

Narrator or older child: Thank everyone who helped. If the children dramatize this story for the adults, then let them also ask the adults the same questions that are listed near the top of this study.

Discuss how Paul obeyed his vision to tell people about Jesus, even when he was rejected: Ask the children: “In what ways do people try to stop us from obeying God? Let the children give examples.”

Draw a Picture of a world globe. Let the children copy it. They can show their pictures to the adults at the next worship time and explain that it illustrates how God loves all the people of the world.

Explain: God sends us to people who do not yet know about Jesus, just as he sent Saul to other kinds of people.

- The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see the needs of other people, just like he opened Saul’s eyes.
- Jesus gives us a vision for starting congregations in other places, just as he gave this vision to Saul.

Memorize Acts 1:8.

Explain that we can apply the four places of Acts 1:8 to us whom Jesus tells to go to tell people about him.

Let the **children** give examples of the four places:

1. *Jerusalem* corresponds to the community in which we live.
2. *Judea* corresponds to other communities nearby.
3. *Samaria* corresponds to communities nearby of a different culture.
4. *The ends of the earth* correspond to people in distant lands.

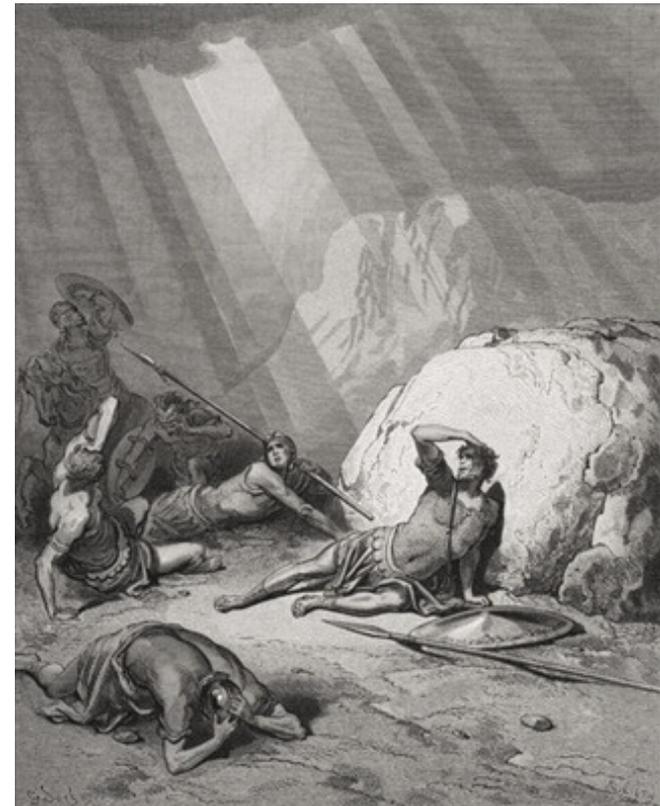
Poem. Let three children each recite one of the verses from Proverbs 3:13-15. **Let older children** write poems, songs or dramas for the week’s topic.

Jesus Opened Paul’s Eyes

Teach Children about Paul’s Vision for Missionary Work

Prayer: “Dear Lord, you gave to Paul a vision to take the gospel to all kinds of people. Please, give us that same vision. We also want to tell everyone about Jesus.”

Choose any of these children's learning activities.



Paul sees a light coming out of the sky

Let an older child or a teacher read or tell by memory the story of how Saul met Jesus, from **Acts 22:1-22**. It shows how God sent Saul to people in other lands to tell them about Jesus.

After telling the story, ask these questions and let the believers answer. *[An answer appears after each question.]*

1. Why did the people become quiet when they heard Paul speak? (Saul's name was changed to Paul after his conversion.) *[See verse 2. He spoke in their language.]*
2. What was Saul doing to Christ's followers, before he met Jesus? *[See verse 5]*
3. What made Saul blind? *[See verse 11]*
4. What instructions did God give to Saul through Ananias? *[See verses 15 & 16]*
5. To where did God send Saul? *[See verse 21]*
6. What did the Jews think of Paul's vision for missions? *[See verse 22.]*

Dramatize parts of the story.

- Arrange with the congregational worship leader to let the children present a brief drama.
- Use your time with the children to prepare the drama.
- You do not have to use all the parts.
- Let older children help younger ones.
- Let **older children** or adults act as:
 - Narrator**, who summarizes the story and helps the children remember their lines.
 - Saul** (later named Paul)
 - Jesus' Voice**
 - Ananias**

- Let **younger children** act as:

Saul's Companions

Jewish Priests

Jewish Crowds in Jerusalem

Drama of Saul's Conversion, Part 1 (Acts 9:1-11)

Narrator: Tell the first part of story (verses 1-11), then say, "Hear what Saul says."

Saul: Tell the priests, "You are the ruling priests. Give me some documents so that I can arrest the followers of Jesus in Damascus. God wants me to do this!"

Saul and his companions: Walk forward. Suddenly Saul covers his eyes, cries out and falls.

Jesus' voice: (Loudly) "Saul! Saul! I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

Companions: Take Saul by the hand and lead him. Say, "The light blinded him!"

Drama, Part 2 (Acts 9:12-21)

Narrator: Tell the 2nd part of the story, verses 12-21, then say, "Hear what Ananias says."

Ananias: "Saul! God has sent me to pray for you. Receive your sight! You will be a witness to the non-Jewish people. Get up and be baptized."

Saul: "Oh! I can see now! My physical eyes and my spiritual eyes are open now. Now I understand that God wants me to take the Good News about Jesus to others!"

Jewish crowd: (Shout angrily) "Get rid of this traitor."
"He wants to help the Gentiles who are our enemies!"