Saul’s Conversion

Acts 9:1-31; 22:14,15,21

What was God’s plan for Saul, the persecutor of the Christians?

Do the plans always work?

get set!
**Acts 9:1-5**

1. Damascus was about 150 miles from Jerusalem. What does this tell you about Saul?

2. Finish the following poem to describe what happened to Saul on the road to Damascus (verses 3-5).

Saul persecuted Christians day and ___________.

**KEY POINT**

How did Saul come to faith in Jesus?

As Saul traveled to ______________, Jesus showed him that he really was the Son of __________.

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**Coming to Faith**

Saul’s conversion—with the bright light, the voice, and the blindness—was a very dramatic event for him. Look at how the following people were brought to faith:

- God used a bright light and the words of Jesus to convert Saul.
- Makayla was brought by her parents to be baptized with water and the Word.
- Andy visited a church, heard God’s Word, and eventually joined the church.

How were these conversions different?

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What was the same as these three people came to faith?

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How did you come to faith?

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**Acts 9:6-19; 22:14,15**

3. Saul was blinded. He was led into the city, where he fasted for three days. What do you imagine he thought about during that time? Write three ideas inside the thought bubbles.

4. We can understand why Ananias would be hesitant to speak with Saul. How did Jesus reassure him?

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____ Ananias placed his hands on Saul.

____ Saul washed in the Jordan seven times, and he could see again.

____ Ananias told Saul that Peter had sent him.
____ Saul learned that God had chosen him.
____ Saul was to witness what he had seen and heard only to the Jews.
____ Saul got up and baptized Ananias.

**KEY POINT**  What did Ananias tell Saul about God’s plan for him?
________________ told Saul that God had chosen him to be an _____________.

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**God’s Word Today**

**Choose** God changed us into believers through the power of his Word. God chose Saul to be an apostle. He has also chosen us. Look at the statements below.

If the statement applies to Saul, color it yellow. If the statement applies to you, color it blue. If the statement applies to both you and Saul, color it green.

- Chosen by God
- Chosen to preach to the Gentiles of the first century
- Chosen to be an apostle
- Chosen to do good works
- Chosen to declare God’s praises
- Chosen to spread God’s Word in the 21st century

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6. Saul had persecuted Christians; now he himself was being persecuted. Give one example of this.

7. God had blessed the church by sending Saul to spread the gospel to the Gentiles and all people. What other blessings did God send the new church? Underline all sentences that are correct:

- The church enjoyed a time of peace.
- It was strengthened and encouraged by the Holy Spirit.
- It grew in numbers.
- It lived in the fear of the Lord.

**KEY POINT**  As an apostle and God’s chosen instrument, what did Saul do?

Saul no longer persecuted the _____________ but preached fearlessly, especially to the ___________.

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**God’s Word Today**

**Different Missionaries** Because God has brought us to faith, we want to thank him by telling others all he has done. Though we can’t all be fearless preachers like Saul, we can all do mission work. Circle one italicized phrase in the following question, and then answer that question:

How can you use your voice, your hands, your feet to be a missionary?
**Aim:** What was God’s plan for Saul, the persecutor of the Christians?

**Truth:** ________ changed Saul into an apostle and a missionary, especially to the _____________.

**Application:** God changed us into ______________, and he wants us to spread his Word to all ______________.

**Response:** We ___________ God for the gift of faith by sharing his ______________ with others.

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**Memory Treasures**

* Matthew 28:19
* 1 Timothy 2:3,4

**The Third Commandment**
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?*
We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

*The Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer*
Your kingdom come.

*What does this mean?*
God’s kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

_How does God’s kingdom come?_
God’s kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.

*Hymn 573:1,2,4

**Memory Treasures Exercises**

- How does 1 Timothy 2:3,4 explain why God called Saul to be an apostle?

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- Read the Second Petition of the Lord’s Prayer and its meaning. How did God use Saul to make his “kingdom come”?

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**To Do**

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**at Home**

Whether or not you have the gift to be a public preacher or teacher of God’s Word like Saul, you have gifts you can use to glorify God. Identify two such gifts that you have. Then ask a parent to identify two gifts you can use to glorify God.

Are they the same?

**Student:**
1. ________________
2. ________________

**Parent:**
1. ________________
2. ________________

**Student’s initials:** _____ **Parent’s initials:** _____