

PAUL'S CONVERSION AND BAPTISM

BIBLE PASSAGE: Acts 9:1-25

KEY PASSAGE: Acts 1:8

MAIN POINT: Christians tell about Jesus.

The Bible Story

Acts 9:1-25

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS

Paul did not think Jesus was God's Son, and he did not like people who loved Jesus. One day, Paul was going to Damascus to hurt people who loved Jesus. On the way, a bright light shone around Paul, and he fell down. A voice from heaven said, "Why are you against Me?" Paul asked, "Who are You, Lord?" The voice said, "I am Jesus. Get up and go to Damascus." Paul got up, but he could not see. His servants helped him get to the city. Jesus sent a man named Ananias to Paul to help him see and to tell him the good news about Jesus. God changed Paul's heart so he loved Jesus. Paul was baptized. Everywhere Paul went, he told people about Jesus.

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- * Paul did not love Jesus at first.
- * Jesus sent Ananias to tell Paul about Him.
- * God changed Paul's heart to love Jesus.

Additional resources for each session are available at gospelproject.com.

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Babies Activities



LOOK IN THE BIBLE

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Acts 9. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY: God changed Paul's heart to love Jesus. Paul became a Christian. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.** [*Pray for the babies.*]



SING A SONG

Sing the chorus of "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Check out the tune online before class.

"Wherever He leads, I'll go. [*Repeat.*]

I'll follow my Christ who loves me so.

Wherever He leads, I'll go!"

SAY: Paul did not love Jesus at first, but God changed Paul's heart to love Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



PLAY PEEKABOO

Sit with a baby in front of you. Cover your eyes, and then reveal your eyes and say, "Peekaboo, God loves you."

SAY: Paul did not love Jesus at first. A bright light shined around Paul, and Jesus spoke to him! Then Paul could not see! Jesus sent Ananias to help Paul see. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



HANDLE THE BIBLE

Before class, wrap a Bible storybook with paper and place heart-shaped stickers all over the cover. Invite babies to look at the pictures. Remind babies that the Bible is God's words.

SAY: God changed Paul's heart to love Jesus. Paul used the Bible to tell people about Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church's security guidelines. Give parents today's big picture card. Repeat the Gospel Gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

Toddler Activities



CIRCLE TIME (5 MINUTES)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Acts 9. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Pray.



PAINT WITH GLOW PAINT OR CHALK

Post an allergy alert. Provide painting smocks, paintbrushes, construction paper, and washable glow paint or fluorescent chalk for toddlers. Dim the lights or use a black light wand to make the chalk "glow." Write the Main Point on each paper.

SAY: A bright light shone on Paul, and he heard Jesus' voice. God changed Paul's heart to love Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



JOURNEY WITH PAUL FLANNELGRAPH

Print the "Journey with Paul" printable, cut out the figures and instruction cards, and attach adhesive hook-and-loop fasteners to the figures. Drape felt over the table or pin it to the wall at child's height. Tell the story. Use the figures throughout this unit.

SAY: God changed Paul's heart to love Jesus. Paul told people about Jesus everywhere He went. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



WORK PUZZLES

Print the Bible story picture and cut it into three or four pieces for toddlers to reassemble. Talk about the Bible story as toddlers work.

SAY: God had a plan for Paul to tell people everywhere about Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



SHINE FLASHLIGHTS

Provide toddler-friendly flashlights for toddlers to shine. Show how to make shadow puppets. Talk about the Bible story.

SAY: God changed Paul's heart to love Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Bonus Teaching Hour

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TRANSITION ACTIVITY: TRACE SHADOWS

Tape white paper to the wall at toddler's height. Use an overhead projector to shine light onto the paper. Place blocks or foam shapes onto the glass. Invite toddlers to trace around the shadows. If you don't have an overhead projector, place stickers on a flashlight but be mindful the stickers do not burn or melt. Review the Bible story.

SAY: Paul did not love Jesus at first, but God changed Paul's heart to love Jesus. Like Paul, **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**



GUIDE A FRIEND

Invite toddlers to hold hands and guide a friend around the room. Talk about how someone needed to guide Paul to Damascus because he could not see. Review the Bible story.

SAY: Jesus sent Ananias to tell Paul about Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS** so others can trust in Him.



EXAMINE BRAILLE

Before class, gather children's books in braille from your local library for toddlers to examine. You may also print a copy of the braille alphabet. Use clear liquid glue to make raised dots for toddlers to touch once the glue is dried.

SAY: Jesus sent Ananias to tell Paul about Jesus. God changed Paul's heart to love Jesus. **CHRISTIANS TELL ABOUT JESUS.**

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Main Point, or Gospel Gems throughout the week.