

**TODDLER
CURRICULUM**

July & August

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus loves me.

BIBLE VERSE

“Let us love one
another, for love is
from God,”
1 John 4:7.



“Paul” is a video teaching that shows kids Jesus loves us and wants us to love others. The video program includes sing-along worship and a time-lapsed-drawing Bible story with narration.

STORY

Paul Meets Jesus, Acts 9:1-19

TEACHER DEVOTIONAL

Read: Acts 9:1-22

What would it take for you to make a radical shift in the way you see the purpose of your life? For Saul, also called Paul, it took a blinding light from Heaven. It took the voice of Jesus telling him to stop what he was doing. It took three days of blindness. It took three days of fasting and prayer. It took a miraculous healing.

What would it take for you to make a radical shift from seeing someone as an enemy to seeing them as a brother? For Ananias, it took a vision from the Lord. This new believer in Jesus must have been shaking as he placed his hands on the eyes of the man he knew to be a torturer of Christians. He was risking imprisonment and death. But he obediently came to heal Saul. Ananias' greeting to the man he knew to be a sworn enemy? "Brother."

Jesus radically shifts everything. Jesus can change an enemy into a brother. He can replace fear with hope and healing. Jesus can change rage to humility; self-righteousness to new purpose. Saul spent the rest of his life spreading the good news of Jesus throughout the Roman world and writing much of the New Testament of the Bible. His radical shift with God changed the world. He became entirely dependent on Jesus because he truly believed in his power. Saul spent the rest of his life encouraging other believers to stand in the radical power of Jesus, too.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will," Romans 12:2.

How has God radically changed you?

What parts of your mind, heart, and life do you still need God to renew?

PAUL

Toddler See and Share

SUPPLIES: flashlight, mirror

PURPOSE: Kids will review the story by doing actions and playing with props representing the story of Paul.

NOTES

- Read each section and do the actions.
- Take toys out one at a time and hold them up for kids to see. Then put away props.
- Encourage volunteers to familiarize themselves with the props before doing See and Share.

1. Sad Face: Paul had a hard time being nice to people. When people are mean, it makes us sad. Can you make a sad face? **(Demonstrate and mimic sad faces.)**

2. Flashlight: One day a light from heaven flashed around Paul. Watch as I flash this light! **(Point flashlight down and turn it on and off repeatedly so light flashes.)**

3. Cover Your Eyes: The flash of light made Paul blind. Put your hands over your eyes so you can't see. **(Demonstrate then have them cover their eyes with their hands.)**

4. Blink and Cheer: A man named Ananias helped Paul see again. Let's blink our eyes and shout hooray for Paul. **(Blink eyes and shout hooray.)**

5. Mirror: Paul learned Jesus loved him. Jesus loves you, too! Can you say, "Jesus loves me?" **(Hold up mirror to each child as they say, "Jesus loves me.")**