

Kindergarten-2nd

April 20-21, 2013

DATE

Paul Meets Jesus

LESSON TITLE

Acts 9 (Pg. 1281-1283)

WHERE TO FIND IT

After Paul meets Jesus, he follows him!

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

When you move from one activity to the next, set kids up for success—tell them what you expect from a good audience in Large Group, and how to participate well in Small Group.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they worked out in Kids' Club today!

large group heads up

Today, we are learning the story of Paul and how he changed when he started following Jesus--and ways he worked hard to learn more about following Jesus. Before you go into large group, think about ways YOU follow Jesus. Get ready to talk to kids about that during small group.



instructions

Goal: to help kids recognize that following Jesus takes regular practice, just like running a race or playing a sport

Why? When we follow Jesus, it sometimes means hard work. It's important for us to take that seriously by looking at practices we can put in place to help us seek him.

Tip: Make sure your small groups are spread out today, so you have plenty of room for your "workout."

small group

CONNECT

1. What was the best part of your week?
2. OR (if you've already connected before large group): What was the most surprising part of today's story?

PART I REVIEW (Go quickly through these; focus on the ACTIVITY and PART II)

3. What was Paul like before he met Jesus? (mean, a bully, targeted people who followed Jesus)
4. When Paul was traveling, he met Jesus. Does anybody remember how that happened? (God called to him and shined a bright light that blinded Paul for three days)
5. After Paul met Jesus, what did he do? (He started following Jesus and telling others about Jesus!)

ACTIVITY

Alright, everybody stand up for this. Remember, when Paul followed Jesus, he viewed it like training for a big race. He wanted to practice following ALL the time by learning about Jesus and telling everyone he met about Jesus' Rescue! Now, Let's pretend I'm your coach. If we were a basketball, soccer, or dance team, we wouldn't *just* do games, we'd have to practice! (Lead—or instruct—the group through some exercises; add whatever you want). We might:

- Sprint in place so we can get faster
- Jump so we can jump higher
- Touch our toes so we can stretch out and be flexible
- Do some pushups so our arms get stronger
- Maybe even stand on one leg in some yoga poses so we get good balance

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PART II REVIEW ACTIVITY (You should still be standing!)

Because Paul followed Jesus, he was a part of God's Story! And guess what? God wants you to be a part of his story, too! So we can practice following Jesus every single day, just like Paul did!

6. Let's look at ways we can practice following Jesus, like Paul.
 - a. When you think of one way you can learn more about Jesus or follow him, I want you to get down like you're ready to start a race (show them by pretending you're about to take off running—nothing fancy or official necessary).
 - b. When everybody is ready, pass around your "team" (small group's) **ball**—you can go around the circle, but ideally have kids toss it to one another. Whoever has the ball can share an idea. You start to get them going. Ideas like and unlike Paul are: read the Bible, pray, sing, listen to God, help a friend, obey your parents, be kind to somebody, share with somebody in need, tell people about Jesus' Rescue, write a nice note to brighten somebody's day, etc.)

After you play, **pray with the kids, asking God to help you and each of them learn how to follow Jesus, just like Paul.** Then collect the ball, so the next small group can use it.

*Extra time? **Have kids draw** a picture of one way they want to follow Jesus this week.*

special notes

***If kids wonder why Paul went to jail for following Jesus, address their concerns. Tell them that back then, people *could* go to jail for following Jesus. Then remind them how exciting it is that we live in a place where we are free to follow Jesus!**

presenter tips

You might want to use your mic to give your voice a little extra “boom” when you talk about God calling out to Paul audibly!

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids’ Club! I’m so happy to see each and every one of you. We talked about how God sent a very special helper called the Holy Spirit to help us follow Jesus. Today, we’re going to hear about a guy who didn’t follow Jesus AT ALL. But then he met Jesus—and totally changed! His name was Paul.

INTRO: PAUL WAS A MEAN GUY

So Paul was a mean guy. He hurt other people. Close your eyes and think of the meanest bully you can imagine. It can be a bully at your school, a mean guy from on TV, or somebody else...like maybe Goliath (***show picture of Goliath***). Goliath was *nine* feet tall and wanted to *destroy* God’s whole family. Think of someone like Goliath or even more mean! (Let kids think. If they want to share movie villains, that’s great! Just keep it light and kid-friendly, respecting kids who haven’t seen as many movies—and don’t assume that all kids know who Goliath is. Explain him, just like you’d explain a brand new character.)

You can probably all think of somebody pretty mean. Let me see your mean face (show mean faces and add a “grrr” or a fist pump). Paul was a guy just like that. And you know who Paul was the MEANEST to? People who followed Jesus! Can you believe that?

PAUL MEETS JESUS

(***Show picture of Paul traveling.***) Well, one day, Paul was traveling down a road. He was actually headed to find people who followed Jesus and be mean to them! But as Paul was traveling, all of a sudden, God called to him! God actually spoke out loud and said (speak loudly—use the mic): “Paul, Paul! Why are you acting like this?”



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Then God shined a light right into Paul's eyes. (**Shine the flashlight.**) It was so bright—WAY brighter than this (shine the light around the room)—and it went right into his eyes! He couldn't see *anything* for THREE days!

Squeeze your eyes shut for a minute to see what it was like for Paul. (Cover your own eyes and say): God spoke to Paul while he was blind...and do you think Paul listened? (Let kids say: yes!) He sure did! Now open your eyes and let's get ready to see how Paul's life changed once he started following Jesus!

PAUL CHANGES

We're going to watch a video about Paul. As you watch, see if you can figure out ONE thing Paul did after he started following Jesus.

Video: God's Story: Paul

Wow, Paul was quite a guy, wasn't he? Hold up one finger if you figured out ONE thing Paul did after he started following Jesus. (Let kids respond.)

Okay, what are some things Paul did? (**Let kids share:** *they may say 1. Told people about Jesus, 2. Learned about God, 3. Wanted to know God, 4. Studied the Bible, 5. Talked to God, 6. Listened to God, 7. Was willing to do anything for God—in all these, you can use both God and Jesus. Make sure to guide kids to how Paul trained, not just how he went to jail, etc.*)

Yes! Paul was constantly learning how to follow Jesus and teaching others how to follow Jesus. He worked hard to learn more about God by reading his Bible, praying, listening to God, and telling new people about Jesus. He viewed following Jesus like training for a BIG race, which takes a lot of practice.

Even when following Jesus was hard—like when Paul went to jail or got shipwrecked or even had to make good choices when he didn't feel like it (Romans 7:15-Pg. 1318)—he still did it! He knew that he was just training to one day live with Jesus forever!

WORSHIP

Now let's sing to God to tell him we love him! Our first song reminds us that we can be brave when we follow Jesus, just like Paul! Then we'll sing a song about how much God loves us.

Song: Bravery (lyrics with person doing hand motions on screen)

Song: Because You Love Me (lyrics with person doing hand motions on screen)

PRAY

Ask somebody to come and ask God to help us follow him this week.



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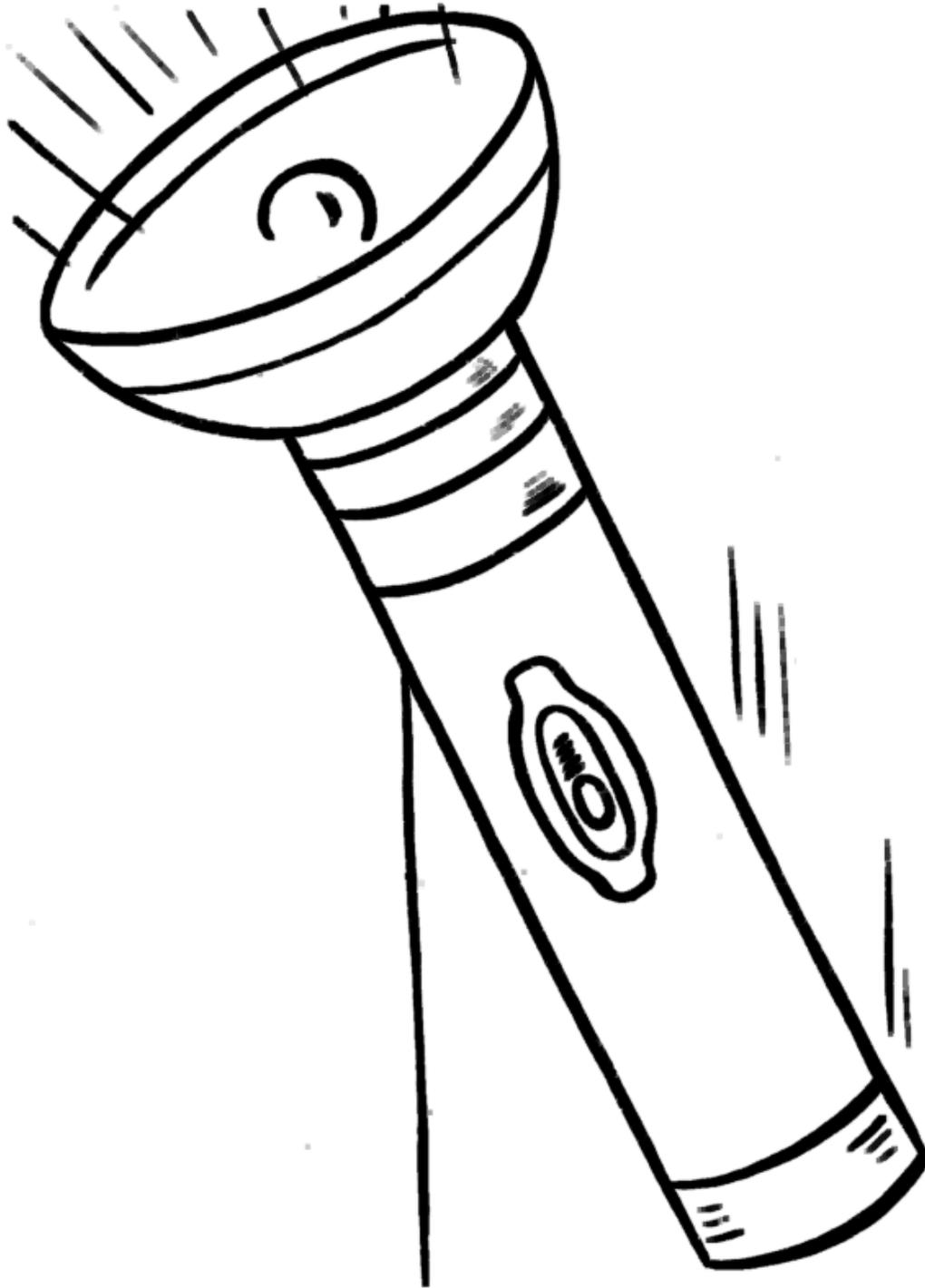
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PREP needs



small group supplies

1. Coloring pages
2. Extra paper and markers
3. **Per small group:** 1 sports-related ball (something akin to OT: IN-12/1861)

large group supplies

Adventure Bible for Early Readers (Acts 9, Pg. 1281-1283)
Flashlight

a/v needs

1. Image: picture of Goliath (jpeg in curriculum folder)
2. Image: picture of Paul traveling (jpeg in curriculum folder)
3. Video: God's Story / Paul (please remove the "train" intro from the Strong Journey)
4. Song: Bravery (live lyrics with person doing motions)
5. Song: Because You Love Me (live lyrics with person doing motions)

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Paul.
How did Paul follow Jesus?

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Following Jesus isn't always easy. Paul worked hard to learn more about Jesus, follow him, and show others how to follow him. He viewed it like training to run a big race. Ask your kid about it. You can also read part of Paul's story in Acts 9 or watch a video about Paul on CrossroadsKidsClub.net.