

At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3 Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts-Revelation Unit 2, Lesson 7

## Saul Escapes from Damascus

Lesson Aim: To know we can tell others about Jesus.

# THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

#### **CENTERS**

• COLORING CENTER: Saul Escapes from Damascus

PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Basket in Damascus

BLOCK CENTER: Over the WallMUSIC CENTER: Follow the Leader

### THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

In our story today, Saul tells everyone he sees that Jesus loves them. We can do that, too, but first, let's tell Jesus we love Him. Let's pray. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear Jesus, we love You so much. Thank You for loving us. Help us to tell others You love them, too. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: The Adventures of Delbert & Lello puppet

script or storybook

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." 2 Corinthians 5:17a

# THE WORD SAUL ESCAPES IN A BASKET CLASSROOM PROMISE

Hold the Bible. As children arrive, whisper to one or more of the children, "Jesus loves you." Once everyone is seated, ask one of the children, "What did I say to you?" I know Jesus loves you because the Bible tells me so. Point to the Bible. The Bible also tells us to share that news with others. Let's all say "Jesus loves you" together. Optional: Say it three times. Whisper it the first time, saying it louder

each time. Now, tell the person next to you. Encourage the children to say, "Jesus loves you," to a child near them. Great job. When you go home, what can you tell the people you know? ("Jesus loves you.") Our story is about Saul. Saul wanted to tell everyone he knew that Jesus loved them, too. Let's listen. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Acts 9:25.

#### WATCH THE WORD: ACTS 9:1-7

Read poem. Display visual.

- > After Jesus changed Saul's heart,
- > Saul kept telling everyone.
- > He told them Jesus loved them,
- And that Jesus is God's Son.
- Some didn't want to follow Jesus;
- > They made a plan to stop Saul.
- > To escape, friends hid him in a basket,
- > And lowered him through a window in the wall!
- > Then, Saul climbed out of the basket,
- And he went to Jerusalem.
- Saul told people there about Jesus.
- He kept telling them to follow Him.

Did Saul keep telling people about Jesus? (Yes.) What can we do to be like Saul? (We can keep telling people about Jesus.) What can we tell them? (Jesus loves you!)

### THE WAY KEEP TELLING THEM ABOUT JESUS

**CRAFT:** Basket from Damascus

**GAMES:** Saul Escapes in a Basket, Hide and Speak

**SNACK:** Snack from a Basket

### FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

### GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: Acts 9:19b-25, 28

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: New Hearts, "New Creation"

Ball Toss

**STORY TIME**