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BIBLE STORYLINE

## Saul Meets Jesus

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## Lesson Overview

In today's lesson we're going to learn about a guy named Saul. Saul was a devout Jewish man who studied the law of God and thought he was great because of all of his knowledge. Saul also had a strong dislike for people who were following Jesus. He would hunt them down and put them in jail or beat them up, some to the point of death. He wasn't a nice guy. Now, Saul didn't know Jesus. In fact, he thought Jesus was just a carpenter's son with no education and of no importance. Well, one day Jesus appeared before Saul and spoke to him. Imagine Saul's surprise as he was walking along a road and suddenly a bright light shown all around and a voice spoke to him! Jesus wanted to show Saul just how powerful he was so he made Saul blind for three days! Then, Jesus sent one of his followers to pray over Saul to heal him. From that day on, Saul was a follower of Jesus. Saul's story can give us hope, too. With Jesus' help, even the meanest person you know can become a Christian.

**Big Idea**

*If Jesus can change Saul, he can change anyone.*

**Key Question**

*How does Jesus change us?*

**Memory Verse**

*1 Timothy 1:16 NCV "But I was given mercy so that in me, the worst of all sinners, Christ Jesus could show that he has patience without limit."*

### Classroom Agenda

- (5 min) PLAY: Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
- (5 min) WARM UP: What are some examples of mean things kids do to each other? Why do you think some kids are mean?** (Tip: Kids can make fun of someone or leave them out at recess. They can be bullies and lie. Kids that are mean are usually hurting and sad on the inside. But, Jesus can change them like he did Saul.)
- (5 min) PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
- (20 min) LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
- (2 min) RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
- (3 min) KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **He forgives our sins and gives us a new heart that wants to honor him.** (The Bible says that when we trust in Jesus, our sins are forgiven. That means we stop living for ourselves. And, we get the Holy Spirit who lives in our hearts and helps us to go God's way. We become like a new person because we want to live to honor God, not ourselves.)
  - Bonus Questions:** What does Jesus do with our sin? Who lives in our hearts? **4-5th:** If you've put your trust in Jesus, how have you changed since making that decision?
- (5 min) EXPLORE: Read [Romans 3:23-24](#). What do you think it means that we fall short of God's standard? Who makes us right with God?** (Answer: Saul thought that knowing the Jewish law was enough to make him worthy of God's love. But, the Bible says that none of us are worthy of God's love on our own. We are imperfect sinners. The only way to have relationship with him is through Jesus. Jesus makes us worthy through his love and forgiveness.)
- (10 min) PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
- (5 min) CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGOD.org/kids](http://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: JESUS CHANGES OUR HEARTS CRAFT

### **Instructions:**

- Give each kid a Heart template (page 5).
- Give each kid a few sheets of tissue paper.
- Have kids rip up the tissue paper into smaller pieces and have them glue them on to cover their heart. Then, have them glue the phrase and verse on their heart anywhere they like.
- As they work, read the story of Saul from Acts 9:1-19. Remind the kids that if Jesus can change a guy like Saul, he can change anyone!

**Supplies needed:** Heart Template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per kid), Tissue paper (varying colors), Glue

## OPTION 2: BLINDFOLD GAME

### **Instructions:**

- Before class, tape a line near the whiteboard. Draw a big heart on the whiteboard.
- Have kids line up single file behind the line. Give each kid a Heart (page 6) with a piece of tape on the back.
- Put the blindfold on the first kid in line, spin them around and see if they can find their way to the whiteboard to place their heart within the Big heart.
- Continue until all of the kids have had a turn. See how many can find the big heart!
- Remind the kids that Saul was blind for 3 days so he couldn't see anything either. But, Jesus healed him and Saul became a follower of Jesus.

**Supplies needed:** Tape, Heart template (pg. 6, pre cut, 1 per kid), Blindfold

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Nobody is so bad that Jesus can't help them. Even the meanest person in your school can experience the love of God!

**Key Points:**

- Saul was really mean to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Then Saul had a crazy meeting with \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 9:3-6
- Jesus made Saul \_\_\_\_\_ for three days! Acts 9:7-9
- If Jesus can change Saul, he can \_\_\_\_\_ anyone! 1 Timothy 1:16

**Memory Verse:**

1 Timothy 1:16 (NCV) But I was given mercy so that in me, the worst of all sinners, Christ Jesus could show that he has patience without limit.

## Talk About It

1. *What was your favorite part of the video? What is one thing you learned?*
2. *What are some examples of mean things kids do to each other? Why do you think some kids are mean?*
3. *What happened to Saul when he met Jesus on the road?*
4. *What did Jesus do for Saul that proved to Saul that he was God?*
5. *Read Romans 3:23-24. What do you think it means that we fall short of God's standard? Who makes us right with God?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

**Instructions:** Color the picture.

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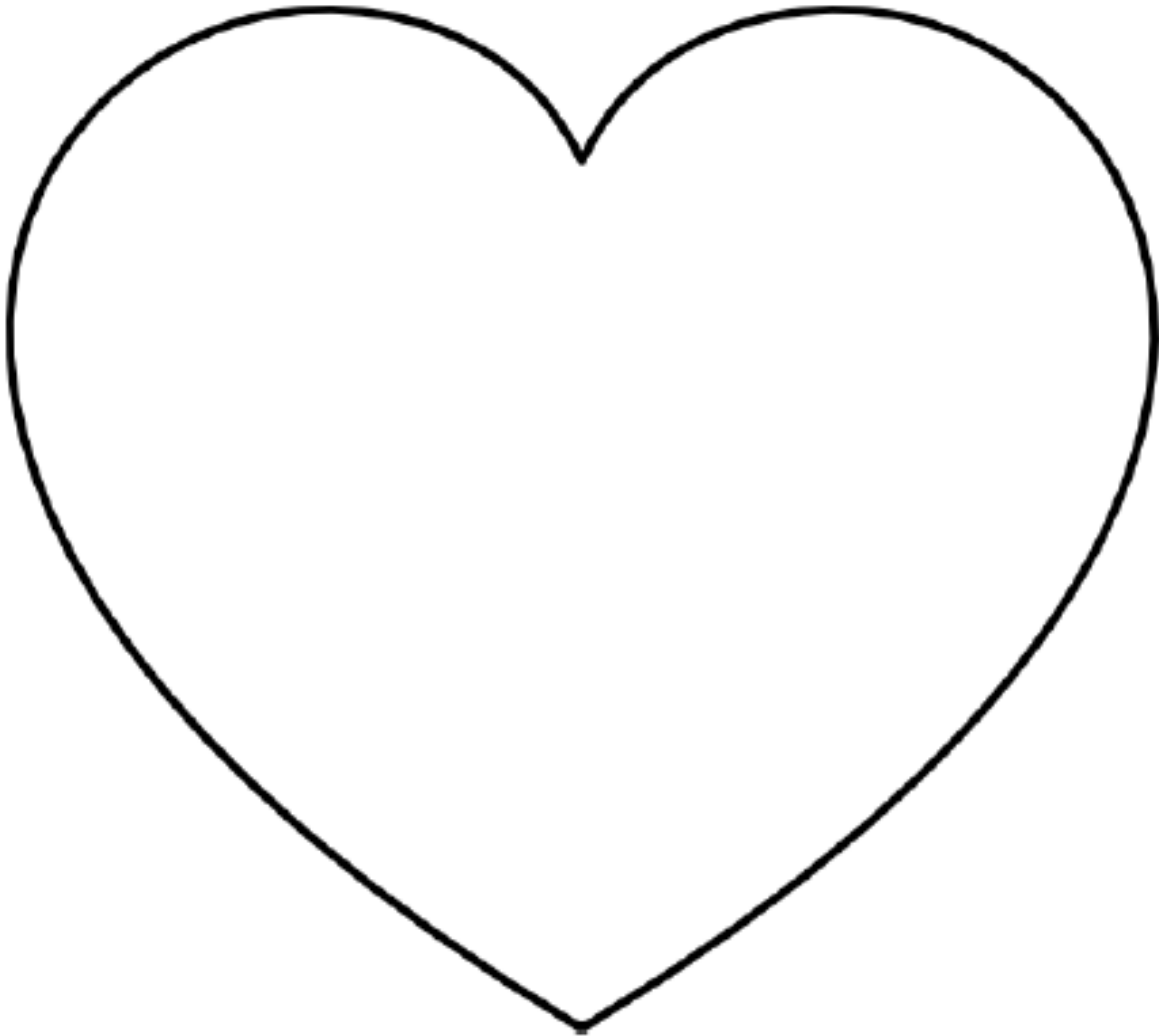
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