

Class: 2's and 3's

Date: Late Winter 2002  
Early Spring

Lesson 7  
Teacher: Mary Lynn

Text: Acts 9

#### Introduction/review

1. Our Spiritual Heritage (see explanation under intro/review, lesson1)

#### Lesson

2. Use included script and paper figures to tell story of Saul.

#### Visual Aids/Songs

Book: Bright Light, Saul's Sight by Arch Books found at Christian Supply Store on Harkrider

Song: Saul, Saul, ...found in Glenda Schales, God Had A Plan songbook, found in library

## 252. SAUL IS CONVERTED

(ACTS 8:1-4, 9:1-22)



"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him  
a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him,  
Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

ACTS 9:3-4

- like lightening.
- \*\*\* Saul fell to the ground.
  - Set Saul figure over on his side.
- \*\*\* Then he heard a voice from heaven say to him, "Saul! Why are you hurting me?"
- \*\*\* Saul was afraid. He said, "Who are you, Lord?"
- \*\*\* And the voice answered, "I am Jesus! And you are hurting me by hurting people who tell others about me."
- \*\*\* Jesus told Saul to get up and go into Damascus.
- \*\*\* But instead of going there to hurt Jesus' followers, he was to wait there for someone to tell him what to do.
- \*\*\* So Saul stood up.
  - Stand Saul figure up.
- \*\*\* But when he stood up, he was blind. He could not see anything.
- \*\*\* The men with him had to lead him into the town of Damascus.
  - Walk the 3 figures into the town.
  - Stand them in front of another 'block' house away from the followers of Jesus figures.
- \*\*\* Saul waited there for 3 days.
- \*\*\* Meanwhile, God talked to another man who was a follower of Jesus.
  - Point to one of the followers of Jesus figures.
- \*\*\* The Lord told this man to go and find Saul at the house where Saul was staying.
  - Move the man a step forward.
- \*\*\* Well this man had heard how much Saul hated people who follow Jesus.
- \*\*\* He said, "Oh no! Lord! That man, Saul, wants to hurt us.
- \*\*\* He's hurt lots of people in Jerusalem.
- \*\*\* And now he's come all the way up here to hurt us!"
- \*\*\* But Jesus said to him, "Go, because I have chosen him to tell others about me, too.
- \*\*\* So this man went to see Saul.
  - Walk the figure to Saul.
- \*\*\* He said to Saul, "Brother Saul, The Lord Jesus sent me to you."
- \*\*\* This man laid his hands on Saul.
  - Touch him to the Saul figure.
- \*\*\* And immediately Saul felt something like fish scales fall off his eyes.
- \*\*\* He could see again!
- \*\*\* Saul got up and was baptized and was filled with the Holy Spirit.
- \*\*\* Instead of hurting people for telling others about Jesus, he became their friends.
  - If you made him a flip figure, flip him to show his kind face.
- \*\*\* And he started to tell others about Jesus, too.

#### Closing Discussion:

- \*\*\* Saul was very religious and often went to church.
- \*\*\* How was he going the wrong way?
  - He didn't believe in Jesus.
- \*\*\* What was Saul like before he met Jesus?
  - He was mean.
  - He wanted to hurt people.
  - He hated Jesus and all the people who loved Jesus.

- ❖❖❖ But when they get to the end they will find nothing.

You will repeat this after the story with the real map or clues leading to the snack.

### Telling the Story:

- ❖❖❖ Were you able to find the treasure?
- ❖❖❖ How did that make you feel?
  - ❖ Cheated,
  - ❖ Mad,
  - ❖ Disappointed.
- ❖❖❖ I'll bet you feel cheated.
- ❖❖❖ You followed the clues or map that promised to lead you to treasure. And there wasn't any!
- ❖❖❖ The map, (clues), you followed wasn't the right way at all was it?
- ❖❖❖ You were actually going the wrong way!
- ❖❖❖ Today we're learning that **without Jesus we're going the wrong way.**
- ❖❖❖ We're going to hear a story about a man who was going the wrong way.
- ❖❖❖ It was just like he was following a map (or clues) that led to nowhere, just like you did in your game.
- ❖❖❖ Listen carefully to find out why he was going the wrong way.
- ❖❖❖ Lay out the Promised Land mat.
- ❖❖❖ This man's name was Saul.
  - ❖ Place the Saul figure next to the Dead Sea. (If you made him a flip figure, show him with his evil face).
- ❖❖❖ Saul was a very religious man.
  - ❖ He studied his Bible and went to the temple regularly.
  - ❖ Place the temple next to the Dead Sea.
  - ❖ Place the priest figure, (or use a Fisher Price or similar type man figure) in front of the temple.
- ❖❖❖ But Saul did not like all the talk he was hearing about Jesus.
- ❖❖❖ One day he decided that he was going to make people stop telling others about Jesus.
- ❖❖❖ He had heard there were even people way up here in a town called Damascus, telling others about Jesus.
  - ❖ Place some blocks to represent houses at the top of the mat near the Sea of Galilee.
  - ❖ Place 2 or 3 Fisher Price or similar type men figures next to one of the block houses.
- ❖❖❖ So Saul went to see the priest.
  - ❖ Walk Saul to the priest.
- ❖❖❖ He convinced the priest to give him letters that said he could arrest and put in jail these people up here who were telling others about Jesus.
  - ❖ Point to the people in the town of Damascus.
- ❖❖❖ So Paul and some other men began traveling to the town of Damascus up here.
  - ❖ Add 2 more figures and let the kids take turns walking the figures up the mat.
  - ❖ Have them stop before they reach the town of Damascus.
- ❖❖❖ Just as Saul was getting close to the town, a bright light from heaven flashed all around him.
  - ❖ Shine the flashlight on the Saul figure turning it on and off

Setup people and Saul in Damascus

Saul

Temple

Priest

Hill  
Sea

Use flashlight

# Saul's Song

## Tune: Bringing in the Sheaves

Patsy Stevens



Saul was on his way to the ci - ty of Da - mas - cus. He per - se - cu - ted  
"Bro - ther Saul a - rise and re - ceive you - r sigh - t. Je - sus has a spe - cial



Christ - ians ev - 'ry day, But the Lord had oth - er plans for Saul of Tar - sus.  
job for you to do. Sau - l now a - rise, wash a - way your sins, be bap - tized.



Je - sus spoke to himwhile he was in the way. Je - sus spoke to him,  
You shall preach to Gentiles." This is some - thing new. Scales fell from his eyes.



Je - susspoke to him, "Why are you per - se - cu - ting me this way?"  
He received his sight. He o - beyed the Lord and turned his life a - round.



"Lord what should I do? Lord what should I do?"  
You too have a task God has planned for you.



"Go in - to the ci - ty, hear An - a - ni - as say:"  
Trust Him and the way for you will soon be found.

## 252. SAUL IS CONVERTED

(ACTS 8:1-4, 9:1-22)



"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him  
a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him,  
Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

**ACTS 9:3-4**