

The Conversion of Saul

OVERVIEW:

Sunday School Time Schedule:

10:00 Students meet with shepherds in workshop locations.

10:05 Lesson Begins

10:40 Closure

10:45 Closing Begins in the Choir Room Upstairs

10:55 Sunday School Ends. Parents pick up children from the Choir Room.

Memory Verse: Psalm 25:4 (NIV)

"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me Your path guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior."

WORKSHOP SUMMARIES:

Games: The children will review the details of Saul's conversion on the road to Damascus by playing a giant board game. They will also reflect on how the church teaches them to be disciples of Jesus Christ and how they can help others become disciples.

Cooking: Children will be baking upside-down fruit tarts and discussing how our lives can sometime get turned upside down. They will explore how to get back on the right track, or right side up again.

Art: This workshop will focus on how God helps to guide us on the right path and know what to do. Children will create translucent paper that lets the light shine through to help them remember to trust in God.

Bible Skills: Children will work with maps of various places Paul went on his missionary journeys, and then focus on their daily journeys and how they can spread the word of God where ever they go.

OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the rotation, the students will:

- be able to find Acts and know it is a history of the early Christian church.
- understand that anyone can be called to do God’s work.
- Know the story of Saul’s persecution of Christians and his conversion on the Road to Damascus.
- be able to contrast Saul before and after his experience on the road.
- be able to repeat the memory verse.

Definitions - Words to Know:

Pharisee - Jewish leaders who were very careful to follow all of God’s laws and rules that they made up that they thought made them

Gentile - someone who is not Jewish

Temple - the center of worship and religious life in Jerusalem

Synagogue - Jewish places of worship and study in cities and towns

Jerusalem - center of Jewish religious life

Damascus - one of the oldest cities in Paul’s time, where he was going when he was blinded and heard Jesus speak

Tarsus - capital city of Cilicia, in modern day Turkey, where Saul was born

Persecution - causing other people to suffer because of what they believe