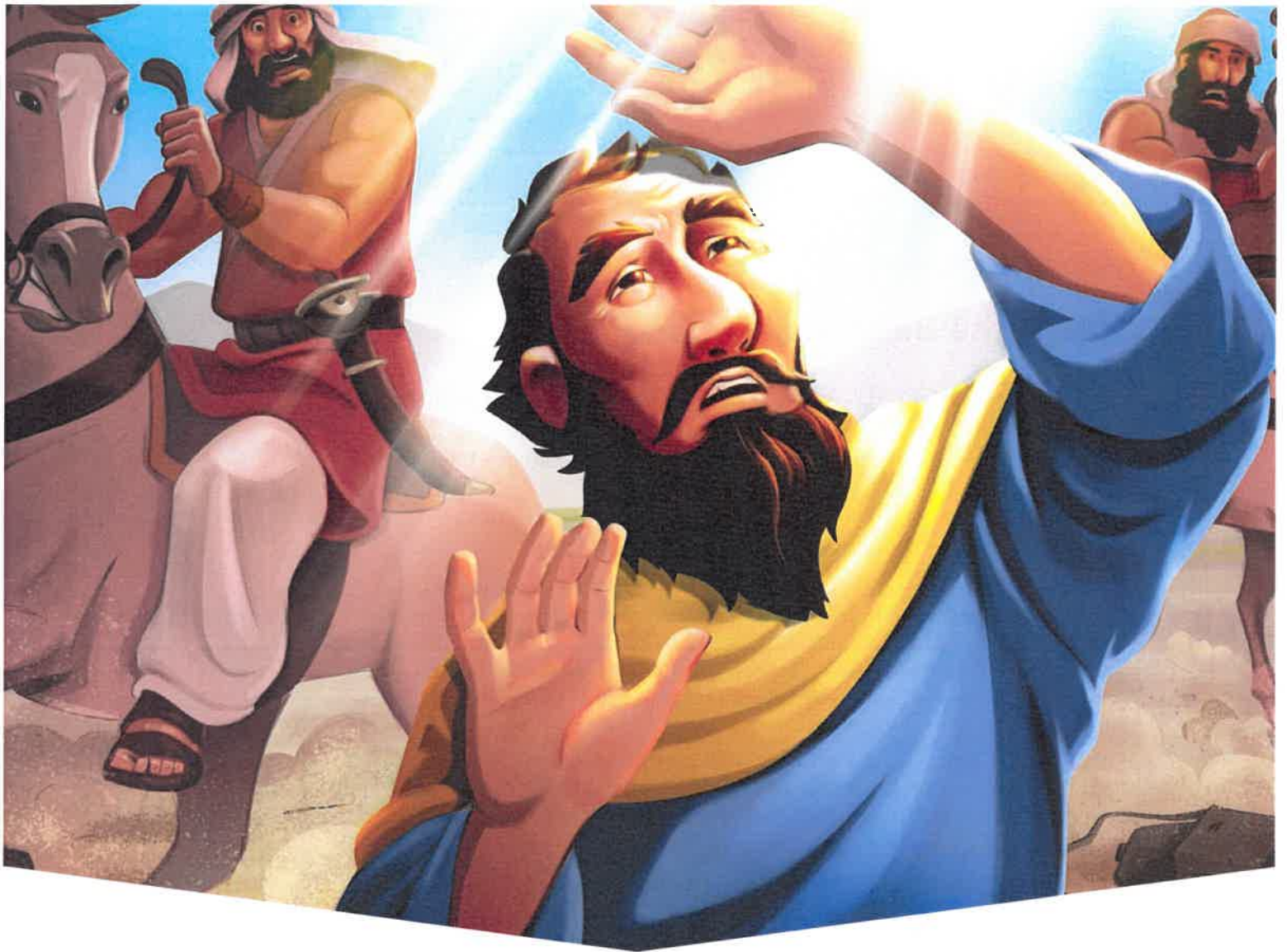


Large Group Leader:

Time	Slide	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	1	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	2	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	3	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For the Philippines, to buy a sink.	Offering bag
	4	Birthdays: Alexis Gross	
2 minutes	5-6	<hr/> <p>Short Call to Worship – Based on Acts 9 (with Hand Motions)</p> <p>Leader: Who remembers a man named Saul? 👉 <i>[Point around as if asking a question]</i></p> <p>Kids: Saul! (or “Yes!” — optional wave or excited hand raise)</p> <p>Leader: Saul didn’t like Jesus at first... 🙏 <i>[Cross arms in front of chest]</i> ...but then something amazing happened!</p> <p>Kids: What happened? 🙏 <i>[Palms up like asking a question]</i></p> <p>Leader: A bright light! 💡 <i>[Spread fingers and raise hands up like a burst of light]</i> Jesus spoke to Saul and changed his heart!</p>	Bible

		<p>❤️ [Point to mouth, then point to heart]</p> <p>Kids: Wow! Jesus can do that? 😲 [Hands on cheeks or big surprised face]</p> <p>Leader: Yes! Jesus changes hearts and gives us a new mission — to love and follow Him. 🕒 [Make a circle motion like a compass, then walk in place]</p> <p>Kids: We want to follow Jesus! 🙋🏻👉 [Walk in place + point up to Jesus]</p> <p>Leader: Then let's worship Him together — with joy, with songs, and with all our hearts! 🙌🏻👉❤️ [Throw hands up, pretend to sing, then place hands over heart]</p> <p>All Together: Jesus, we are ready! We love You! 🙌🏻❤️ [Raise hands + hug motion]</p>	
	7	<p>New Song: Video</p> <p>10,000 reasons</p> <p>Can do the whole song</p>	
	8	<p>Memory Verse: Galatians 5:22-23</p> <p>But the Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.</p>	
		Choose to do another song here using youtube if you want	
	9	Tell the story (see notes from story if you wish to tell it from here)	
3 minutes	11	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint

		<p>Ask a few questions: see "Review the Bible Story" page 112</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who appeared to Saul? 2. What happened to his eye sight? 3. What did Saul begin to do that showed that he had changed? 	
		<p>Another video: Questions from kids.</p> <p>Questions are: Why isn't everyone saved from their sin? Are some people too bad? Have you been saved by Jesus? How has Jesus changed your heart?</p>	
2 minutes	13	<p>Pray with the kids</p> <p>Thank you God that you hear our prayers. Thank You for loving Your church and helping us in hard times. Give us hearts that trust You no matter what we face. Amen.</p>	
	14	<p>Talk about the BINGO page "Where's the Word?" Encourage kids to continue to read the Bible at home and bring their paper back in when they get Bingo!</p>	
1 minute	18	<p>Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."</p>	



UNIT 33 | SESSION 1

PAUL BECAME A CHRISTIAN

ACTS 9

KEY PASSAGE:

John 3:17

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Who can be saved? Anyone who trusts in Jesus can be forgiven of their sins and be right with God.

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, who was once an enemy to Christians, to spend the rest of his life telling people the gospel and leading them to trust in Jesus.



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LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Acts 9. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Paul Became a Christian.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

PAUL BECAME A CHRISTIAN

“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 watched in approval 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 in jail. Many believers fled the city.

Saul headed to Damascus 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.”

The men who were traveling with Saul were speechless. They heard the sound but saw no one. **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 Ananias to go to the house where Saul was staying. Ananias knew that Saul had hurt many believers 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 Israelites.”

Ananias obeyed. He found Saul and told Saul that Jesus had sent him to help. Ananias put his hands on Saul, and 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. Now he was one of them! **The Jews did not like Saul’s message. They planned to kill him, so one night Saul left the city. The disciples helped Saul escape by lowering him down the city wall in a basket.**

Later in the Bible, Saul is referred to by his Roman name, Paul.

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, who

STORYTELLING TIPS

Act it out: Act out the part of Saul as you tell the story.

Thumbs up or down: Challenge kids to hear the hard parts and good parts of the story and respond with a thumbs up when good things happen or a thumbs down when bad things happen.



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was once an enemy to Christians, to spend the rest of his life telling people the gospel and leading them to trust in Jesus. 33

2 REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY 33 Saul was a Pharisee who hated Christians. He thought it was OK that Stephen was stoned. In our story today, Saul was on his way to Damascus to continue arresting Christians. But before he arrived in Damascus something amazing happened. Who appeared to Saul? [Allow responses.] A bright light flashed around Saul, and he heard Jesus' voice! Jesus asked Saul why he was persecuting Him. We've learned that the church is the body of Christ. So for Paul to hurt the church was the same as hurting Jesus.

Even though Saul was hurting Jesus and His church, Jesus sought Saul out—like a Shepherd who searches for a lost sheep. Jesus had a plan for Saul's life. What happened to Saul's eyesight after Jesus appeared to him? [Allow responses.] Saul couldn't see. The men he was traveling with had to help him as he traveled to Damascus.

The Lord had told Ananias, a Christian man in Damascus, to help Saul. When Saul met Ananias, he regained his sight, was baptized, and even spent time with other disciples. Saul began to live differently and show that he had changed. What did Saul begin to do that showed he had changed? [Allow responses.] Saul began to preach that Jesus is the Son of God and told others that Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus said that Saul was His chosen instrument to preach the gospel throughout the world. Saul's story reminds us that **anyone who trusts in Jesus can be forgiven of their sins and be right with God.** 33

3 CHRIST CONNECTION

SAY 33 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, who was once an enemy to Christians, to spend the rest of his life telling people the gospel and leading them to trust in Jesus. 33

(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

4 QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 33, Session 1" questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. Why isn't everyone saved from their sin? Are some people too bad?
2. Have you been saved by Jesus? How has Jesus changed your heart?



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5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Display a map of the United States and point to the State of Hawaii.

SAY “In 1798, Betsey Stockton was born in Princeton, New Jersey. She was a slave who became a Christian while attending college classes. Later, Betsey was granted freedom from slavery and God used her to tell people in Hawaii about Jesus.”

Play the missions video. Tell kids that Betsey believed that all Christians are called to God’s mission to share Jesus with the world. Share how Betsey felt called to take the gospel to those who had not heard. Pray that God will raise up more missionaries to share the gospel with people who have not yet heard the good news.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud John 3:17 together.

SAY “To condemn means to declare someone guilty after weighing the evidence. We are already condemned because of our sin. We are guilty before God. Jesus came into the world to save us from our sin. He came to take the punishment we deserve.”

Invite kids to create motions to help them remember the key passage. For example, kids could point up for “God,” shake their head no for “condemn,” cross their arms for “save the world,” etc. Challenge kids to say the key passage a few times while performing the motions.

Lead kids to sing “Through Him (John 3:17).” You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY “Thank You, God, for sending Your Son to earth so that we can be forgiven of our sins. Change us inside and out just like You did for Paul. Help us tell others about how Jesus saves us from our sins. Amen.”

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**

