



A CHANGED MAN



Acts 9:1-19

Saul did not like Jesus' followers. He was on his way to put some of them in jail.

Suddenly, a bright light flared around him. Saul fell to the ground. A loud voice asked, "Saul, why are you against me?" Saul was afraid. He cried out, "Who are you?" The voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are against."

"Go to Damascus and you will be told what to do." When Saul got up, he could not see. Some men who were traveling with Saul led him to the city.

Jesus had also appeared to a man named Ananias. Jesus led Ananias to Saul. Ananias laid his hands on Saul and said, "Jesus sent me to you. You may see again. Be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately Saul could see! Then Ananias baptized him.

After this, God changed Saul's name to Paul. He was a new man! Instead of hating Jesus' followers, he loved them. And he became a follower too.



PRESCHOOL



WELCOME

Prepare tables with the opening activities. Greet kids by name as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families.

TABLE #1 - Coloring sheet & crayons - - - **TABLE #2** - Changed Heart craft - - - **Floor** - Blowing bubbles



INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

A NEW NAME --- Have preschoolers sit or stand in the large group area. Ask: **If you could choose a new name for yourself, would you? What would your new name be?** [allow for responses]

In today's story, we will hear about a man who needed a change of heart. Jesus changed his heart and He changed his name. Let's listen to what happened.



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Read the story from The Beginner's Bible, pages 488 - 493; or watch the story video from the jump drive on the TV.

WE ARE THE CHURCH



SONG

Lead preschoolers in singing one or more songs found in the July 2026 file.



PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

Practice the key verse with preschoolers.

**Serve each other with love.
Galatians 5:13b**



ACTIVITIES

CHANGE HEARTS

- Hand interested preschoolers a prepared heart. Allow them to decorate with stickers, crayons, or markers.
- Use the time to ask preschoolers about the story or review the key passage.
- **We will learn [or learned] about a man who had a changed heart. Saul was changed when Jesus appeared to him at the road to Damascus. What happened to Saul's eyes? Who helped Saul when he arrived in Damascus? Jesus met Saul and changed his heart. Jesus can change our hearts, too!**

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BLIND WALK GAME

- Divide preschoolers into two or three per group and have one preschooler close their eyes (or if they are willing use the scarves to blindfold them).
- Have preschoolers take turns leading each other around the room at a slow, walking pace.
- **When Jesus appeared to Saul, he could not see after the bright light flashed around him. He had to be led by the men who were traveling with him to Damascus. Then Jesus told Ananias to help Saul see again and be baptized. After Saul met Jesus, he began telling people about Jesus.**



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.

Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.