

KIDS CHURCH ONLINE

Sunday 21st June 2020

THEME - STAND UP AND SPEAK

Acts 9:1-22 and Acts:26:1-16

BIBLE

Acts 9:1-22 New Century Version (NCV)

Saul Is Converted

9 In Jerusalem Saul was still threatening the followers of the Lord by saying he would kill them. So he went to the high priest **2** and asked him to write letters to the synagogues in the city of Damascus. Then if Saul found any followers of Christ's Way, men or women, he would arrest them and bring them back to Jerusalem.

3 So Saul headed toward Damascus. As he came near the city, a bright light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. **4** Saul fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

5 Saul said, "Who are you, Lord?"

The voice answered, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. **6** Get up now and go into the city. Someone there will tell you what you must do."

7 The people traveling with Saul stood there but said nothing. They heard the voice, but they saw no one. **8** Saul got up from the ground and opened his eyes, but he could not see. So those with Saul took his hand and led him into Damascus. **9** For three days Saul could not see and did not eat or drink.

10 There was a follower of Jesus in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision, "Ananias!"

Ananias answered, "Here I am, Lord."

11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to Straight Street. Find the house of Judas,^[a] and ask for a man named Saul from the city of Tarsus. He is there now, praying. **12** Saul has seen a vision in which a man named Ananias comes to him and lays his hands on him. Then he is able to see again."

13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, many people have told me about this man and the terrible things he did to your holy people in Jerusalem. **14** Now he has come here to Damascus, and the leading priests have given him the power to arrest everyone who worships you."

15 But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! I have chosen Saul for an important work. He must tell about me to those who are not Jews, to kings, and to the people of Israel. **16** I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

17 So Ananias went to the house of Judas. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus sent me. He is the one you saw on the road on your way here. He sent me so that you can see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." **18** Immediately, something that looked like fish scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he was able to see again! Then Saul got up and was baptized.

19 After he ate some food, his strength returned.

Saul Preaches in Damascus

Saul stayed with the followers of Jesus in Damascus for a few days. **20** Soon he began to preach about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "Jesus is the Son of God."

21 All the people who heard him were amazed. They said, "This is the man who was in Jerusalem trying to destroy those who trust in this name! He came here to arrest the followers of Jesus and take them back to the leading priests."

22 But Saul grew more powerful. His proofs that Jesus is the Christ were so strong that his own people in Damascus could not argue with him.

Acts 26:1-16 New Century Version (NCV)

Paul Defends Himself

26 Agrippa said to Paul, “You may now speak to defend yourself.”

Then Paul raised his hand and began to speak. **2** He said, “King Agrippa, I am very blessed to stand before you and will answer all the charges the evil people make against me. **3** You know so much about all the customs and the things they argue about, so please listen to me patiently.

4 “All my people know about my whole life, how I lived from the beginning in my own country and later in Jerusalem. **5** They have known me for a long time. If they want to, they can tell you that I was a good Pharisee. And the Pharisees obey the laws of my tradition more carefully than any other group. **6** Now I am on trial because I hope for the promise that God made to our ancestors.

7 This is the promise that the twelve tribes of our people hope to receive as they serve God day and night. My king, they have accused me because I hope for this same promise! **8** Why do any of you people think it is impossible for God to raise people from the dead?

9 “I, too, thought I ought to do many things against Jesus from Nazareth. **10** And that is what I did in Jerusalem. The leading priests gave me the power to put many of God’s people in jail, and when they were being killed, I agreed it was a good thing. **11** In every synagogue, I often punished them and tried to make them speak against Jesus. I was so angry against them I even went to other cities to find them and punish them.

12 “One time the leading priests gave me permission and the power to go to Damascus. **13** On the way there, at noon, I saw a light from heaven. It was brighter than the sun and flashed all around me and those who were traveling with me. **14** We all fell to the ground. Then I heard a voice speaking to me in the Hebrew language,[a] saying, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? You are only hurting yourself by fighting me.’ **15** I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ The Lord said, ‘I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting. **16** Stand up! I have chosen you to be my servant and my witness—you will tell people the things that you have seen and the things that I will show you. This is why I have come to you today.

HAVE A CHAT

Below are some questions to help you explore the story

I wonder what part of the story you liked best?

I wonder what was the most important part?

I wonder where you are in the story?

I wonder how Paul felt when he was standing before King Agrippa?

I wonder how you would feel if you were innocent but had been in jail for over two years?

I wonder how Paul felt when telling his story of how Jesus changed his life?

I wonder how you feel about telling people about Jesus?

ACTIVITIES

Tell the Story

Retell the stories in your own words, creating a modern version. Can you remember all the different parts of the story? Maybe you would like to act it out, or perhaps gather different toys to retell the story.

Tell Your Story

Talk about your own story, about when you decided to follow Jesus; about what you changed in your life; about what Jesus means to you and what Jesus can do for others.

Perhaps you could act it out and use props or toys to tell your story.

Soap Power Boat (YouTube Activity)

Watch the video and make a soap power boat. If you have a long large container of water you could have a race.

Paul travelled on a boat to tell people about Jesus and to share his story of how God changed his life. During this activity talk about the different places where we can share our own story of what God has done for us.

Game

And!!

This game is a challenge. You will need something to tell you when a minute is up, a phone, clock or timer.

Each person takes it in turn to talk for a minute.

You can do this a few ways:

- Give them a subject to talk about.
- Think of some subjects together write them down on pieces of paper and fold them up, placing them all in a container. When it is their turn each person picks out a piece of paper to see what subject they will talk about.
- They choose their own subject.

There are two rules they have to keep talking without a pause for a minute and they are not allowed to use the word 'and'.

If everyone is able to complete the challenge perhaps time each other and see who can talk for the longest time without and pause and saying 'and'.

Sometimes we have to think about what we are going to say before we say it. Sometimes writing it down helps. The more we practice what we want to say the easier it is. The more we talk to people the more comfortable we feel about talking to others. This is the same when we tell our story or testimony.

Chinese Whispers

Play a game of Chinese Whispers, maybe start off with a simple word, then phrase, then make the sentences longer.

It is important to remember your story is special to you no-one else can tell your story better than you can. Your own story is important. We are all ordinary people but have a great story to tell about what Jesus has done for us which we need to share with others.

Name The Fear (Activity Sheet)

Print or read the questions of the quiz. The second page has the answers in red.

We know our story of how Jesus changed our lives but sometimes we can have doubts about sharing our story with others, scared of what they may think or say. Talk about what it may feel like and encourage each other to speak to others.

Chalk the Walk

Decorate the end of your driveway or the road in front of your house with art...what would you want to tell others about Jesus? Maybe you would like to say 'I Love Jesus'; 'Jesus Loves Me' or 'Jesus Is My Friend.

Colouring (see the colouring folder)

If you are able print the colouring in sheets take some time to colour them in. If not why not give it a go and try and copy the design, then colour in it or make up your own design to tell the story.

Modelling

Make a model that will help you remember the story, perhaps a chain or a mouth, maybe boat, either by using paper mache or salt dough. When it is dry paint it.

Place it somewhere to help you remember you to have your own story of what Jesus has done for you and like Paul you to can stand up and speak.

Rock Art

If you have enjoyed this activity your challenge this week is to find enough stones(rocks) big enough to write phase. We can spread God's Word in so many ways and this is a great way. Write something to tell others about God such as 'God is Love, Jesus Loves You, or 'You Are Forgiven'

On your walk go in search for a rock you can paint. you can paint it with any sort of paint but some paints wash off so be careful not to get the rock wet once it is dry. Acrylic paint does not wash off. Please protect your clothes.

Next time you go for a walk place the rock somewhere for someone else to see.

PRAYER

Family Prayer Activity (see sheet)

Take time to do the family prayer activity together.

And this week try to lean the memory verses.

Mouth Prayers (activity sheet)

Print out or copy the design on to a piece of paper. Cut out the shape of the mouth.

Write a prayer inside the mouth maybe asking God to give you courage to stand up and speak for him or to show you when to speak out for him. Colour in the lips.

Stick them on a cupboard in the kitchen to help remind you.

***Here are a few options for paste for your paper mache.**

1. Use a simple mix of flour and water. Use one part flour with two parts water until you get the consistency like think glue. Add more water of flour as necessary, mix well and get out all the lumps. Add a few tablespoons of salt to help prevent mould!
2. Similar to the above recipe, but definitely need adult supervision.
4 cups of water into a large pot. Place the pot on the hob and bring to the boil. While you are waiting for the water to boil, mix together one cup of flour with two cups of water, stir well to get out as many lumps as possible.
Once the water is boiling, carefully add your floured water mixture. Simmer the mixture for 2-3 minutes, until smooth. Add a few teaspoons of salt the help prevent mould. Allow to cool before you try to use it!
3. You can use regular glue mixed with a bit of water. Mix using about one part water with two parts glue.
4. Use wallpaper paste. Follow the directions from the manufacturer to mix this paste. Adult supervision when using it.

***Recipe for Salt Dough**

1 cup salt

2 cups of flour

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup of water

- In a large bowl mix salt and flour together.
- Gradually stir in water. Mix well until it forms a doughy consistency.
- Turn the dough onto the bench and knead with your hands until smooth and combined.
- Make your creations using the salt dough.
- Place the salt dough creations into the oven at 180C. The amount of time needed to bake depends on the size and thickness of the salt dough creations.

Please remind little ones that the salt dough is not edible.

Tips and Ideas

- Store your salt dough in an air tight container as it keeps well for a few days.
- You can paint your creations with acrylic paints and seal with varnish or polyurethane spray.
- Salt dough can also be aired dried and is an alternative to oven drying.
- Involve the kids in making the salt dough as this encourages and promotes so many learning opportunities, plus it is so much fun!