

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

*K-5th Grades*

**DATE:** 2/7/21

**SCRIPTURE:** Acts 8-9

**LESSON:** Paul Met Jesus



## INTRO

**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we learned about how God used Philip in a unique way, do you remember what Philip did? Today we are going to learn about someone no one expected God to use.

**Blinded** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

*Supplies: blindfold*

Set up obstacles in an open space. Arrange furniture and toys as obstacles. You can even tape or place paper to the floor as obstacles to avoid. Guide kids to stand at one end of the room and put the blindfold on. Guide them through the obstacle course using only verbal instructions; the guide may not touch the blindfolded player. After kids move through the obstacles, try switching roles and play again.

**Say** - Everyday tasks become so much harder when you can't see, right? In today's story, we will learn about a man who was blinded by the Lord so that he could finally see the truth about Jesus.



## LESSON - PAUL MET JESUS

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Paul Met Jesus](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**Saul couldn't see that Jesus was God.** (Kids repeat!)

Saul did NOT believe that Jesus died and rose again. In fact, he didn't believe sooooo much that he wanted to put followers of Jesus in jail! All of his schooling and training told him that a man *could not* be God. So for Jesus to say He was, meant Jesus must be a terrible liar! There was something else Saul couldn't see and that brings us to....

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**Saul couldn't see his own sin.** (Kids repeat!)

Saul thought he was doing the right thing by persecuting Christians. Saul was full of hate for these new Christians and thought that was what God wanted but we know that God is a God of love not a God of hate. The only thing God hates is sin. Saul even

planned a trip to punish more of these new Christians he hated in Damascus....but God had other plans for him in....

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus showed Saul how blind he was.** (Kids repeat!)

On the road to Damascus, Jesus came to Saul and LITERALLY blinded him to show him how blind he was spiritually. Saul needed to see who God really was and used Ananias, to physically open Saul's eyes. What's amazing is that as soon as Saul could physically see, he also saw that Jesus was God and died for our sins! After that, His life was wayyyy different. Instead of persecuting Christians, Saul believed in Jesus and began to share the gospel with everyone!

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**Like Saul, we need Jesus to show us our sin.** (kids repeat)

We need Jesus to help us recognize what is sin and believe that He paid for it! Sin is anything we think, say or do, that breaks God's design for life. When we recognize our sin and repent (turn away from sin and towards Jesus), Jesus changes our hearts and how we live out our lives just like how Saul's life was wayyyyyy different after he believed in Jesus.



## RESPONSE

**Sing:** [First Place in Everything](#) (Key Passage Song)  
[Good Good Father](#)

**Pray:** Jesus, thank you for showing us our sin even when we can't see it. And thank you for dying to save us from our sin. Help us to repent from sin when we see it. Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Why was Ananias nervous about going to Saul? *Ananias knew what Saul had done in Jerusalem and why he had come to Damascus. He was scared that Saul would hurt him. (Acts 9:13-14.)*
- What happened to Saul because Ananias obeyed God? *Saul received his sight, but he also received Jesus as his Savior.*
- What did Paul do when his sight was restored? *(preached about Jesus in the synagogue (Acts 9:20)*
- Why do you think God chose to use Paul to spread the gospel? *Help the kids think through what we learn about God's power from His choice to use Paul. Discuss our tendency to see some people as "too bad" for salvation. Remind them that all have sinned, and God's power and love are greater than the power of sin in our lives. Choosing Paul was a way for God to show His power and control of all things.*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
  - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com).*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#) of Saul hearing from God.

**Parent Share** - Have you ever had a sin you didn't see until it was shown to you?

**Red Light, Green Light** - Designate a starting line. Choose someone to call out "red light" and "green light". Everyone else is a runner. Have all of the runners stand on the starting line and the caller stand a short distance away. When the caller says "green light" everyone can move forward. When the caller says "red light", everyone has to freeze. If anyone moves after "red light" is called, they are out. The first person to reach the caller wins and becomes caller for the next round. If you want to up the challenge, change the start and freeze words to common words and have the caller slip the words in to casually talking so the runners have to pay really close attention!

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