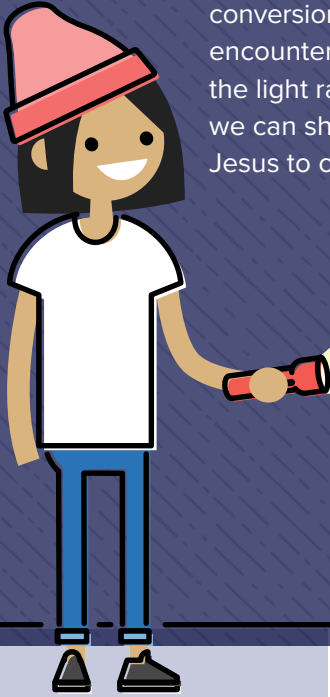


For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
ROMANS 1:16 (ESV)

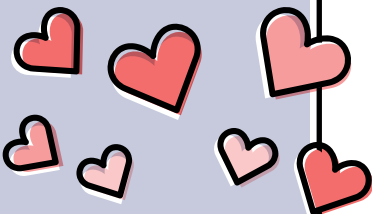
Bright Lights!

According to the Bible, Saul's conversion occurred when he encountered a bright light. On the light ray below, write ways we can show our love for Jesus to others.



A New Commandment!

Find and read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Then fill in the blanks.



What food do you find it easy to like? _____

What food do you really dislike (as in you cannot stand it in your mouth)? _____

What could you do to try to learn to enjoy that food? _____

What person do you find easy to **LOVE**? _____

What person in your family is hard to **LOVE**? _____

What person at school is hard to **LOVE**? _____

What other person is hard to **LOVE**? _____

What could you do to try to learn to **LOVE** them? _____

Do you think that will work? _____

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CONVERSATION

Saul Encountered Jesus

ACTS 9:1-25

Saul was an expert in Jewish law. He did not believe Jesus was the Son of God and was very angry with anyone who believed in Jesus. Saul threatened to kill people who were disciples of the Lord. He would travel to other cities to arrest believers and bring them to Jerusalem.

Saul went to Damascus to arrest some believers and put them in prison. As he walked on the road, a bright light from heaven flashed around him. The light blinded Saul, and he fell to the ground. He

heard a voice ask, "Saul, why are you persecuting (hurting) Me?"

Saul answered, "Who are You, Lord?"

"I am Jesus, the One you are persecuting," said the voice. "Go into the city, and you will be told what to do." Everyone traveling with Saul was confused. They heard a voice, but did not see anyone. When Saul stood up, he was blind. The men traveling with Saul led him into Damascus. Saul did not eat or drink for three days.

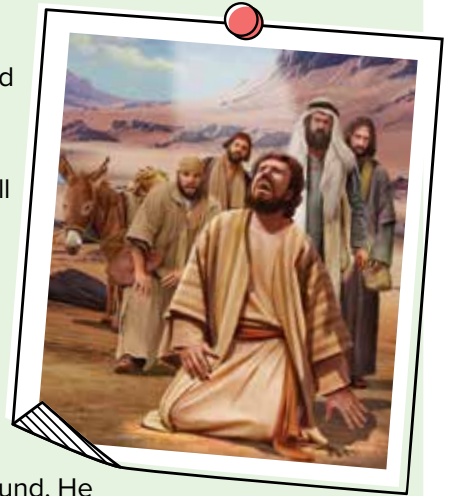
In Damascus God sent a vision to a believer named Ananias. "Go to the street called Straight, to the house of Judas and ask for Saul. He is praying there. He saw a vision and knows you are coming."

Ananias answered, "Lord, this man has hurt Your people in Jerusalem. He is here to arrest Your followers." God told Ananias that Saul would tell Gentiles, kings, and Israelites about God. Ananias obeyed and went to find Saul. Ananias placed his hands on Saul, and immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes. Saul could see again! Saul got up and was baptized.

After Saul believed in Jesus and received the Holy Spirit, Saul changed and began to teach people about Jesus. The Jews planned to kill Saul. Saul learned of their plan. One night Saul hid in a large basket, and his friends lowered him through a hole in the city wall to escape.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: 2 Corinthians 5:17

LIFE POINT: People change when they trust Jesus as Savior.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

In today's Bible story your child heard about Saul. Saul met Jesus on a Damascus road and his life dramatically changed. Saul, also known as Paul, spent the rest of his life sharing the gospel.



LIVE IT OUT

Talk about how much Saul changed after his encounter with Jesus. If your child is a Christian, ask him to examine his life and take note of the changes. Also, pray together that your child will continue to grow in his faith and love for Jesus.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God works through people to do work in their communities and world.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Monday: Ephesians 4:14

Tuesday: 1 Corinthians 11:1

Wednesday: Romans 12:2

Thursday: 2 Timothy 3:15

Friday: 2 Corinthians 3:18

Saturday: Luke 8:15

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Saul Encountered Jesus* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories and games.

