



God Changes Saul's Heart—Part 1

Lesson Aim: To know God can change our hearts.
(Salvation Message)

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The Spirit Who Changes Us

THE WORD

Bible Story: Acts 9:1-7

What He has done: Jesus spoke to Saul from heaven.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "My heart is changed."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Challenge Verse for older children:

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord." 2 Corinthians 3:17b-18

Unit 2: The Promise of Change			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
6	God Changes Saul's Heart—Part 1, Acts 9:1-7	Jesus spoke to Saul from heaven.	To know God can change our hearts.
7	God Changes Saul's Heart—Part 2, Acts 9:1-7	Jesus spoke to Saul from heaven.	To tell others about Jesus.
8	Peter Visits Cornelius—Part 1, Acts 10:9-12, 15, 22-35	God showed He does not have favorites.	To know we can show God's love to everyone.
9	Peter Visits Cornelius—Part 2, Acts 10:9-12, 15, 22-35	God showed He does not have favorites.	To know God loves everyone the same.
10	Peter Escapes from Prison, Acts 12:1-19	God sent His angel to rescue Peter from prison.	To know praying together is important.
11	Barnabas Encourages Saul, Acts 9:26-28; 11:22-26	God sent Barnabas to help Saul.	To be a true friend to others.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Acts 4:12-14. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for the way You change our hearts, thoughts, and actions by the work of Your Holy Spirit. Use this story to transform the hearts of the children we teach. Amen."

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Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Picture Schedule Cards	Cards with picture illustrating the activities: WELCOME, WORSHIP, BIBLE, CRAFT, PRAYER, SNACK, GAMES, COLORING, GOING HOME. Envelope labeled FINISHED. Optional: To display schedule, use Velcro to attach laminated Picture Schedule cards to a felt board.
		Treasure Chest	Stamp or sticker of a heart
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "My heart is changed."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song: "A New Creation" or "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Give Thanks to the Lord," "Mighty to Save" "I Can Do Everything," "It's Praise Time," "Let Everything That Has Breath," "How Wide" Additional Hymn Suggestions "Jesus Loves Me," "Change My Heart, O God," "My God Is So Big"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	Prophets & Promises Lesson 6 Delbert & Lello or Commander Cosmos script or storybook
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: Acts 9:1-7	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at Acts 9:3 Visual: Flashlight or picture of a bright sunbeam Flannel board/figures: Saul (Paul), group of men Clay or play-dough option: Heart
THE WAY	Up to 25	(Optional) Salvation Demonstration: Cross Your Heart	Paper heart, masking tape
		Craft: Light-Hearted Frame	Sturdy red or pink paper, different colors of tissue paper, wax paper, label or small strip of paper, tape or glue, scissors, crayons or markers
		Circle of Prayer or Lord's Prayer	Lord's Prayer word and picture book
		Snack: Changed Hearts	Heart-shaped snack
		Unit 2 Games: Sand Search	Bin or container of clean sand, toy or paper heart, 2-3 toy animals, toy angel (or laminated picture)
		Blanket Ball	Blanket or sturdy tablecloth, ball or balloon
		Pass The Heart	Heart-shaped item (pillow, toy, or sturdy paper cut-out)
		Musical Chairs	Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song, CD player, chairs
		Basket Ball	1 ball, 1 basket
		Freeze Dance	Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song, CD player
		Scenes from Commander Cosmos (older children only)	Commander Cosmos scripts for Lessons 6, 9-11
		Act it Out	Bible times clothing or stick puppets of: Saul (Paul), Cornelius, Peter, angel, Barnabas
	Final 5	Final Five	Daily Way (Adaptation): Unit 2, Lesson 6 Color This Story: "Jesus Spoke to Saul" Children's Guide for New Believers (Older children)

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



My heart is changed

THE WELCOME

PICTURE SCHEDULE: WELCOME TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____.** I'm glad you are here! Come and see what we are going to do today. Point to each card on the Picture Schedule board. **Today, we will WELCOME everyone. We will read the BIBLE story and make a CRAFT. We will have PRAYER time and eat a SNACK. We will play GAMES and enjoy COLORING a picture about today's story.**

Open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure. Child unlocks Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of a heart. **Let this stamp or sticker of a heart help you remember God changed Saul's heart. Today's Whisper Verse is "My heart is changed."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "My heart is changed."

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com.)

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with three hand motions:

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| "My" | Rest the open palm of the right hand on the chest. |
| "heart" | Leave the remaining four fingers extended while tapping the middle finger of the right hand on the heart. |
| "(is) changed." | Create a fist with each hand. Place the inside of the right wrist on top of the inside of the left wrist. Rotate the fists so the left wrist ends on top of the right wrist. |

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "My heart is changed," Hosea 11:8. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



The Spirit who changes us

THE WORSHIP

PICTURE SCHEDULE: WORSHIP TIME

[WELCOME](#) > [WORSHIP](#) > [BIBLE](#) > [CRAFT](#) > [PRAYER](#) > [SNACK](#) > [GAMES](#) > [COLORING](#) > [GOING HOME](#)

Choose a child to remove the [WELCOME](#) picture card and place it in the [FINISHED](#) envelope. **We have finished our Welcome Time. Now, we will have our Worship Time.**

Children may worship in a large group with other classes or in a quiet room with a worship CD or DVD.

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, play “It’s Praise Time!” as children move to a designated place for praise songs, offering, and the worship illustration. Children who are nonverbal may enjoy participating in the music by playing children’s percussion instruments such as maracas, jingle bells, wood blocks, or small tambourines. Children who are sensitive to sound may prefer to wear noise reduction headphones.

It’s Praise Time—our time to sing praise to Jesus. The Holy Spirit changes our hearts to want to be more like Jesus. That reminds me of today’s Whisper Verse. Let’s try it together. Review Whisper Verse together: “My heart is changed.” Include sign language.



Today, we will hear a story about a man named Saul. Saul did not believe Jesus was the Lord, so God showed Saul a bright light to show him the truth about Jesus. God changed Saul’s heart to want to be more like Jesus. Later, Saul said if anyone belongs to Jesus Christ, he or she is “a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” Let’s praise the Lord by singing those words in our new Bible Memory Verse Song. Sing Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song: “A New Creation.”

As we give our offering, let’s ask God to change our hearts to be more like Jesus. Sing: “Change My Heart, O God” while collecting the offering.



Let’s see if Delbert and Lello can teach us more about the day God changed Saul’s heart. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: Prophets & Promises Unit 2, Lesson 6.*



God changes our hearts because He loves us so much. God will always love each one of you. Sing: “How Wide.”

* May substitute Lesson 6 Commander Cosmos script or storybook.



Jesus spoke to Saul from heaven

THE WORD

PICTURE SCHEDULE: BIBLE TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the WORSHIP picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Worship Time. Now, we will have our Bible Time.**

Last time, we learned Philip told the man from Africa about Jesus. Today, we will see how God changed Saul's heart. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 9:3.

WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 9:1-7

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, display a flashlight or a picture of a bright sunbeam. Have children assist by placing Bible Story figures on a flannel board. Other visual options include Color This Story or a related picture. Optional: To help children focus, have them create a heart from clay or play dough as they listen to the story.

- Some men were traveling down the road,
- The leader was a man named Saul.
- He put followers of Jesus in jail,
- For he did not like Jesus at all.

- Then, a bright light shone down from heaven,
- And Saul fell down to the ground.
- He heard Jesus calling, "Saul!"
- From heaven His voice came down.

- Then Saul knew he had been wrong,
- For God had changed his heart.
- Saul wanted to be more like Jesus,
- So God gave him a brand new start.



What did Saul see shine down from heaven? (A light.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Acts 9:3 from the teacher's Bible.

What did God do to Saul's heart? (He changed Saul's heart.) Do you think God can change our hearts, too? (Yes.) We can celebrate by saying our Whisper Verse, "My heart is changed." Let's try it together now. Include sign language or hand motions.



God can change our hearts

THE WAY

For older children, if you feel a child is ready, this would be a good time to present the salvation message below. Be sure you are very familiar with the child, his or her needs and the best means of communication.

(OPTIONAL)

SALVATION MESSAGE FOR OLDER CHILDREN: CROSS YOUR HEART

Purpose: This supplement to THE WAY gives children a visual picture of the salvation message.

Supplies: Paper heart, masking tape

Teacher Tip: This object lesson is designed to be very simple. Put it into your own words, but keep it very brief so the children can easily remember it.

Just as God changed Saul's heart, He can change our hearts, too.

Directions:

1. **This heart shows God's love for us.** Show the paper heart.
2. **We are separated from God's love by our wrongdoing or sin.** Tear the heart in half.
3. **God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. His death paid for our sins, so we could be forgiven and close to God again.** Use two pieces of intersecting tape to make a cross and tape the two pieces of the heart back together.
4. **Anyone can ask Jesus for that forgiveness. When we believe and follow Jesus, His Spirit stays with us in our hearts forever. Nothing can separate us from God's love.** Hold the heart close to your chest.
5. **If you would like to ask Jesus into your heart and be close to God forever, you may pray this prayer with me.** Invite children who wish to pray a prayer of salvation to pray the ABC Prayer (or a similar prayer of salvation) with you now.

ABC PRAYER (Admit – Believe – Come)

Lord Jesus,

I **A**dmit I am a sinner.

I **B**elieve You are the Lord who died to take my sins away.

Please **C**ome into my heart and I'll follow You forever.

In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

6. **If you do not want to pray now, know that anytime you are ready, you can ask Him to come into your heart, and He will!**

Supply any child who prayed a prayer of salvation today with a Children's Guide for New Believers (available at ResourceWell.org) for the next steps in nurturing spiritual growth. Print the date and the child's name on the inside cover. The guide also contains a note to the parent.

THE WAY *continued...*

PICTURE SCHEDULE: CRAFT TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the BIBLE picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Bible Time. Now, it is Craft Time.**

CRAFT: LIGHT-HEARTED FRAME

Purpose: To remind the children that God changed Saul's heart.

Supplies: Sturdy red or pink paper, scraps or 1-inch squares of different colors of tissue paper, wax paper, label or small strip of paper, tape or glue, scissors, crayons or markers

Prepare: From sturdy red or pink paper, cut a heart-shaped frame. The frame should be 1-2" inches thick. Cut a heart-shaped piece of wax paper that is slightly smaller than the frame. On a label or strip of paper, print: **"God changed Saul's heart." Acts 9:1-7**

Directions:

1. Glue scraps or squares of tissue paper onto the piece of heart-shaped wax paper.
2. Allow to dry.
3. Decorate the heart frame with crayons or markers.
4. Tape or glue the wax paper heart to the back of the frame.
5. The teacher may want to trim any tissue paper squares that are sticking out.
6. Attach the label or paper strip to the heart.

Craft Discussion:

- **At first, Saul did not want others to follow Jesus. Did Saul want to stop Jesus' friends from following Jesus?** (Yes.)
- **When Saul was walking on the road, what did he see?** (A light.) **The light was so bright, he fell down!**
- **Whose voice did Saul hear?** (The voice of Jesus.)
- **When Jesus spoke to Saul, God changed Saul's heart. Do you think God can change our hearts?** (Yes.)
- **That's like our Whisper Verse! Let's say it with our motions right now!** Say the Whisper Verse, "My heart is changed," with the hand motions.
- **Hold up your paper hearts to the light. Do you see how the light changes your paper heart?** (Children respond.) **Hang it in a window at home and let it remind you that God changed Saul's heart to want to be more like Jesus.**

THE WAY *continued...*



CIRCLE OF PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PICTURE SCHEDULE: PRAYER TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the CRAFT picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Craft Time. Now, it is Prayer Time.**

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (say every name). **We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.** You may add the Lord's Prayer with the word picture book.

PICTURE SCHEDULE: SNACK TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the PRAYER picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Prayer Time. Now, it is Snack Time.**

Teacher Tip: It is important to keep a record of all dietary restrictions and allergies accessible. Some parents may prefer to bring their child's snack. Depending on the dietary needs of your classroom, you may determine it is best to omit snack time completely.

SNACK: CHANGED HEARTS

Purpose: Children will eat a heart-shaped snack to remind them that God can change their hearts.

Snack Suggestion: Heart-shaped snack

Directions:

1. Serve snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other familiar tune.
God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again.
Thank you for our blessings. Thank you for our blessings. Amen. Amen.
3. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **In the story, whose heart did God change?** (Saul's heart.)
 - **We all have done things Jesus would never do because they are wrong in God's eyes. What is something you would like to start doing the way Jesus would do it?** (Being kind, telling the truth, helping others, etc.)
 - **The next time you want to do something that is wrong in God's eyes, ask God to change your heart! Then, celebrate by saying today's Whisper Verse. Let's say it together now.** Say the Whisper Verse: **"My heart is changed"** with the hand motions.

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS)

UNIT 2 GAME OPTIONS

Play one or more of the activities below until the last five minutes of class then proceed to Final Five.

PICTURE SCHEDULE: GAMES TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the SNACK picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Snack Time. Now, is our time to play Games.**

GAME: SAND SEARCH

Purpose: This sand sifting activity soothes children. The items in the bin can be used to introduce the Bible stories or the Unit 2 Worship Attribute: The Spirit Who Changes Us

Supplies: Bin or container of clean sand, toy or paper heart, 2-3 toy animals, toy angel (or laminated picture)

Prepare: Place all items beneath the surface of the sand.

Directions:

1. Children take turns reaching into the sand in search of the objects.
2. Teacher and children discuss each object as it is located.
3. When all the objects have been located, display them on a tabletop or on the surface of the sand.
4. Children feel each item as the teacher explains their connection to the Unit 2 Bible stories. The heart reminds us that God changed Saul's heart. It also reminds us that Barnabas was a true friend to Saul. The different toy animals remind us that God loves us all the same even though we are different. The toy angel reminds us that the angel helped Peter escape from prison.

GAME: BLANKET BALL

Purpose: Children catch a ball in a blanket or parachute to remember the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Blanket or sturdy tablecloth, ball or balloon

Bible Memory Challenge: For a more difficult game, use the Unit 2 Bible Memory Challenge Verse. Phrases may be divided as follows: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is/ there is freedom/ And we, who with unveiled faces/all reflect the Lord's glory/ are being transformed into His likeness/ with ever-increasing glory/which comes from the Lord."

In this game, we will remind each other of our Bible Memory Verse: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Let's play Blanket Ball. Each time we toss the ball into the air and catch it in the blanket, we will say a phrase of the Bible Memory Verse.

Directions:

1. Children stand in a circle holding the edges of the blanket.
2. Place a ball or balloon in the center of the blanket.
3. Together, the children quickly raise the blanket to toss the ball or balloon into the air.
4. As the ball lands, lead children in saying a phrase of the Bible Memory Verse. Phrases can be divided as follows: "If anyone/ is in Christ/ he is / a new creation/ the old has gone/ the new has come.
5. Play several times.

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

GAME: PASS THE HEART

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Heart-shaped item (pillow, toy, or sturdy paper cut-out)

Bible Memory Challenge: For a more difficult game, use the Unit 2 Bible Memory Challenge Verse.

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord."

When we believe in Jesus, He changes our hearts—we are a new creation. That reminds me of our Bible Memory Verse. Let's say it together: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Directions:

1. Children sit in a circle.
2. Give the heart to a child. Lead the children in saying the first word of the verse: "If."
3. Child passes the heart to the next child. Lead the children in saying the next word: "anyone."
4. Continue passing the heart with each word until the children have repeated the entire verse.
5. Play again. Each time you play, try to pass the heart and say the verse faster.

GAME: MUSICAL CHAIRS

Purpose: This version of Musical Chairs familiarizes children with the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song.

Supplies: Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song "A New Creation" or "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is," CD player, chair for each child

Prepare: Set chairs back-to-back in a row.

Teacher Tip: In this version of musical chairs, no chair is removed; all children remain in the game. Leave one or more spaces at the end of the row of chairs for any children in wheelchairs. Encourage quick listening and affirm those who are the first to hear the music stop and are seated.

To practice our Bible Memory Verse Song, let's play Musical Chairs.

Directions:

1. As the Bible Memory Verse Song plays, children march around the row of chairs and sing.
2. The teacher stops the music at different times during the song.
3. When the music stops, children find the nearest chair and sit immediately.

GAME: BASKET BALL

Purpose: To help children review the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: One ball, one basket (large enough to hold a few balls)

Directions:

1. Give a ball to the first child.
2. Stand with the child approximately 6 feet from the basket.
3. Before tossing the ball, have the child say part of the Bible Memory Verse. (The teacher may say it with the child as needed.) Child tosses the ball into the basket.
4. Children take turns saying the verse and tossing a ball in the basket.
5. Repeat as time allows.

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

GAME: FREEZE DANCE

Purpose: To practice the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song.

Supplies: Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song "A New Creation" or "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is," CD player

To practice our Bible Memory Verse Song, let's play Freeze Dance. Be sure to stop and freeze when you hear the music stop.

Directions:

1. Children dance as the Bible Memory Verse Song is played.
2. Have a helper periodically pause the music.
3. When the music stops, everyone "freezes" (stops in place and doesn't move). When the helper restarts the music, the children begin dancing again.
4. Play as long as you like.

GAME: SCENES FROM COMMANDER COSMOS

Purpose: To learn applications of the Unit 2 Bible stories, older children act out today's Commander Cosmos script.

Supplies: Commander Cosmos scripts for Lessons 6, 9-11

Directions:

1. Choose the script that corresponds with today's Bible story.
2. Assign each child a character name and improvise with the script so all the children can be their favorite character, a new character, or just take turns being the same character.
3. Act it out!

GAME: ACT IT OUT

Purpose: To help learn the Unit 2 stories, children act them out in costumes or with stick puppets.

Supplies: Bible times clothing or pictures of the following characters attached to craft sticks: Saul (Paul), Cornelius, Peter, angel, Barnabas

Directions: With each phrase, teacher says phrase and acts it out with hand motions, then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

Optional: Children can wear costumes and act out the story or children can hold craft sticks with the story characters. You may choose one or more stories.

(Stories are on the next page.)

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

GAME: ACT IT OUT continued

GOD CHANGES SAUL'S HEART

- **Some men were traveling down the road,** (Walk in place.)
- **The leader was a man named Saul.** (Fold arms across chest as a leader.)
- **He put followers of Jesus in jail,** (Point forcefully to the door.)
- **For he did not like Jesus at all.** (Shake head sadly.)

- **Then, a bright light shone down from heaven,** (Point to heaven.)
- **And Saul fell down to the ground.** (Kneel down.)
- **He heard Jesus calling, "Saul!"** (Cup hand around ear.)
- **From heaven His voice came down.** (Point to heaven.)

- **Then Saul knew he had been wrong,** (Raise index finger.)
- **For God had changed his heart.** (Place hands on heart.)
- **Saul wanted to be more like Jesus,** (Point to heaven.)
- **So God gave him a brand new start.** (Thumbs up.)

PETER VISITS CORNELIUS

- **God gave Peter a dream one day,** (Lay cheek on folded hands, as if dreaming.)
- **Of a sheet coming down from above.** (Point from heaven to floor.)
- **This sheet full of animals of every kind** (Spread arms wide.)
- **Showed Peter about God's love.** (Place hands on heart.)

- **An angel told Cornelius,** (Point to heaven.)
- **"Ask Peter to visit today."** (Wave index finger as giving instruction.)
- **Cornelius called his family and friends,** (Cup hands around mouth, as if shouting.)
- **To hear what Peter would say.** (Cup hand around ear, as if listening.)

- **Peter told them "God loves you.** (Place hands on heart.)
- **You can follow Jesus, too.** (Make beckoning motion.)
- **For God loves everyone the same.** (Place hands on heart.)
- **Just as He loves me and you!"** (Point to self and others.)

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*

GAME: ACT IT OUT continued

PETER ESCAPES FROM PRISON

- **Peter was locked in a prison.** (Raise index finger, as if explaining.)
- **His hands were tied in chains.** (Connect wrists, as if chained together.)
- **He fell asleep between two guards,** (Lay head on folded hands to sleep.)
- **Then a light and an angel came.** (Point to heaven.)

- **"Quick, get up!" the angel said;** (Cup hands around mouth to whisper.)
- **Peter's chains fell to the ground.** (Spread wrists far apart.)
- **"Get dressed. Get your shoes. Follow me!"** (Make beckoning motion.)
- **Then the angel led Peter right out.** (Point to a door.)

- **The city gate opened all by itself.** (Bring palms together then open wide as a gate.)
- **Peter knocked on his friends' door.** (Pretend to knock.)
- **All were surprised that Peter was free.** (Hands on cheeks, as if surprised.)
- **Their prayers had been heard by the Lord!** (Clasp hands to pray, then point to heaven.)

BARNABAS ENCOURAGES PAUL

- **Everyone was afraid of Saul.** (Put hands on cheeks, as if frightened.)
- **They did not know God changed his heart.** (Put hands on heart.)
- **Barnabas helped them trust Saul,** (Shake hands with each other.)
- **And give Saul a brand new start.** (Thumbs up.)

- **Then, Barnabas moved to Antioch,** (Walk in place.)
- **Helping others stay close to the Lord.** (Wrap arms around self as a tight hug.)
- **He was filled with the Holy Spirit;** (Wave hands back and forth like a wind.)
- **More people started following the Lord.** (Point to heaven.)

- **Then, Barnabas went to Tarsus** (Walk in place.)
- **And brought back his friend Saul.** (Beckoning motion.)
- **The true friends taught together.** (Hold hands with each other.)
- **After that Saul was called Paul.** (Cup hands around mouth and whisper.)

THE WAY (GAME OPTIONS) *continued...*



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

PICTURE SCHEDULE: COLORING TIME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the GAMES picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Game Time. Now, is our time for coloring the picture of today's story.**

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Light-Hearted Frame" craft. Tell someone God can change your heart to want to be more like Jesus.

DAILY WAY (ADAPTATION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES): Distribute this version of the Daily Way, if available. **Show the Daily Way to your family. Talk about how God changed Saul's heart when Saul heard the voice of Jesus.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Jesus Spoke to Saul." Discuss the Bible story and play the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song, "A New Creation," or "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" as children color.

As coloring is completed or parents arrive:

PICTURE SCHEDULE: GOING HOME

WELCOME > WORSHIP > BIBLE > CRAFT > PRAYER > SNACK > GAMES > COLORING > GOING HOME

Choose a child to remove the COLORING picture card and place it in the FINISHED envelope. **We have finished our Coloring Time. Now, it is time for Going Home.**

THE DAILY WAY

Unit 2, Lesson 6: God Changes Saul's Heart--Part 1

PONDER! Read Acts 9:1-7 with your family. Whose voice did Saul hear when the light from heaven blinded him? When God changed Saul's heart, he wanted to be more like Jesus. He began helping Jesus' followers instead of hurting them.

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for changing Saul's heart. Please change our hearts, too. Amen."

PLAY! Play "Shine the Light!" One person holds the flashlight. He or she shines the light all around another person. The person in the light pretends to be Saul, falls down, and says the Whisper Verse: "My heart is changed." Keep playing until everyone has a turn with the flashlight and as Saul. Talk about ways you could be more like Jesus. Pray and ask God to change your heart, too!

Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Unit 2 Bible Memory Challenge Verse: 2 Corinthians 3:17b-18

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord."