

E-kids Resources - 22nd August 2021

Big idea:

Saul hated Jesus' people, but Jesus chose Saul to help him spread the good news about how he had died for everyone. Jesus met Saul on the road to Damascus and changed his heart forever. Saul started telling people about Jesus.

Aim for children to understand:

That Jesus can change anyone he chooses, no matter what they have done wrong. When people say sorry for the wrong they have done and trust Jesus, he can use them to help spread his message.

Acts 9:1-19a (Good News Version) The Conversion of Saul

⁹ In the meantime Saul kept up his violent threats of murder against the followers of the Lord. He went to the High Priest ² and asked for letters of introduction to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he should find there any followers of the Way of the Lord, he would be able to arrest them, both men and women, and bring them back to Jerusalem.

³ As Saul was coming near the city of Damascus, suddenly a light from the sky flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul! Why do you persecute me?"

⁵ "Who are you, Lord?" he asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you persecute," the voice said. ⁶ "But get up and go into the city, where you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men who were traveling with Saul had stopped, not saying a word; they heard the voice but could not see anyone. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground and opened his eyes, but could not see a thing. So they took him by the hand and led him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was not able to see, and during that time he did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰ There was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. He had a vision, in which the Lord said to him, "Ananias!"

"Here I am, Lord," he answered.

¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get ready and go to Straight Street, and at the house of Judas ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying, ¹² and in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come in and place his hands on him so that he might see again."

¹³ Ananias answered, "Lord, many people have told me about this man and about all the terrible things he has done to your people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And he has come to Damascus with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who worship you."

¹⁵ The Lord said to him, “Go, because I have chosen him to serve me, to make my name known to Gentiles and kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ And I myself will show him all that he must suffer for my sake.”

¹⁷ So Ananias went, entered the house where Saul was, and placed his hands on him. “Brother Saul,” he said, “the Lord has sent me—Jesus himself, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He sent me so that you might see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ At once something like fish scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he was able to see again. He stood up and was baptized; ¹⁹ and after he had eaten, his strength came back.

Explain

Saul was changed by God. He stopped hurting Christians and instead told people the good news about Jesus. It was God who did the changing – he can change anyone, even those who have done very bad things. Saul's name changed to Paul, and God used him to spread the news about Jesus to the Gentiles in other countries.

Activities

Pebbles / Rocks

- Glasses activity – colour lenses black to show that Saul couldn't see, and cut out glasses.
- Colouring page – you could add sequins / gold or yellow paper to show the bright light from the sky.

Rocks / Boulders

- TnT activity (part 1&2) print, colour, cut out and stick house craft (one pair of Sauls per child)
- TnT worksheet
- Maze
- Wordsearch

Boulders / Riprap

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Prayer idea

Can the children think of someone who's heart needs to be changed by Jesus – perhaps it's their own heart? Pray together for that person.

Contact helen.hawley@bramcote.church for the TnT activity sheets if you are accessing these resources from the website.

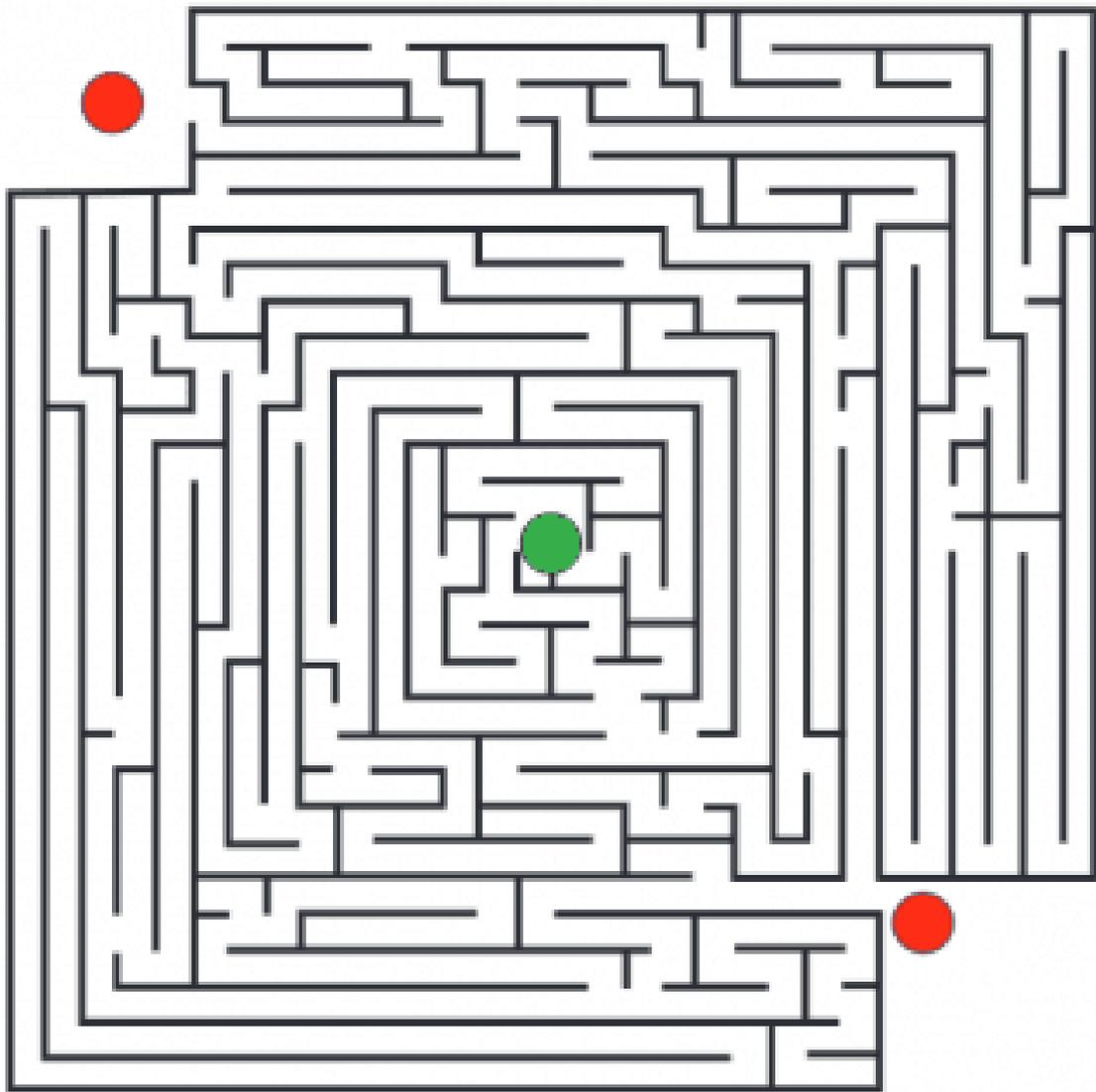


Saul meets Jesus and turns to follow him

Acts 9:1-19

THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS MAZE

Travel to the center of Damascus. Choose one of two routes.
You may find alternate undiscovered shortcuts along the way.



SAUL'S CONVERSION

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 JESUS

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