

Saul's Great Basket Escape

Bring this back next Sunday for a special treat!

BIBLE STORY

Acts 9:20-25

After Saul met Jesus, he changed. He began telling people about Jesus right away! Saul told everyone, "Jesus is the Son of God!"

Some people did not like that. They were so angry that they made a plan to hurt Saul! They watched the city gates day and night so he could not escape.

But Saul had friends who loved Jesus. They wanted to help him.

One night, they put Saul in a big basket.

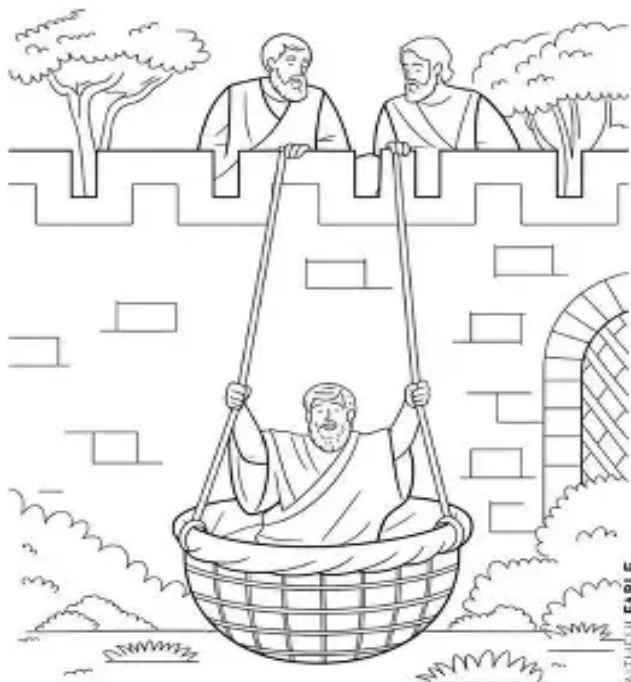
They carefully lowered him down through an opening in the city wall.

Down, down, down he went...until he was safely on the ground!

God kept Saul safe. God helped Saul through His people (church) when he was in danger.



FRIENDS HELP EACH OTHER



Some men had a plan that they would hurt Paul. So at night, his friends lowered him over the wall. His life was in danger, he might even fall. But Paul trusted God throughout it all.

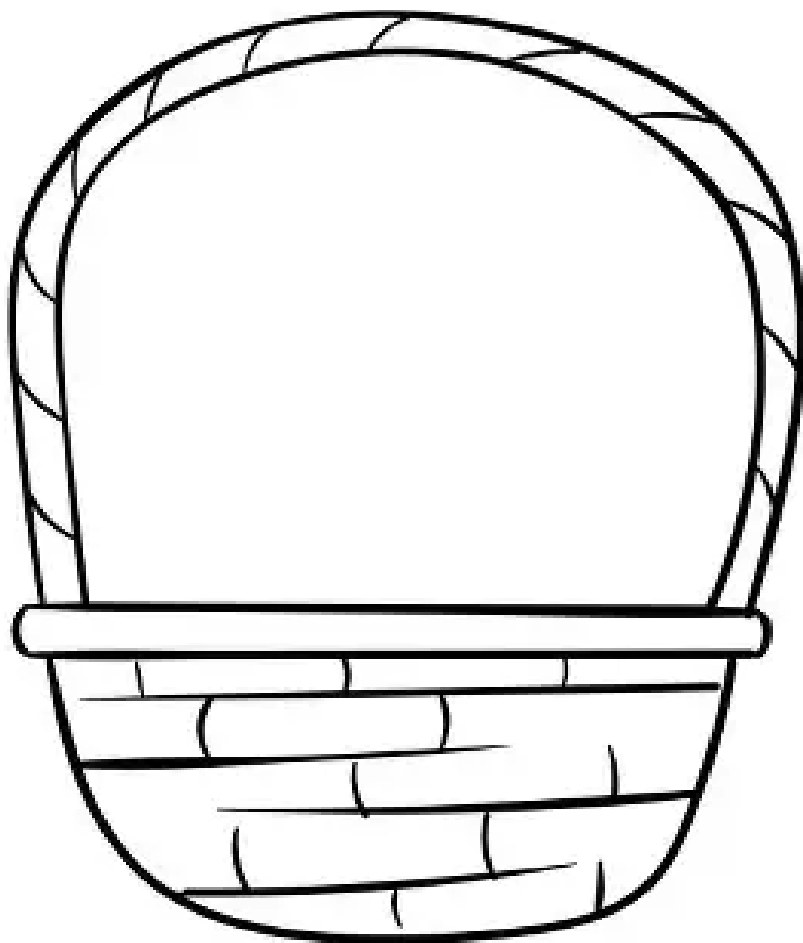


As you color the picture on the left, have a parent or adult read the colorful picture story on the right. What does it mean to trust in God? Does trusting in God mean we do not get scared? Do you think Paul was afraid of anything?

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GOD MAKES A WAY



Draw a picture of Saul in the Basket. Add ropes to the basket to show that Saul was lowered to the ground by his friends.



FAMILY FUN

Recall a time in your life when you were not sure how a particularly difficult circumstance would work out.

Tell your child about it. Did you ask for help? Did someone else come to your aid? (Edit as needed, lol!)

Discuss with your little one how God knows when we need help. Explain how God can send other Christian friends and family (church family, too) to help us, much like Saul's friends helped him escape when he was being held prisoner by King Herod.

Think about ways your child can begin to incorporate helping others into their daily life. This can start at home with simple things. Teach him/her how to notice when someone may need help and act on it, even if it simply means employing help from others if they are too small for a specific task. Let them help as much as possible so they can build confidence in serving others.

Use Your Imagination

Find a large laundry basket at home and climb inside! Pretend you are hanging above the ground by ropes tied to your basket. What do you think Saul felt as he was being lowered to the ground by his friends? Do you think it was scary? Perhaps the basket tipped from side to side as he was lowered!

How high do you think he was?

Imagine making it safely to the ground. If you were Saul, what would you say to your friends for helping you? What would you say to God for making it all possible?