

September 23-24, 2017

DATE

Paul Meets Jesus

LESSON TITLE

Acts 9, 12-28

WHERE TO FIND IT

Paul did everything he could to tell others about Jesus!

MAIN POINT

schedule

First 10 minutes of the service hour:

Engage kids in cooperative play activities to help them connect to other kids

Next 5 minutes: Connect Time

Next 25 minutes: Large Group

Last 25 minutes: Snack and Small Group

tips

Connect before you correct! When it becomes necessary to discipline kids because of their behavior, connect with them on a personal level before you correct them. Building relationships with kids is the most important, and effective part of managing their behavior.

check-in/out

As kids leave, ask them about their Paul story scene!

large group heads up

Today, we are learning the story of Paul and how he changed when he started following Jesus. Before you go into large group, think about ways people change once they decide to follow Jesus. Get ready to talk to kids about that during small group.



connect time

GOAL: *Connect time is all about engaging kids in a short, interactive game to prepare them for Large Group.*

- **Clean up! (10 minutes after the service start time, when you get the 5-minute warning from the presenter)**
- Line up.
- As kids are lined up, practice “changing”:
 - Squat down as if you’re “short”; stretch up tall
 - Look very sad; cheer with happiness
 - Yell loudly; whisper
 - Turn backwards; switch to forwards
 - Look like you’re mean and angry; look like you’re nice and high five a friend
 - Make up other fun motions or go through the list again.

As you walk into Large Group, encourage kids to put on their listening ears! Remind them that HOPS will be showing us how we should act in Large Group, so we have to listen!

special notes

Here's a link to today's video:

Saddleback Kids / Paul's Ministry
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIXFy3zjJh4&index=24&list=PL5aPdmniG3yn7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws>

presenter tips

When you tell today's story, don't be afraid to be dramatic (some ideas are included in the script).

script

WELCOME AND INTRO

Main Goal: Review the beginning of God's story and rescue plan.

Notes:

- ***Click to play intro music.**
- **Say:** Hi Friends! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm _____ and I'm really glad you're here today. Before we get started, I want you to meet my friend HOPS.
- **Video: HOPS Have fun!**
- **Say:** (Holding up the **Bible**.) *This* is God's story. Out of all the stories in the world, this is the most important. Do you know what it's called? (Let kids respond "the Bible".) That's right, the Bible! It's God's Rescue plan. It shows us how He rescued us from all the wrong things in the world.
- **Say:** In the beginning, God made the whole world and everything in it. He created the sun and the moon, the water and the land, the plants and the animals, and people like you and me! Everything was good. Give me a big thumbs up! (Let kids respond. Then change your tone.)
- **Say:** But THEN, something bad happened. Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and all the wrong things came into the world. Things like sadness and death. Show me your sad face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Even though Adam and Eve disobeyed God, God loved them anyway! He planned a great rescue so that Adam and Eve, and you and me, could be close to God again! Do you know who the Rescuer is? (Let kids say: Jesus!)

SAUL IS MEAN

Main Goal: Describe and how mean and unhappy Saul was before he met Jesus.

- **Say:** Yep, the rescuer is Jesus, and he came down to earth and be with us and rescue us. We can love him, and follow him, and act like him!
- **Say:** There was one guy though, who did NOT act like Jesus at all. He was mean. Let me see your mean face. (Let kids respond.) His name was Saul. Can you say "Saul"? (Let kids say it.)
- **Say:** And you know what? Saul was EXTRA mean to people who followed Jesus, because he didn't believe Jesus was the rescuer. Saul was so mean that Jesus' followers were scared of Saul! Let me see your scared face. (Let kids respond.)

SAUL MEETS JESUS

Main Goal: Understand how Saul became Paul when he met Jesus, and he was completely changed!

- **Say:** We're going to watch a video to see how Saul changed when he met Jesus. Remember, before Saul met Jesus, he was mean and tried to hurt people who followed Jesus. As you watch, see if YOU can figure out how Saul was different AFTER he met Jesus.
- **Video: Saddleback Kids / Paul's Ministry**
- **Say:** Wow, so Saul was mean and tried to hurt people who followed Jesus. But when he was traveling one day, a light flashed in his eyes!
- **(Loop: Bright light)**
- **Say:** It was SO bright, that Saul shielded his eyes (shield your eyes) and fell to the ground (fall to the ground). The Lord spoke to Saul and said (speak loudly into the microphone): "*Saul, why are you hurting me?*"

SAUL CHANGES TO PAUL

Main Goal: See what Paul was like after he met Jesus!

- **Say:** And after that Saul's name turned to Paul. Can you say Paul? (Let kids respond.) He wasn't mean to others who followed Jesus anymore. He was nice! Let me see your smiley, kind face. (Let kids respond.)
- **Say:** Paul was so excited, that he went around telling people how much HE loved Jesus! And even when things got really hard, and even scary, he STILL told people about Jesus! Like when....
- **(Image: Paul in jail)** He got thrown in jail.
- **(Image: Paul's shipwreck)** He got shipwrecked.
- **(Image: Hurting Paul)** And other people even tried to hurt Paul!

WRAP UP AND WORSHIP

Main Goal: Help kids interact through prayer and worship!

Notes:

- **Say:** Even during all those things, Paul STILL loved Jesus, and followed him no matter what. And WE can follow Jesus too, no matter what!
- (Pray, breaking it into smaller, repeatable phrases.)
- **Pray:** Hi God! Thanks for meeting Saul. Thanks for changing him. Thank you that Paul followed you. Help us to follow you too. We love you. In Jesus' name, aaaaa-MEN!
- **Say:** We're going to watch a music video now from our first ever Kids' Club concert. Some of you might have even be there! You can stay seated for now (or if you want, have kids stand and dance along to the music; whichever feels best for your room), and watch as the band plays!
- **Music Video: I Just Want to Thank You (live)**
- **Set up worship:** Now let's stand up and sing some more songs to worship Jesus and tell him how much we love him! This first song is called the Robot Rock, and it's mostly just for fun!
- **Music Video: Robot Rock**
- **Music Video: Deep and Wide**

Dismiss kids to small groups. (Be creative as you dismiss them. Ask them to come give you a high five first, or maybe tiptoe or hop--like Hops--to their groups.)



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) see how Paul was changed when he first met Jesus and (2) understand that Paul shared Jesus with everyone after that!

Why? When kids retell something, it means they've truly understood it. We want kids to understand just how drastically Jesus can change us!

Tip: Repeat the story as many times as possible. The more you practice, the better equipped kids will be to share it at home.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. **Say:** The man in today's story started out with the name 'Saul', and he was very mean to people who loved Jesus.
 - a. Has someone ever been mean to you?
 - b. What does it feel like when someone is mean to you?
 - c. Do you think Jesus liked it when Paul was mean to people?
2. **Say:** After Saul met Jesus on the road, he was changed!
 - a. Did he love Jesus now? (Yes!)
 - b. What did Jesus change Saul's name to? (Paul; have kids repeat the name together.)
 - c. What was Paul's new job? (telling other people that Jesus loves them!)
 - d. Can YOU tell people about Jesus too, just like Paul did?
3. **Say:** Paul told others about Jesus no matter what—even when bad things happened to him (Hold up the following images as you re-enact the story):
 - a. **(Image: Paul in jail)** He was thrown in jail—did he still love Jesus? (Yes!)
 - b. **(Image: Paul's shipwreck)** He was in a boat and it crashed—did he still love Jesus? (Yes!)
 - c. **(Image: People hurting Paul)** Other people tried to hurt him—did he still love Jesus? (Yes!)
 - d. Paul went through so many hard things, but did *he still love Jesus?* (Yes!)

(Activity continued on next page.)

MAKE IT PERSONAL (replace)

- Give each kid a **Paul story image** and **three Paul stickers**.
 - The story image shows three scenes: jail, a shipwreck, and people throwing stones.
 - Point each scene out to kids, and remind them that Paul went through all of these hard and scary things, but he kept loving and following Jesus no matter what!
 - Let kids color their Paul stickers, and then put “Paul” in each story scene.
 - Continually ask kids, “Did Paul still love Jesus when he was shipwrecked? Did Paul love Jesus when in jail? Did Paul love Jesus when he was hurt?”
- Extra time after the activity? Give kids a **coloring sheet**.



connect questions

Tell me about Paul.

How did he change when he met Jesus?

lesson supplies

Connect Time		
Item	Usage	Details
No supplies needed		

Small Group			
Item	Usage	Details	Provided by
Coloring Page - Paul	1 per kid	Page 9, white paper, black & white	site
Image Set- (Paul in jail, Paul's shipwreck, People hurting Paul,)	1 set of 3 pages per room, reused	Page 10-12, cardstock, color	site
Paul story image	1 per kid	Page 13, white paper, color,	site
Paul sticker	3 per kid	Page 14, Avery template 5293, black & white	site

Large Group		
Item	Usage	Details
Jesus Storybook Bible	1 per large group, reused	

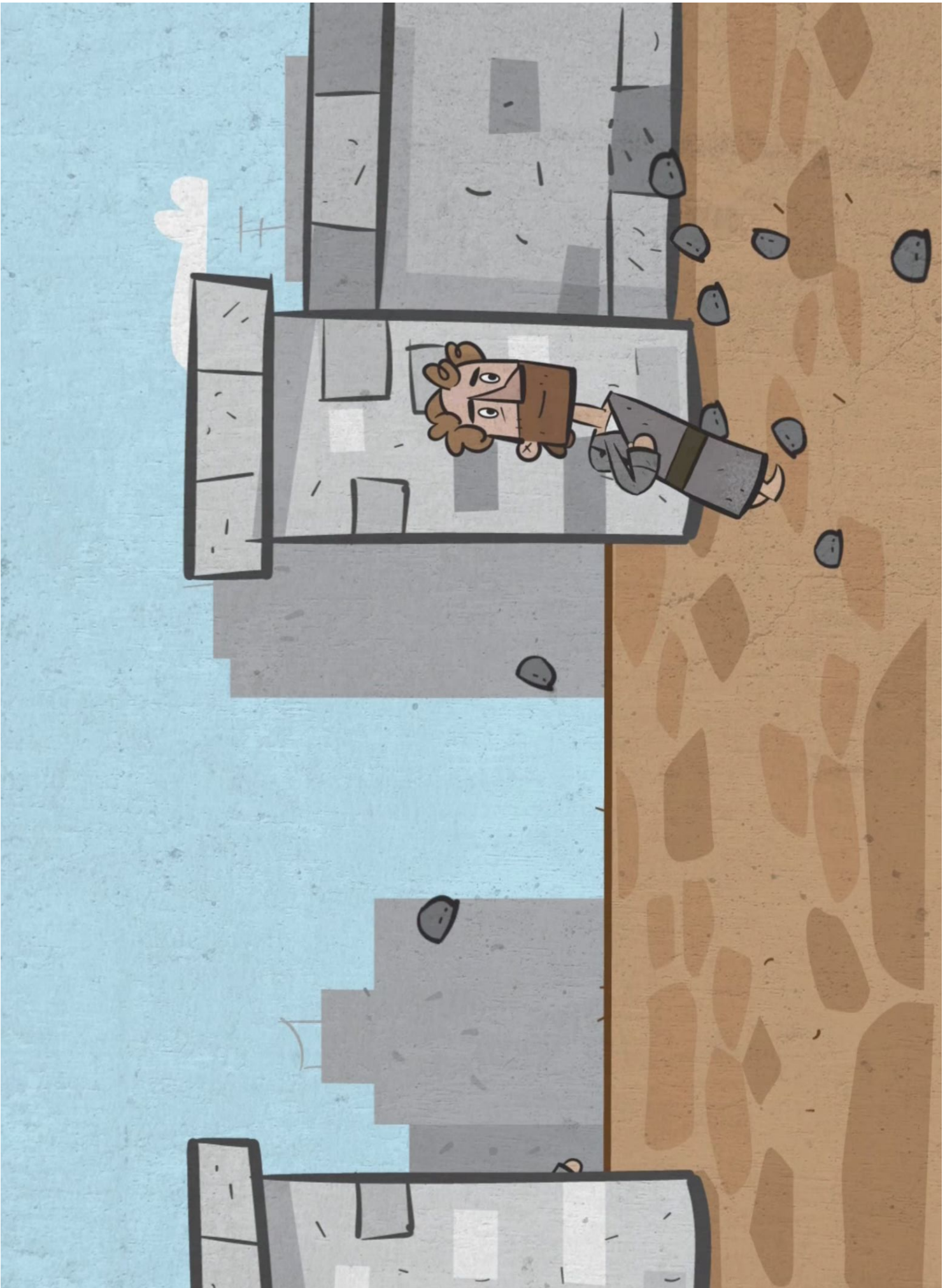
name _____



Tell me about Paul.

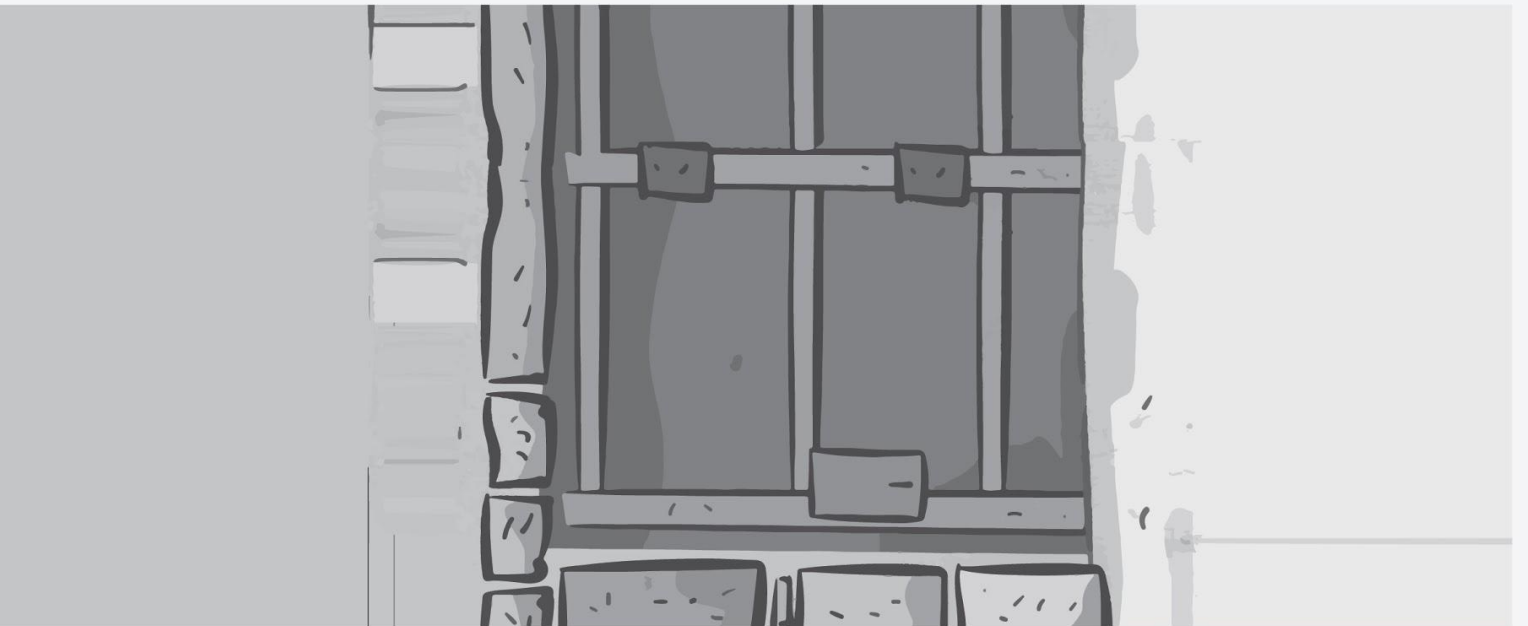
What did Paul do after he met Jesus?

Read more about this week's story in Acts 9-28.











***Use the Real Encounters 2017 KC logo slide for all transition slides in this keynote.**

1. Intro slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Video: HOPS have fun! (<https://vimeo.com/25767958>)
3. Video: Saddleback Kids / Paul's Ministry (0:08-end; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llXFy3zjJh4&index=24&list=PL5aPdmniG3y_n7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws)
4. Loop: Bright light (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SZD9Oaqkiic>)
5. Image: Paul in jail
6. Image: Paul's shipwreck
7. Image: People hurting Paul
8. Music Video: I Just Want to Thank You (live) (<https://vimeo.com/211548990>)
9. Music Video: Robot Rock (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQcHsUevexM>)
10. Music Video: Deep and Wide (<https://vimeo.com/190146379>)