



Unit 30, Session 2

Paul Met Jesus

Acts 8–9

Story Point: Jesus saved Paul and chose him to spread the gospel.

After Jesus died, rose from the dead, and ascended to heaven, people who believed in Jesus were treated cruelly because of their faith. A man named Saul wanted to put an end to the church. He headed to Damascus to arrest believers there, but on the way, a bright light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. Saul fell to the ground. He heard a voice saying, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

“Who are You, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus,” He replied.

Saul got up and opened his eyes, but he couldn’t see! So the men who were traveling with Saul led him by the hand into Damascus.

The Lord told Ananias to go to Saul. “I have chosen this man to take my name to Gentiles, kings, and Israelites.” Ananias

obeyed. He put his hands on Saul, and Saul could see again. Saul was baptized. He began to go to the synagogues to preach about Jesus. Saul said, “Jesus is the Son of God!” The Jews did not like Saul’s message. They planned to kill him, so Saul left the city. Saul was also known as Paul.

Christ Connection: Jesus appeared to Saul and changed him inside and out. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15) Jesus called Paul, who was once an enemy to Christians, to spend the rest of his life telling people the gospel and leading them to trust in Jesus.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Match each word with the correct definition or description: *gospel, Gentiles, Damascus, persecute, preach.*

_____ : to speak in public about Jesus

_____ : to treat someone cruelly or unfairly because of his or her beliefs

_____ : people who are not Jewish

_____ : the city Paul was traveling to when he saw Jesus

_____ : the good news of salvation in Jesus

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What changed about Paul after he met Jesus?

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APPLY the Story

- Why was Ananias nervous about going to Saul?
- What happened to Saul because Ananias obeyed God?
- Why should we be like Ananias, willing to obey even if we're scared or nervous?

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