

CHAMPS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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PRAY FOR WISDOM:

Lord, You are so gracious and forgiving! Thank You for sending Your own Son to die for us and give us new lives. Please continue to guide my life. Give me eyes to see Your direction. Give me ears to hear Your voice.

Please help me, Father, as I seek to teach these children about Your greatness. Open the hearts of the children so they will respond to the work of Your Spirit in their lives. I pray in the precious name of Jesus, amen.

LESSON MEMORY VERSE: Acts 9:17

“Jesus sent Ananias to help Saul see again.”

BIBLE LESSON: BLIND FAITH (BASED ON ACTS 9:1-19A)

Many of Jesus’ friends lived in Damascus. They knew that a man named Saul was coming to their city. Saul didn’t believe in Jesus. Saul wanted to put Jesus’ followers in jail! Everyone was afraid of Saul. He was on his way to get them!

Saul and his friends were on the road to Damascus . They were making plans to hurt Jesus’ followers. Suddenly a bright light flashed from heaven! Saul fell to the ground. Then a loud Voice said, “Saul, why are you trying to hurt My friends?”

Saul was afraid, “Who are you?” he asked. “I am Jesus,” said the Voice. “Go into the city. I will tell you what to do next.” Jesus knew the bad things Saul planned to do, but the Lord had a different plan.

Saul stood up, but he couldn’t see anyone! Now Saul was blind. Saul’s friends led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days, Saul waited and prayed. He didn’t eat. He didn’t drink. Saul wondered what Jesus would do next.

For three long days, (Hold up three fingers.)

Saul could not see. (Close eyes and shake heads, “No”)

God had a plan for him, (Nod head, “Yes”)

But what would it be?

One of Jesus’ friends in Damascus was named Ananias. God told him, “Ananias, go to the house where Saul is staying. Put your hands on Saul so he will be able to see again. He is waiting for you to come.”

“Lord,” said Ananias. “That is not a good idea. Saul wants to put all Jesus’ friends in jail. I’m afraid of him! God told Ananias, “Go and do what I said. I have a plan for Saul. He will be my messenger to many people.”

For three long days, (Hold up three fingers.)
Saul could not see. (Close eyes and shake heads, "No")
God had a plan for him, (Nod head, "Yes")
But what would it be?

Even though he was afraid, Ananias obeyed God. He went to the place where Saul was staying. Ananias out his hands on Saul's head. "Saul," Ananias said, "Jesus told me to come here so you could see again. He wants you to receive His special gift, the Holy Spirit!"

Right away, little scales fell from Saul's eyes. Now he could see again! Soon after that, Saul was baptized. He started telling others about Jesus. Saul didn't want to hurt Jesus' followers anymore. Now he wanted to help them. Everyone was amazed! Jesus' followers were happy that Saul was now their friend.

ACTIVITIES:

Light Switch Covers (Supplies: thin sheets of craft foam, fabric markers, miscellaneous stickers)

Before giving the child the craft foam, cut a small rectangle in the middle. Using a marker write "God helps me see". All your child(ren) to decorate the covers with the markers and stickers.

Light Pictures (Supplies: black construction paper, chalk)

Let your child(ren) use the chalk and draw the light that came down from heaven when Jesus spoke to Saul. Remind them to thank God that they can use their eyes to see light.

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