

Paul Changes

Bible Verse

He began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues. "He is God's son," he declared. (Acts 9:20)

Did You Know?

Paul has an experience with Jesus as he was traveling along the road to Damascus. Paul was blinded. When Paul's eyes were opened, he realized he needed to change his ways, so he did. Paul became a believer in Jesus and preached God's love to all.

The disciples were afraid Paul would still be cruel to all the other believers. But the disciples were surprised when they heard his story and saw his actions. Paul was changed. Paul became a strong preacher for God's love as he grew in his own faith.

Many people believe Paul changed his name from Saul to Paul. He did not change his name. His name Saul was the Hebrew name where Paul is the Greek version. Paul's focus in his ministry was to share God's love to Gentiles, those who were not Jewish. Using his Greek name gave Paul the opportunity to preach to those who did not already believe in God but in pagan gods.



Bible Story

Acts 9:1-19

Anchor Point

Go and tell about Jesus.

Your Lesson

JUMP IN:

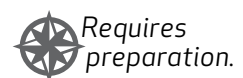
- ☐ Welcome
- ☐ Paul
- ☐ Blind
- ☐ Just the Bible

DIVE DEEPER:

- ☐ Deep Blue Bible Adventure
- ☐ Paul Changes
- GROW STRONGER:**
- ☐ Comic Change
- ☐ Learn & Serve with the Deep Blue Kids
- ☐ Paul and Ananias

WORSHIP:

- ☐ Prayer and Praise
- ☐ Bible Stories & Stuff





JUMP IN!

After welcoming the children, lead them into the Bible story with at least one of the following activities.

WELCOME

Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 2 & 31, Deep Blue Adventure DVD; DVD player; offering basket



Hang the Attendance Chart (Class Stuff—pp. 16–17, 31).

- Play “Be a Believer” (CD-ROM), as you welcome each child.
- Show the children where to place their offerings and ask them to record their attendance on the chart.

PAUL

Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 13, pens or pencils

- Hand out “Paul” (p. 13) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.

BLIND

Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 14, pens or pencils

- Hand out “Blind” (p. 14) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.

JUST THE BIBLE

Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 6 & 27, 21



Hang the Unit 2 Bible Verse and the Unit 2 Bible Verse Signs posters (pp. 6 & 27, 21).

- Read the verse together and teach the children the signs for the verse.
- Have the children sign and say the Bible Verse with you several times.

DIVE DEEPER

DEEP BLUE BIBLE ADVENTURE

Supplies: Bible Stories and Stuff—“Songbook,” Adventure DVD, DVD player, TV or projector and screen

- Hand out the “Songbook” (Bible Stories & Stuff). Using the songbook, invite the children to sing along with “Be a Believer” (Adventure DVD).

SAY: While Caleb is steering the ship with the sun in his eyes, Edgar shares a story about a man who could not see. Let’s see our video.

- Show the children the Adventure DVD for today’s session.




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How can the children become engaged with the session quickly? Invite them to do the puzzles and read the Scripture for the day.



PAUL CHANGES

Supplies: CEB Kids Bibles, Class Stuff—pp. 16 & 17

 Hang the “Go and Tell” Collage (pp. 16 & 17).

SAY: Our Scripture reading for today is from Acts 9:1-19. Let’s act out the Scripture as we read it. We will need the following characters: Paul, high priest, Jesus, those traveling with Paul, and Ananias. As we read, those characters will act out their parts when they hear them. Let’s read together.


ASK: I wonder:

- What Jesus’ followers thought of Paul?
- What Paul felt when he heard Jesus?
- What it was like for Paul to encounter Ananias?
- How God is working in this story?

GROW STRONGER

COMIC CHANGE

Supplies: Leader Guide—p. 41, crayons or markers

 Copy “Comic Change” (p. 41) for each child.

- Give each child a copy of the comic strip.

SAY: Paul has experienced an important change in his life. He heard Jesus speak to him and was blinded. When Paul could see again, he began to preach about Jesus. Using the comic strip, draw individual pictures in each square to tell the story of Paul and his change.

- Invite children to share their work.

LEARN AND SERVE

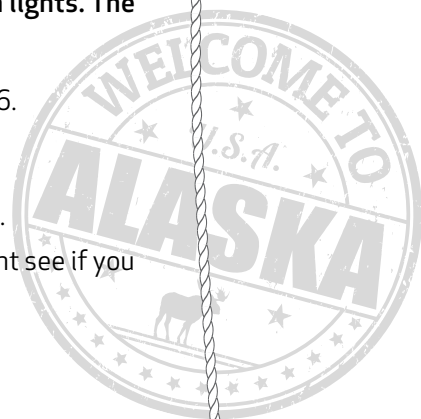
Supplies: Bible Stories & Stuff—session 6, black construction paper, colored chalk

SAY: The Deep Blue Kids are learning a lot about Alaska, the people, and much more. One of the things that is very interesting about Alaska is the northern lights. The Northern Lights are also known as the Aurora Borealis.

- Read about the Northern Lights in Bible Stories & Stuff for session 6.


SAY: Now we are going to create our own Northern Lights.

- Give each child black construction paper provided and colored chalk.
- Invite children to draw a picture of the Northern Lights that you might see if you were to travel to Alaska.
- Encourage the children to be creative!



PAUL AND ANANIAS

Supplies: Leader Guide—p. 42, markers or coloring pencils

 Make two copies of "Paul and Ananias" (p. 42) for each child.

SAY: Paul was blind and Ananias was told to go to him. Ananias knew Paul had persecuted many Jesus followers. When Ananias visited with Paul, the scales from Paul's eyes fell away. Paul could see again. Follow the directions on the handouts to see two different pictures.

WORSHIP

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Supplies: CEB Kids Bible, Adventure DVD, Bible Stories and Stuff—"Songbook," DVD player, TV or projector and screen, table, fabric for covering table, candle, cross on the table

- Sing together "Be a Believer" (Adventure DVD).

SAY: As we gather together for worship let's remember our anchor point today is "Go and tell about Jesus." Our anchor point helps us to remember we need to tell the world of the Resurrection. While thinking about what it means to tell the world about Jesus, let's light our candle for worship. (*Light the candle.*)

SAY: Paul changed from being a person who bullied the Jesus followers to being a Jesus follower himself. This was a big change for Paul. I wonder if you have ever met anyone who has changed like Paul did. Paul then told people about his faith and his understandings of Jesus. Paul was a disciple.

- Invite children to gather in a circle.

SAY: Let's go around the circle and share one way we have changed. After everyone has spoken, then we will go around the circle again. This time tell us if you have a prayer request for today.

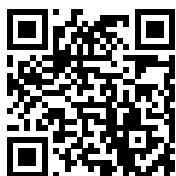
PRAY: God, we thank you for the resurrection of Jesus. We thank you that Paul changed his ways and was a great preacher for you. Help us to go tell others about you. Amen.

SAY: Remember to take home your Bible Stories & Stuff for session 6.



TIP

Do you have children waiting at the end of class? Check out the Deep Blue app at the QR code below.



Comic Change

Paul and Ananias

On one copy, with one crayon, color only numbers 1, 2, and 3. On the other copy, color numbers 3, 4, and 5. You will discover the two different pictures, Paul hearing Jesus' voice, and Ananias hearing Jesus' voice.

