



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9  
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation  
Unit 2, Lesson 7

## Saul Escapes from Damascus

Lesson Aim: To speak boldly to others about Jesus.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is the most exciting ride you have ever had?

**GAME:** Saul Is in the Basket

### THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CHANGES US

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 145:21.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

### THE WORD SAUL SPEAKS BOLDLY

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: The Holy Spirit filled Saul and changed his heart.

If a Bible Timeline is available, point out Saul Escapes from Damascus. **Today, starts with Saul in Damascus. We will see what Saul did after God healed his eyes and filled him with the Holy Spirit.** Point out Damascus, Syria. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 9:19b-25. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Acts 9:22. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY SPEAKING BOLDLY ABOUT JESUS

**What is the most amazing thing that has ever happened to you? Who did you tell about it? Saul was blinded by a heavenly light and he heard the voice of Jesus from heaven. He now knew Jesus was the Son of God. His eyes were healed and he was filled with the Holy Spirit. If all those amazing things happened to you, who would you tell? If you could tell others one thing about Jesus, what would it be?**

**After God healed his blindness and filled him with the Holy Spirit, what did Saul do right away in Damascus? (He preached that Jesus was the Son of God.) Why were the Jews surprised to hear Saul speak boldly about Jesus being the Son of God? (Because a few days earlier, Saul had made plans to throw the followers of Jesus into prison.)**

**The Jews thought Saul was wrong to say Jesus is God's Son. What did they plan to do? (To kill Saul.) How did Saul escape? (Followers lowered him in a basket over the city wall at night.)**

**God fills us with the Holy Spirit so we can speak boldly. To boldly tell others about Jesus, Saul had to trust God. He trusted the Holy Spirit to give him the words to say and to protect him from any angry listeners. When have you trusted God to help you tell others about Jesus? Many of us are not bold speakers, but we can trust God will give us the words to say and the courage to tell others about Jesus when the time is right. Just as God uses bold voices, He also uses gentle voices to tell others about Him. We can trust that God will not only use our words, but He will use our lives and the choices we make to speak to others about Jesus.**

**The Holy Spirit changed Saul. If we believe in Jesus and obey the Holy Spirit, we will be changed day by day to become more and more like Jesus. Saul explained this in a letter he wrote years after his escape from Damascus. Part of that letter is our Bible Memory Verse. Read 2 Corinthians 3:17b-18.**

If time allows, use GOT TIME? DISCUSSION: 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17B-18.

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**700 years before Saul boldly preached the good news about Jesus, Isaiah promised to tell others about the Lord. Check it out!** Reveal Isaiah 63:7. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**One great way to tell others about Jesus is to tell them the good things He has done in your life. Would anyone like to tell us how you have seen the kindness of the Lord in your life?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: "Ask Me About Damascus" sticker
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Saul's friends lowering him in a basket
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Snack in a Basket

**GAME:** Basket Tag

**CRAFT:** Saul's Basket of Bold Words

**DISCUSSION:** 2 Corinthians 3:17b-18

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Erase It, Then Say It; Balloon Toss

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**