

CLOUD-FIRE-LIGHT

CLOUD

After Jesus died and came back to life, he appeared to his friends many times.

Read Acts 1:4–5.

Jesus was giving his friends a big new job to do—to tell everyone about him! The Holy Spirit was going to help them do the job. Then it was time for Jesus to leave.

Read Acts 1:9–11

Then the people came to their senses and went to Jerusalem to wait, just as Jesus had told them to do.

FIRE

One day the people who believed in Jesus were all gathered in one place.

Read Acts 2:2–6 to find out what happened.

Godly Jews from every country in the world were staying in Jerusalem. A crowd came together when they heard the sound of the believers speaking in all these languages. It was confusing, because everybody heard the words in their own language—all at the same time. The Holy Spirit was helping the believers tell the other people about Jesus. But some of the people thought the believers were just acting crazy. Peter, one of Jesus' friends, stood up to tell the crowd all about Jesus.

Peter explained that God had planned long ago for Jesus to die on the cross and then be raised from the dead. God had promised the Holy Spirit, and now the Holy Spirit had come. Many people started believing in Jesus because of what happened that day.

LIGHT

Things got pretty exciting after that. Believers worshiped and prayed together. They shared meals together in their homes. They shared everything they had. They were a brand-new community. However, the religious leaders who hated Jesus didn't like his followers, either. They tried to stop anyone else from believing in Jesus by scaring people or even killing them just for believing in Jesus.

A man named Saul became very good at finding and hurting people who believed in Jesus. A lot of the believers went to other cities so they would be safe. But Saul looked for them everywhere. One day he was on his way to the city of Damascus to find Christians and cause trouble for them. He planned to take them prisoner and bring them back to Jerusalem.

Read Acts 9:3–9.

God spoke to another man in Damascus. His name was Ananias.
God sent Ananias to see Saul and heal his blindness.

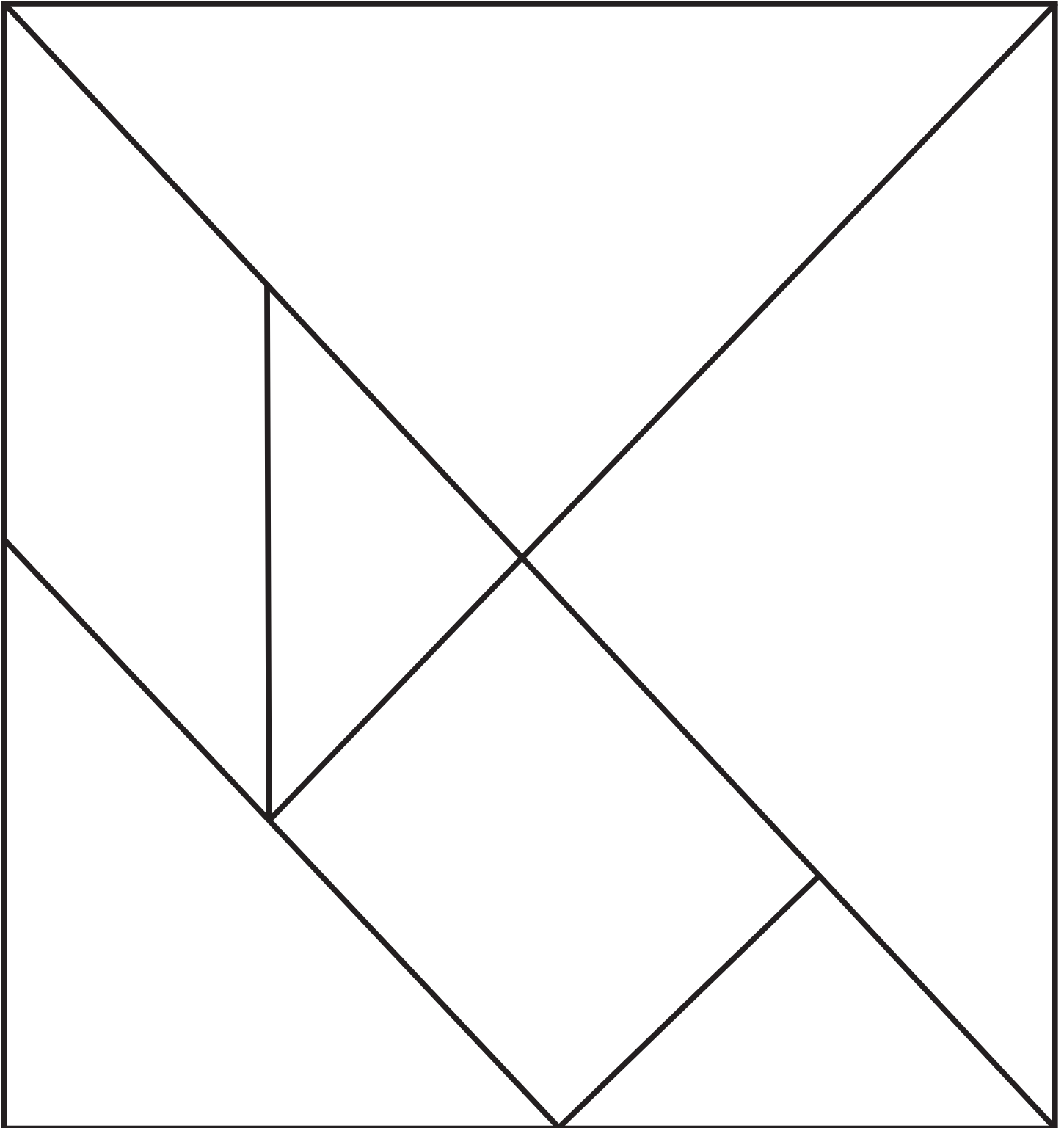
Read Acts 9:17–19.

After this, Saul changed his name to Paul to show he was a different person.

He traveled all over the place telling people to believe in Jesus.

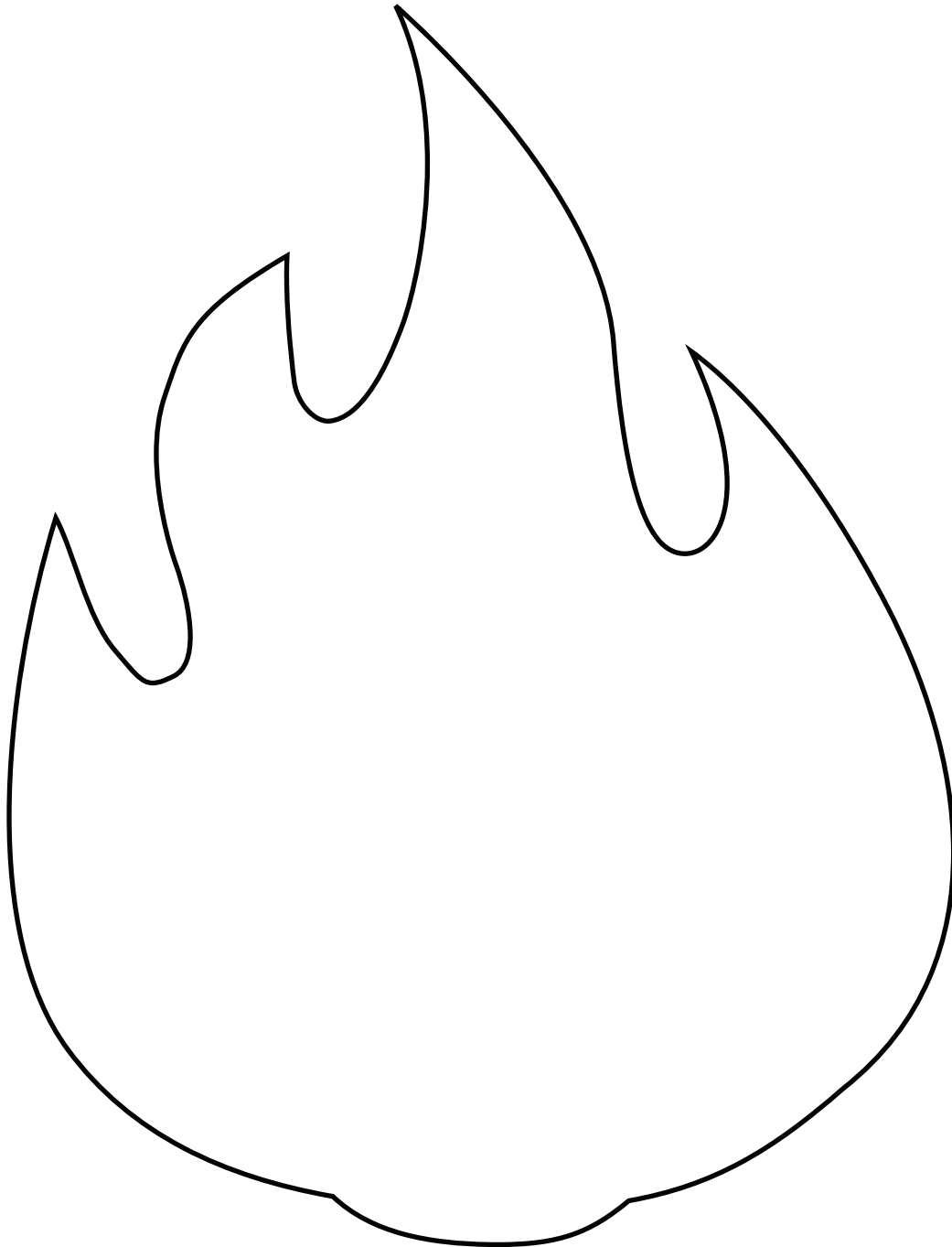
TANGRAMS STORY

Listen again as the class reviews the week's Bible lesson. Using your tangram shapes and working with a partner or small group, create a scene from the story.



THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

Look at the tongue of fire. It symbolizes the Holy Spirit in us. In the flame, write words that describe how the Spirit is working in your life today. Color and share.



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