

BLINDED ☆

Children act out the story of Saul meeting Jesus on the road to Damascus, and learn a valuable lesson: When God wants to get our attention He can use anything! (A skit for five persons: Saul, Two men, Jesus, Ananias)

TOPICS:

Forgiveness, Light, Paul

MATERIALS:

Blindfold (To cover over Saul's eyes)
White Sheet (To wrap around Jesus)
Skit handout (PDF) [Click here](#)



DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

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Application:

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.

ALL SINS FORGIVEN

Instructions:

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1 Peter 3:18a NIV1984

BLINDING LIGHT ☆

A song about Saul going to Damascus and how his life changed after seeing the blinding light of Christ. Sung to the tune of, "Itsy Bisty Spider."

Recording by Haley Lehmkuhl and Gustavo Vega

TOPICS:

Jesus, Light, Paul, Persecution

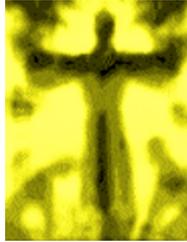
MATERIALS:

Song sheet [Click here](#)

Audio sample [Click here](#)

DURATION:

Approximately 5 minutes



VERSE 1

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VERSE 2

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VERSE 3

Now blind, confused and helpless, Saul waited three whole days,
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Putting hands on Saul his blindness was no more,
Then Saul shared with the people, that Jesus is the Lord.

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the righteous for the unrighteous,

to bring you to God.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TAKE HOME PAGE

To parents:

This page lets you know what your child learned in Sunday school today. In addition, you will find this week's memory verse, a suggested activity, and a short prayer to reinforce the lesson.

Being involved and interacting with your child can be very rewarding for both of you.

What we learned:



Today our Bible lesson was about the time Saul went to Damascus to arrest anyone who followed Jesus. However, Saul is blinded by the light of the Lord along the way. Instead of persecuting the Christians, he turns his life around begins following Jesus and preaching the Good News. We learned from this lesson that like Saul, we must acknowledge Jesus as Lord and follow Him wherever He leads us. (Scripture used: Acts 9:1-19)

Memory Verse:



"The Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous." Psalms 146:8

Practice this verse several times with your child during the week. This will not only help him or her remember the verse, but it will also help to reinforce what he or she learned during class.

Suggested Parent/Child Activity:



Take some time this week to talk about truth and consequences. When we do things that Jesus would not appreciate, God may step in and allow some consequences to take place in order to help us change our ways to or get back onto the right track. Discuss how God might get our attention if we have a tendency to steal, to lie, to cheat, to fight, to be selfish, or to be argumentative.

Daily Prayer:



Dear Lord, remove the blindness from my eyes that is keeping me from knowing Your Will and help me be sensitive to Your guidance. Like Saul on the road to Damascus, stop me when I start to go down the wrong path or when I start to put others things before You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THE APOSTLE PAUL

LESSON 1: SEEING THE LIGHT ☆

Lessons in this series: [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [Overview](#)

Saul is going to Damascus to arrest those who are preaching the Good News. Blinded by the light of the Lord along the way, he turns his life around and instead of persecuting Christians, he starts preaching about the forgiveness of Jesus. In this lesson the children will learn that like Saul, we must acknowledge Jesus as our Lord wherever we are, and follow Him wherever He leads us.

TOPICS

Apostles, Following Jesus, Forgiveness, Light, Paul, Repentance

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

All Sins Forgiven (Puzzle) [Click here](#)

OPENING PRAYER AND PRAISE (5 MINUTES)

Further info? [Click here](#)

MEMORY WORK (12 MINUTES)

"The Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous." Psalm 146:8 NIV

Explain that God has the power to give sight to the blind and to lift up or help people who are burdened. God also loves those who have Godly desires. We must not doubt the presence of His power in our lives.

Divide the class into three teams and choose a leader for each team to help them get ready. Assign the first part of the verse to one team, the second part to the second team, and the last part to the third team. Start by having team one say the first part out loud, and quickly have team two say the next part. Then team three the third part. Everyone then says the reference. Continue this way, going faster and faster until there are no errors or hesitations. Then, switch parts and do it again.

SCRIPTURE READING AND DISCUSSION (15 MINUTES)

Introduction:

Saul was a mean man, a man who wanted to put everyone who followed Jesus in jail. One day on the way to Damascus, to arrest the Christians there, Jesus came to him as a blinding light. Saul fell to the ground as he heard someone speak. He didn't know that it was Jesus. Jesus told Saul that he was persecuting Him, and to go to the city and wait for further instructions. Saul was very confused and a bit scared. When the light vanished, he stood up and opened his eyes but he saw nothing! The men that were traveling with him could not explain what had just happened, so they did as Jesus said and they went to Damascus and waited to several days. Do you think someone like Saul could be used by Jesus? Let's find out if Saul got his sight back.

Read Acts 9:1-19

Discussion Questions:

1. Why was Saul going to Damascus? (*To put men and women who were following Jesus in prison.*)
2. Who did Jesus say Saul was persecuting? (*Jesus.*)
3. How was Saul persecuting Jesus? (*By trying to harm Jesus' disciples, and by putting Christians into jail.*)
3. What did Saul ask when the light made him fall down? (*Who are you, Lord?*)
4. How do you think Saul felt when he realized he was hearing Jesus' voice? (*Frightened.*)
5. What plans did Jesus have for Saul? (*He wanted Saul to preach the Good News.*)
6. Did Ananias believe it when the Lord said Saul was going to be a changed person? (*No, but he trusted what God told him.*)
7. What happened to Saul after Ananias placed his hands on him (*He regained his sight and was filled with the Holy Spirit.*)
8. What do you think Saul did after he regained his strength? (*Began preaching see verse 20.*)
9. Do you think Saul knew what to say to the people who he had been persecuting? (*Allow for answers.*)

CLASS EXERCISE (10 MINUTES)

Blinded (Skit) [Click here](#)

ALTERNATE CLASS EXERCISE (5 MINUTES)

Blinding Light (Song) [Click here](#)

APPLICATION (4 MINUTES)

Saul is a good example of how God loves us and is able to show us a way out when we are not living according to His Will. Of course Saul didn't think he needed a way out. He thought he was doing the right thing, but he was wrong. God showed Saul that he needed to repent of his sins so God could use him. Although we have done some pretty bad things, God is waiting for us to come clean and ask for forgiveness. Once we do, we are ready to let Him work through us.

"For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God." (1 Peter 3:18). That was true for Saul, and it is true for you. But remember that when God has something He wants you to do, it might take something big to get you on the right track, like with Saul when God caused him to become blind.

NEXT WEEK

The Bible says, "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good." Can you imagine a world where everything is perfect—perfect weather, perfect food, perfect grades, and perfect brothers or sisters? What about a world without hatred, sickness, or death? Does our world become

perfect once we start to follow Jesus? Come back next week to find out what happens to Saul now that he is following Jesus.

CLOSING PRAYER (2 MINUTES)

Further info? [Click here](#)

TAKE HOME PAGE

Give one copy to each child at the end of the class to take home. Click here for [NIV](#) or [KJV](#) [PDF]

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(Cross-out) Children cross out certain words in this puzzle to reveal the message of 1 Peter 3:18, that Jesus died for our sins to bring us to God.

TOPICS:

Cross, Forgiveness, Salvation, Sin

MATERIALS:

Cross-out puzzle for each child [PDF] [Click here](#)

[Solution](#)

Cross-out puzzle in KJV [PDF] [Click here](#) [KJV solution](#)

Highlighters or markers



DURATION:

Approximately 10 minutes

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

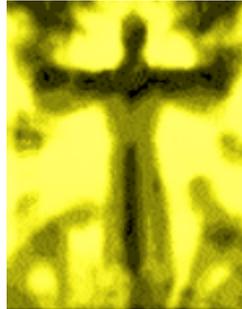
Give each child a highlighter or a marker and a copy of the cross-out puzzle.

Discussion Questions: (optional)

1. Is Jesus able to forgive all of our sins? (Yes.)
2. What did Jesus do because He loves us so much and doesn't want any of us to be separated from God? (He died on the cross.)
3. What do you think "the righteous for the unrighteous" means? (Jesus was righteous and without sin, but He suffered unto death in our place.)

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