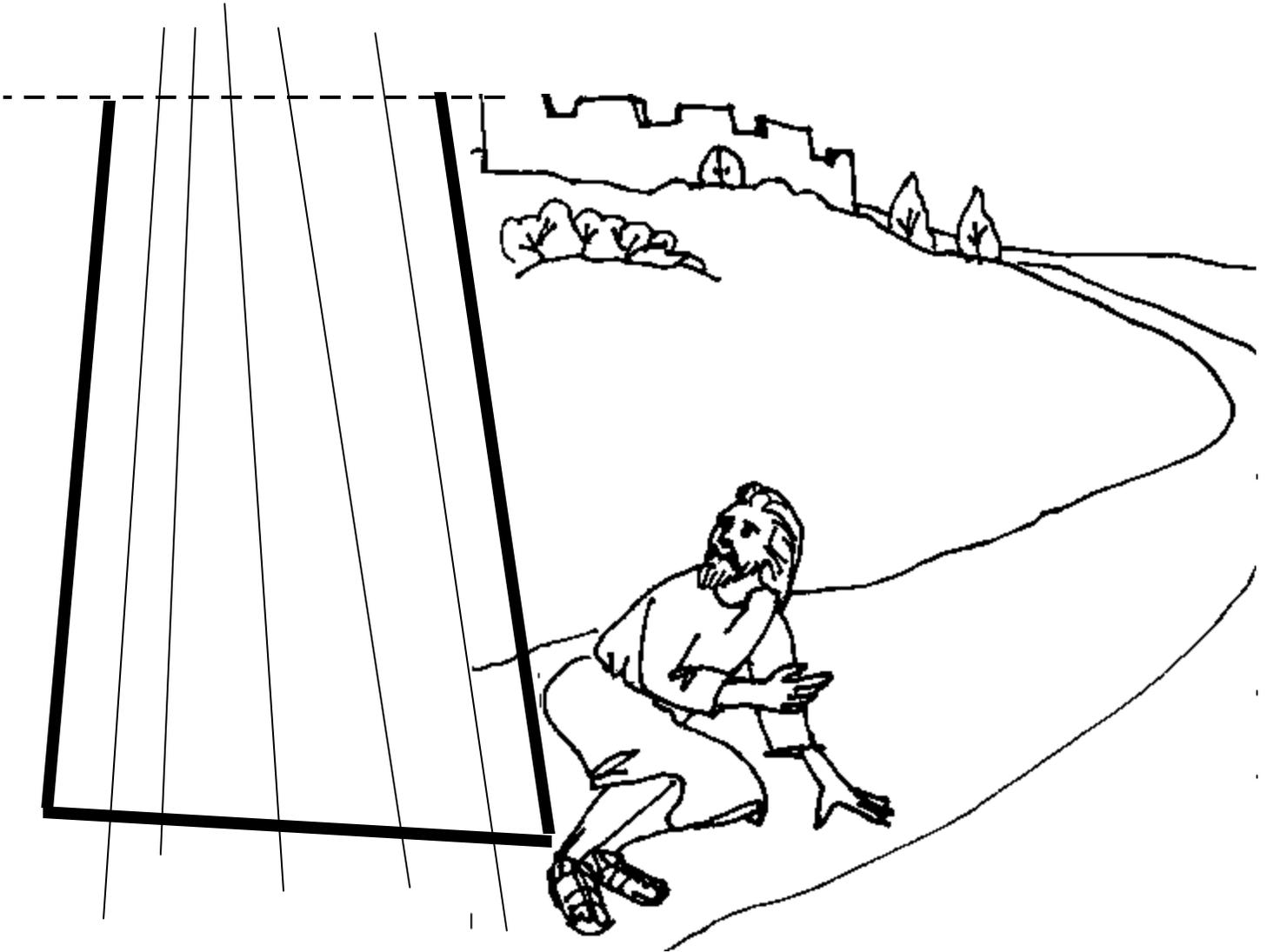


The Conversion of Saul

Acts 9:1-19



“Saul, Saul, why are you trying to hurt me?”

Glue box here



The Story

Do you remember the young man who watched over the coats of the Jews who stoned Stephen? The man was named Saul. Saul had been brought up to love God, but he hated Jesus and would not believe that Jesus was God. Saul wanted to get rid of everyone who loved Jesus and talked about Him.

Saul went from house to house in Jerusalem hunting for men, women, and children who believed in Jesus. He dragged them off to jail. He hoped they would be killed for calling Jesus their God and Savior. Saul really thought that he was pleasing God by doing this!

The Christians were afraid to stay in Jerusalem, so many of them moved to the big city of Damascus. Saul heard about these Christians, so he made up his mind to get them, too. He was given permission from the high priest to bring them back to Jerusalem in chains. Saul got some strong men to help him, and they set out on the long trip to Damascus.

Suddenly, when Saul was almost to Damascus, a bright light flashed down from heaven. The light was so strong and bright that Saul fell down to the ground shaking with fear. Then, Saul heard a voice calling to him from heaven saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you trying to hurt me?"

Saul said, "Who are you, Lord?"

The voice said, "I AM JESUS, whom you are hurting."

What a shock for Saul! All this time he had hated Jesus. Now he knew the truth: Jesus is God!

Saul asked, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

Jesus said, "Get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do."

When the light had gone away, Saul was blind. His men had to lead him into the city by the hand. For three days Saul could see nothing.

In Damascus, there was a Christian man named Ananias. God called to Ananias in a vision saying, "Find a man here in the city named Saul. I want you to lay hands on him so that he may see again."

"But Lord, " said Ananias, "I have heard of Saul, and the terrible things he has done to Your believers in Jerusalem. He has come to Damascus to capture Christians and take them to prison, too."

But God said, "Go, for I have chosen Saul to be My special preacher who will take the good news of the Savior to many people."

So Ananias went to find Saul. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus has sent me to lay hands on you so that you may see again." When Ananias did this, Saul could see again! Then

Ananias baptized him and the Holy Ghost came into Saul's heart.

Saul was so happy to know the good news, that he went out and began telling all the people that Jesus was the Son of God, the Savior. The Jews couldn't believe what they were hearing! They said, "Isn't this the man who hunted and captured Christians at Jerusalem? Didn't he come here to find Christians and take them back to prison in Jerusalem?"

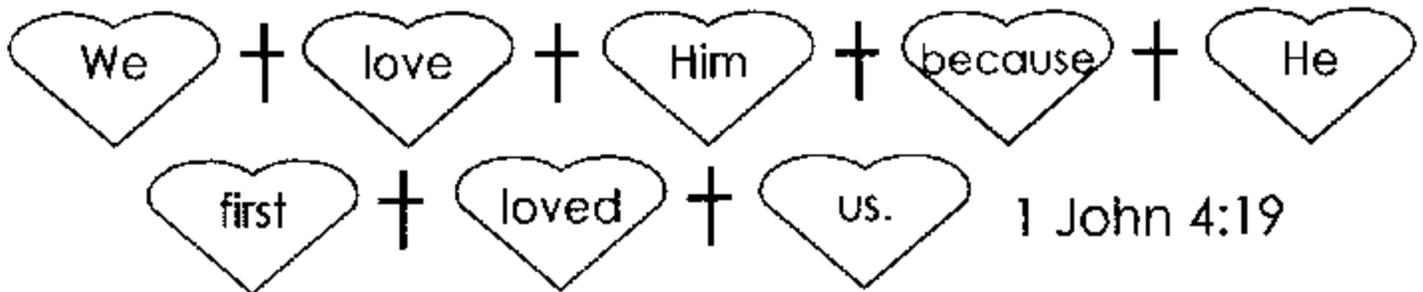
The more Saul preached, the more the Jews hated hearing about Jesus. The Jews decided to have

men watching for Saul at the city gates. There they would kill Saul as he tried to leave the city.

The Christians heard of this plan. One night, Saul's friends let him down through a hole in the city wall in a large basket. Saul escaped and went to Jerusalem.

God had made this wonderful change in Saul: faith in Jesus, his Savior from sin. Saul would no longer be Saul, the man who hated Jesus, but Paul, the man God chose to spread the news of Jesus all over the world!

Passage - Color each word a different color. Learn the passage.



Hymn

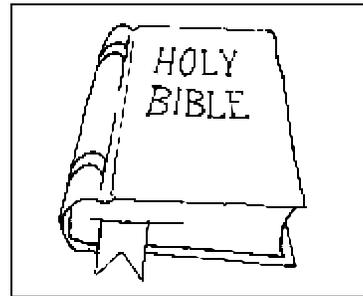
Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me;
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die.
As a branch is to the vine,
I am His and He is mine. TLH 342

Prayer

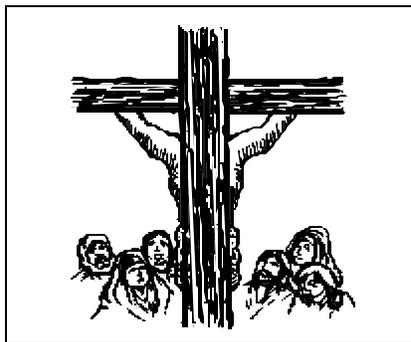
Dear Father, Thank You for bringing Jesus into our hearts through



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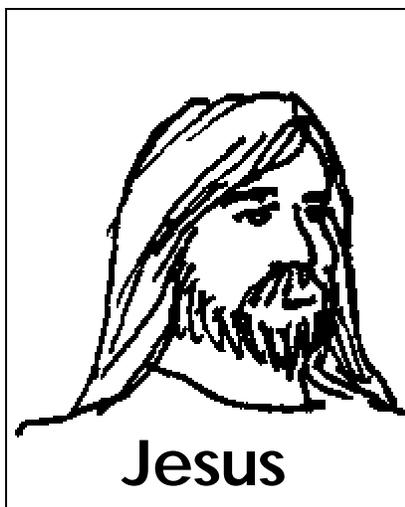


Thank You for
Amen.



Activity

- Color the picture on page 1. Carefully cut along the three dark lines. Fold along the one dashed line near the top of the flap you just made.
- Color the picture of Jesus below. Cut it out. Glue this picture onto page one behind the flap that lifts up.
- Cut out the word box below. Glue it to the bottom of page one.
- Use you finished page one to tell the story of how Saul became a Christian.



**Who talked from the bright light to
Saul as he was going to
Damascus? (Lift the flap and see.)**