



LESSON 6

REFERENCES: ACTS 9:1-22; THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, PP. 112-125.

A Blind Man Learns to Lead

Have you ever had to go a different way because the road was blocked? You had to take a detour. God once led Saul on a “detour.”

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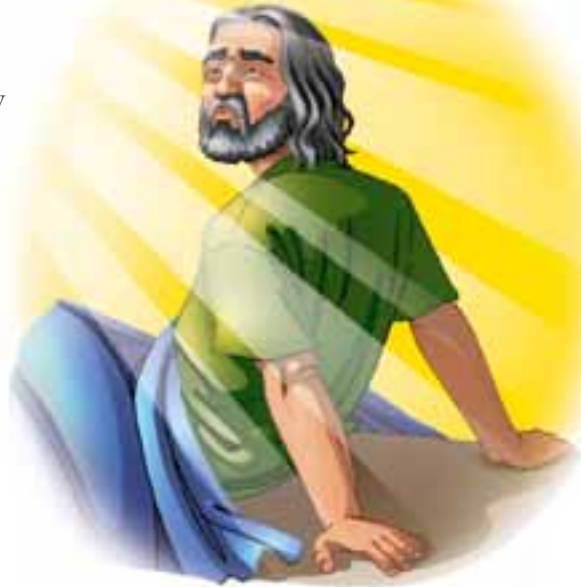
aul strode down the dusty road toward Damascus. The scorching desert sun made him sweat. But he was hot inside, too. Saul was full of burning hate. His men hurried to keep up. Saul *hated* Christians. He

planned to capture as many of the Damascus Christians as he could find.

Suddenly a dazzling light flashed around Saul. Saul and his men fell to the ground. He couldn't see! The light had blinded him. Then he heard a voice.

“Saul! Saul! Why are you hurting Me?”

“Who are You, Lord?” Saul whispered.



Memory Verse

“The Lord . . . has sent me so that you may see again.”

ACTS 9:17, NIV.

The Message

God leads us to serve others.

“I am Jesus, the one you are trying to hurt,” Jesus answered. “Get up now, and go into the city. Someone there will tell you what you must do.”

Saul’s men had heard a voice, but they hadn’t understood the words. They wondered what had happened. Saul stood up. He looked around, but he couldn’t see a thing! He was blind! His men finally took his hand and led him to the city.

Ananias, a man of God and one of the Christians, lived in Damascus. “Ananias!” the Lord said to him in a vision.

“Here I am, Lord,” Ananias answered.

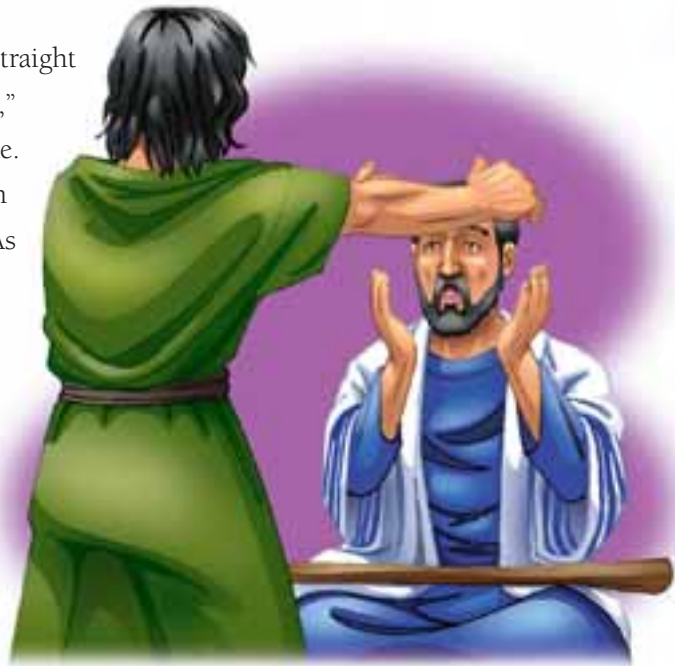
“Go to Straight Street,” the Lord said, “and find Judas’s house. Ask for a man named Saul. He is there now, praying. I have told Saul that a man named Ananias will come to him. Lay hands on him, and pray for him. Then he will be able to see again.”

Ananias was afraid. “But, Lord!” he protested, “many people have told me about this man Saul and the terrible things he does to Christians.”

“Go!” the Lord insisted. “I have chosen Saul for an important work. I have chosen him to be My messenger.”

Ananias obeyed. He walked to Straight Street and found Saul. “Brother Saul,” Ananias said, “the Lord Jesus sent me. He sent me so that you can see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” As Ananias put his hands on Saul, Saul *could* see again!

Saul was completely changed. Once he had hated Christians, and now he was one! And Saul was so glad that Jesus had changed his heart. He would spend the rest of his life telling others about Jesus.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, read the lesson story, and review the memory verse:

The LordPoint up.
has sent mePoint to self.
so that youPoint to someone else.
may see again. . . .Point to eyes.
Acts 9:17Palms together, then open.

SUNDAY

Read together Acts 9:1-22. Ask: What would you have done if you had been with Saul on the road to Damascus?

Have your child pretend they are blind and try to find an object you drop on the floor. Ask: How do you think Saul felt? What did he do?

MONDAY

Encourage your child to share their piece of transparent plastic or their Braille

Jesus




Jesus pattern with someone this week and tell them about God's leading Ananias to help Saul.

TUESDAY

Show your child a clear container filled with water. Say: This container is just like Saul. Every day he hurt people who loved Jesus. (Add a little food coloring to the water.) Each day he did more bad things. (Add more coloring.) When Jesus spoke to him, Saul saw that he needed to change.

Jesus made that change in Saul's life and helped him help others. (Add bleach to take away the food coloring.)

WEDNESDAY

Tell your child about a time God led you to help someone. "Lead" your child to where they can serve someone else (your neighbor's yard, the telephone,  or the kitchen, where they can help you).

Help your child count how many serving hands and feet you have in your family.

THURSDAY

Have your child put mittens on (not gloves) and pick up some raisins. Ask: Was that easy or hard? What if your fingers didn't work very well? Saul's eyes didn't work, but God had a plan for him. What was it?

Share your conversion story with your child. When did you first know that God was leading you?

FRIDAY

Act out the Bible story with your family. Use a flashlight for the bright light.

Sing a commitment song together before prayer.

Collect things for your Sabbath School's community service project to take tomorrow.