

1st – 5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: Paul's Conversion

Bible Passage: Acts 9:1-25

Main Point: Jesus saved Saul from his sins and chose him to spread the gospel.

Key Passage: Matthew 5:16

Big Picture Question: How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved.

Christ Connection: *Jesus appeared to Saul and changed him inside and out. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15) Jesus called Saul, also known as Paul, who was once an enemy to Christians, to spend the rest of his life telling people the gospel and leading them to trust Jesus as Lord and Savior.*

Real Change

Materials: "changed objects" pieces of paper below(4)

4 pieces of paper with 2 "changed objects" on each.

- 1: Cake batter and Baked cake
- 2: Caterpillar and Butterfly
- 3: Rain and Snow
- 4: Milk and Ice cream

Display the first set of pictures. Cover the other sets with a piece of paper. Cake batter and Baked cake are the first set. Ask the group to raise their hands if they can tell what the difference is between the cake batter and baked cake. Call on a volunteer to help explain. Uncover each set as you go on. As you point out each set of objects, talk about the changes. How did each object change? How did cooking or heating change one object into another form?

When Jesus changed Saul, He changed Saul spiritually. Saul's sins had separated him from God, but when Saul trusted in Jesus, God forgave his sins and gave Saul eternal life. Jesus saved Saul from his sins and chose him to spread the gospel. Conversion happens when a person repents of his sin and trusts in Jesus. God forgives that person and gives him new life. Jesus changes a person's heart, and as a result, that person's life is changed too.

