



Unit 10, Lesson 39

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: SAUL'S CONVERSION ACTS 9:1-22

THE STORY HOME

Changing names. In Acts 9:1-22 a man, Saul, is changed. He had been threatening, cruel, and murderous toward the followers of Jesus Christ. Then, while walking down a lonely road toward Damascus, he meets the living God—Jesus Christ—who changes Saul's life in a good, real, and permanent way. Saul's conversion is so intense on the inside that his outward actions change too. In fact, he shows evidence of this conversion by going by his Roman name, Paul, rather than his Jewish name, Saul. Then Paul goes out to cities and towns, no longer murderously searching out believers, but rather preaching about God's love and forgiveness, gathering believers in to a relationship with the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Today, we read lots of Bible books written by Paul, some are letters to the churches that he helped to establish. Paul was the first missionary that God sent out!

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- What made the change in Saul? What happened to him as he traveled on the Damascus road?
- God had a special ministry for Paul. Explain what you think Paul did different than the old Saul.
- I wonder if changing a name makes any difference to some people. What do you think?
- If you could change your name, what name would you choose? What meaning would this name have for you and others?

TOGETHER HOME

The wacky family name game. Together, play a fun game for one day where everyone chooses a different name. They must explain why they chose the name, if it has meaning, or describes their ability, etc. During the day, use the new name whenever you talk to that family member. Did anyone get mixed-up or forget his or her new name or the new names of other family members? Do you know anyone who goes by two different names? If yes, why does this person do so?

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

This month's memory verse is, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19) Each morning, hug your children and repeat the Bible verse. Then "send them out" under the safe umbrella of your prayers and God's watchful eye.

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