

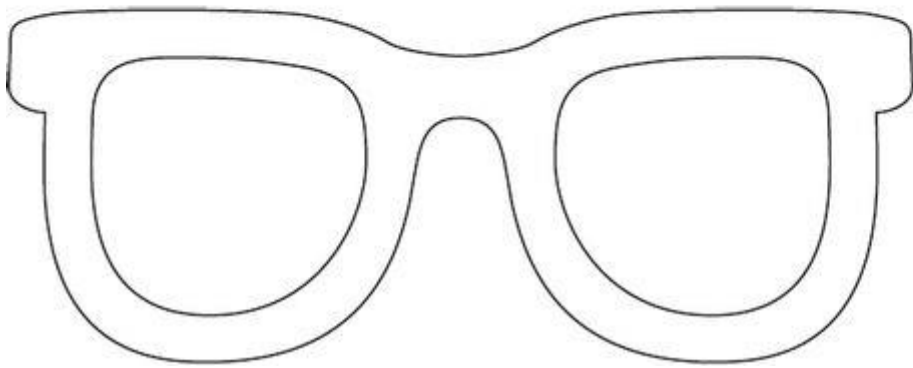
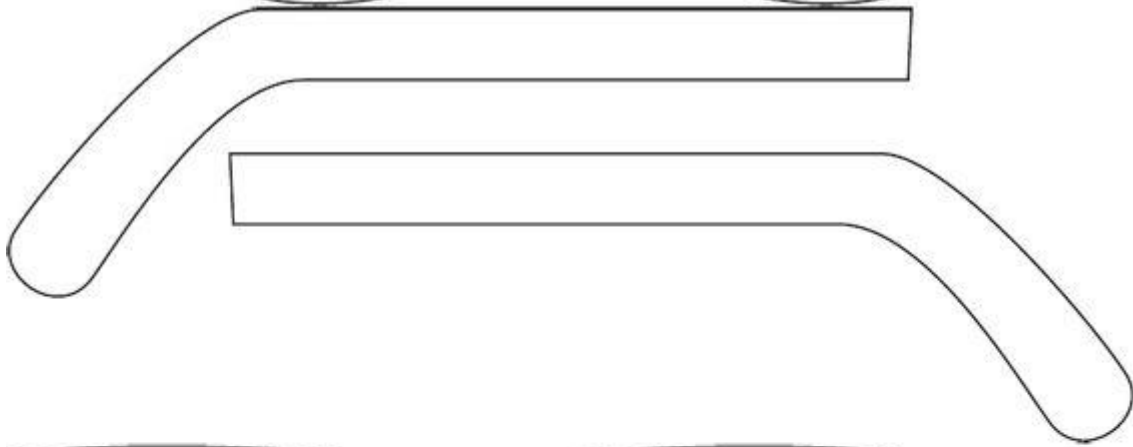
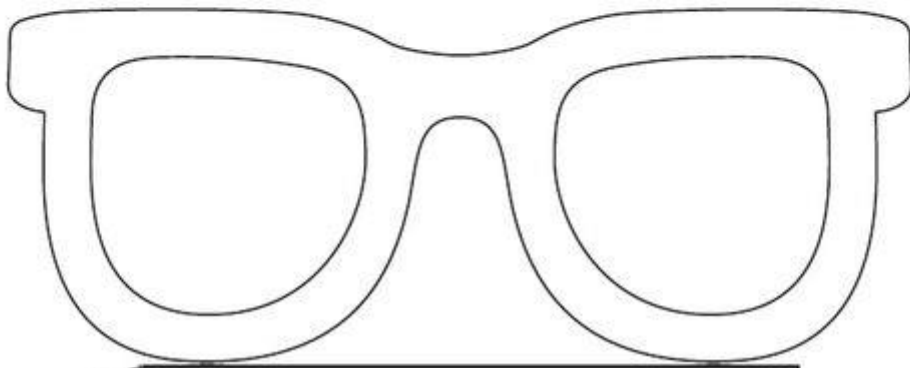
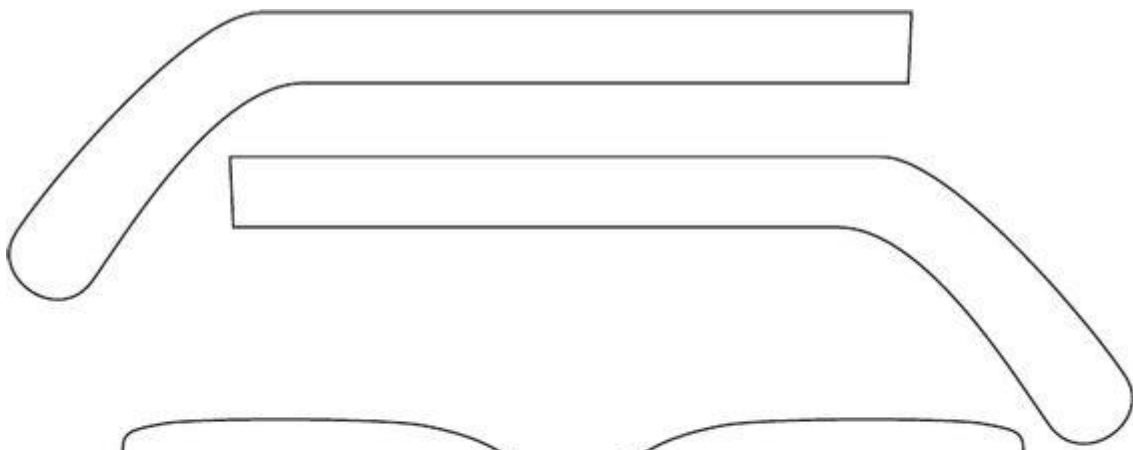
Saul Changed into Paul

- **Ask:** What event in your life do you remember the most?
- **Play:** Lead the blind. You will need blind folds. Put the children into pairs. Blindfold one of the children and ask the other child who is not blindfolded to lead the blindfolded child around the room. Remind them to be careful that the child who can't see doesn't bump into anything. After a short while ask the children to swap roles and do the same again. Then ask the children what it was like being blind? What was it like to lead the blind person? What do they think it would be like to be blind? Or you could blind fold one child at a time and ask them to identify an object by only touching it. Or play 'Grandmother's Keys' where a chair is placed in the middle of the room/area. One child is on the chair blindfolded with some keys under the chair. The rest of the children are in a circle around the chair at a short distance. Point at one child at a time to attempt to sneak up and steal the keys from under the chair. If grandmother (the person sat on the chair) hears the person and points at them before they get the keys, then someone else has a go at getting the keys. If that person gets the keys then they become grandmother. After the game, ask the questions from above.
- **Talk:** This week we are continuing our Bible character series with Saul whose name was changed to Paul. Who was Saul/Paul? Saul was from Tarsus hence the name Saul of Tarsus, he was a Jewish leader, he was very clever, he didn't like Jesus or his followers. In fact he liked to see Jesus' followers put in prison. One day when he was on his way to Damascus to arrest some of Jesus' followers, but he was changed in a flash! He no longer hunted Jesus' followers - he became one! He became Paul, who is one of the most famous men in the Bible (after Jesus of course!) He preached to the Jews and the Gentiles (non Jewish people). It is thought he wrote 13 books of the Bible, most of them letters to the early churches. Let's see how all this happened.
- **Watch or Read:** Paul's Conversion in a Lego animation at https://youtu.be/h_R4JsmAy88, or Lottie's Saul changed into Paul video on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfoRgvwNoapVwiU5UCF2ZMg>, or, Acts 9:1-19 at <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+9%3A1-19&version=NIV>, or A Changed Man P488, Beginners Bible, Candle Books.
- **Discuss:** What happened to Saul on the road to Damascus? **He saw a bright light and heard a voice asking, 'Why are you persecuting me?'** Who had Saul met? **It was Jesus who told Saul to go to the city and wait for Ananias.** Why did the people with Saul have to lead him? **Saul couldn't see because he'd been blinded by the light.** What did Ananias do to Saul? **He lay his hands on Paul and something like fish scales fell from his eyes. For the first time Saul could see the truth about Jesus and decided to be baptised. He then followed Jesus for the rest of his life, changed his name to Paul, and preached to Jews and when they wouldn't listen he talked to the non-Jewish people (known as Gentiles) and wrote many letters encouraging the church.** This event with Paul shows us that no one is too lost or far away for Jesus to touch and change. Jesus came for everyone and calls us all to him no matter where we are, what we've done or who we are. He loves us all and wants us to be his friend. No part of our lives are unchangeable for Jesus. This week your challenge is to ask Jesus to show us any parts of our lives that need changing.

- **Prayer:** Dear Jesus, thank you that you love us. Thank you that you change us from the inside out. Please show us the areas in our lives that need changing. Help us to let you have your way and change our hearts as you changed Saul's. Help us to be open to the changes you want to make in our lives for good. Amen,
- Is there anything that the children would like to pray about?
- **Make:** Kaleidoscope Glasses: You will need: Black card, glasses template from below, coloured cellophane/tissue paper (cellophane works better as it is see through), Scissors, glue stick and sticky back plastic. First print out the glasses template and cut it out. Secondly, draw around the template onto the black card or draw your own glasses frame and legs on the card. Thirdly, cut out your glasses and draw around the glasses front onto the backing of the sticky back plastic. Then cut this out and stick it onto the glasses where the lenses would go. Afterwards cut small squares of the coloured cellophane/tissue paper and stick them onto the sticky back plastic so there are no gaps. Finally take the legs of the glasses and glue the tabs on the legs to the side of the frame and put the glasses on. You should be able to see a changed world that is many different colours.
- **Make: Plastic cups changed into suncatchers:** You will need: Plain plastic cups recycle code 6, sharpies, a hole punch, an oven tray and an oven on Gas mark 4/160C/350F. First decorate the bottom and the sides of your plastic cup. Secondly hole punch a hole near the top of the cup. Then place them on a baking tray and put them in a preheated oven for a few minutes until they have melted flat into suncatchers. Leave them to cool and thread a ribbon or thread through the hole so the suncatchers can be hung in the window.
- **Make:** A Saul into Paul puppet: You will need: The template below printed out, colouring pens or pencils, scissors, a lollipop stick and a glue stick/pva glue per child. First printout and colour the template. Then cut out the template and glue a figure on each side of the lollipop stick. Now the children can act out Saul's conversion to Paul.
- **Activity:** Print out the attached sheets and colour the picture, do the maze, crossword, word search.
- **Play:** Set up a pop up tent or all sit under a blanket. Talk about how dark it is and what happens when we switch on our torches. Have a torch for each child and ask them to switch it on. Is it light or dark now? Can the children make any shapes with their hands in front of the torches? Make some shadow puppets - or what happens if you hold the torch on your chin? What does your face look like? Does it change your features?
- **Have drink and biscuit during your crafting time or during the video.**

Kaleidoscope Glasses







**The conversion of Saul/Paul craft
Plastic cups transformed into sun catchers**

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.





Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

ROAD TO DAMASCUS

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APOSTLE
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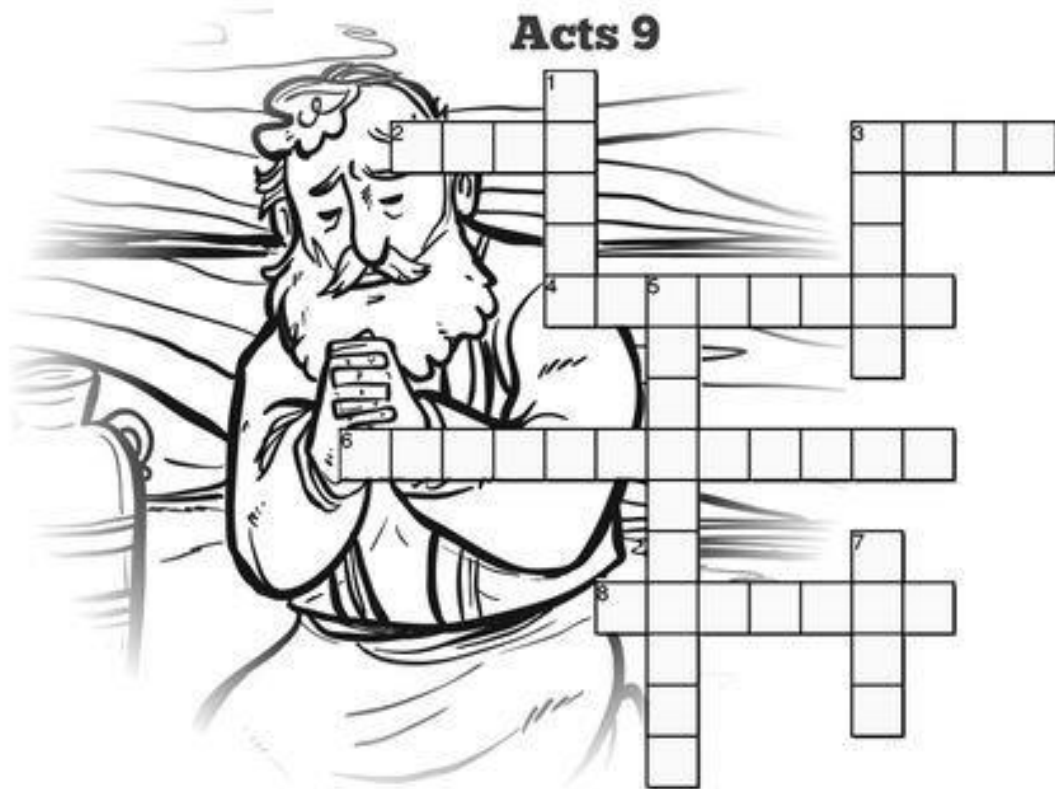
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TARSUS
JUDEA
BENJAMIN
YESHUA
DAMASCUS

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THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

Acts 9



Across

2. What new name did God give Saul?
3. Religious leaders were putting Christians in _____.
4. What city was Saul traveling to?
6. Paul suffered through jail, stoning, shipwreck, beating, riots, _____, and pain to bring the gospel far and wide.
8. Who did God send to Saul to heal him?

Down

1. A light that was brighter than the sun left Saul _____.
3. Who asked Saul, "Why are you persecuting me?"
5. God chose Paul to be a _____, and spread the good news of Christ.
7. Who was the worst enemy of the Christians, and the one who had presided over Stephen's death?

THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS MAZE

Travel to the center of Damascus. Choose one of two routes.
You may find alternate undiscovered shortcuts along the way.

