



Kids *Life*

Family Devotional: 10 Life Changing Minutes

Paul's Conversion

Welcome to the Paul's Conversion family devotional. This Bible story follows a man named Saul whose life was transformed by the power of God! Saul was one of the most vicious persecutors of the early church, and was even present at the stoning of Stephen.

Looking for more Christians to punish, Paul traveled on a road to Damascus. When suddenly a bright light from heaven blinded and knocked him to the Ground. It was Jesus! God was about to save Paul from his sins, change his name to Paul and use him as one of the greatest missionaries the world has ever know.

FAMILY READING PLAN

Acts 9:1-9 (NLT) WHO ARE YOU?

1 Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. 2 He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

3 As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

5 "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked.

And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting! 6 Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one! 8 Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. 9 He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

Discussion Questions:

1. How did Paul go from hating Christians to following Christ?

He experienced a miraculous change of heart! The Bible tells us that God is able to give anyone a new heart and spirit!

Ezekiel 36:26-27 And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

2. Why do you think God blinded Paul?

God used physical blindness to show Paul that he was spiritually blind. Jesus says that one of the blessings of following God is that we are given eyes to see and ears to hear the truth about Him.

Matthew 13:16-17 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn't see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn't hear it.

3. How has God changed your life?

Knowing God should always lead to a changed life. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 tells us that as we follow God, the Spirit of God will make us more and more like Jesus!

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

Closing Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for saving us from our sins and making us like Jesus. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the truth about you. We ask these things in Jesus' name, Amen.