



FOUR WEEK SERIES

Paul wasn't one of the original disciples of Jesus.

Yet, he was the *BIGGEST FACTOR* in the early church.

- ★ He wrote 13 of the 27 books in the New Testament.
- ★ He went on more than four missionary journeys.
- ★ He greatly helped the spread of the gospel (imagine like taking Aussie-Rules internationally!).

Through his life and writings, we learn many *IMPORTANT* lessons.

- ★ 1 God can use anyone he chooses.
- ★ 2 God will lead and show us the way.
- ★ 3 Even when times are tough, God is still there.
- ★ 4 We can put our complete trust in God, because he cares for us.

LESSON # 1

GOD can use anyone he chooses

Introduction:

Today, we're in a time soon after Jesus' death and resurrection. The good news about Jesus was spreading and many people were becoming followers. However, there was increasing and violent opposition from the rulers and leaders at that time. One of those leading this

terror was a man named Saul. He was a mean man, who wanted to put everyone who followed Jesus in jail. (Read: Acts 8:3).

One day, on the way to Damascus to arrest the Christians there, Jesus came to Saul as a blinding light...

Read Acts 9:1-19

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oi95cv0tk9Q>



And: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-r0HjxJI_8



Questions:

1. Why was Saul going to Damascus? (*To put followers of Jesus in prison.*)
2. What did Saul ask when the light made him fall down? (*“Who are you, Lord?”*)
3. How do you think Saul felt when he heard Jesus' voice? (*Frightened.*)
4. What did Jesus tell Saul? (*“Get up, go into the city, and you will be told what to do.”*)

5. How did Ananias know what to do? (*God spoke to him in a vision, and he trusted what God told him.*)

6. What plans did Jesus have for Saul? (*He had been chosen to tell about Jesus to the world.*)

7. What happened to Saul after Ananias placed his hands on him (*He regained his sight and was baptized.*)

8. God made Saul blind. Why? What can we learn from this?

God made Saul blind to get a point across. The point is that God might allow bad things to happen to us so we will realize that we need to take a closer look at what we are doing. Maybe we are doing something wrong, or maybe we are not seeking God like we should be. But remember, as in this lesson, God allowed Saul to have his sight back when He sent Ananias to him. God can speak to us in many ways. We need to be ready to hear what God says all the time. He wanted Saul to change his life completely, because He had a huge plan for his life. That plan included preaching about Jesus and using his own life as an example to show others how God can and will forgive us when we are willing to follow Him.

Activities:

1. Put on a blindfold. Then try to:
 - a. Put on a change of clothes
 - b. Eat a bowl of cereal (with milk)
 - c. Read a book / use an iPad
2. Print the “Paul.jpg”. We will build on this picture over these 4 lessons.
 - a. Cut a small piece of paper into the shape of a blindfold and put it over his eyes. Ideally, make it a flap so it can be lifted up and down.
 - b. Cut another small piece of paper. Make this a flap too. Write on it “SAUL”, and place it over the “Paul” on the picture.
 - c. Write a few words around this man to describe Saul and the events of today’s lesson. Suggestions: “killed Christians, blind, Damascus”. **You’ll add more words to this picture over the next 3 weeks, so leave plenty of space.**
 - d. **Colour ¼ of the picture.**
 - e. Share your work on What’sApp.

Sources:

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