

At-Home Sunday School for June 7 – Saul becomes Paul

Opening Prayer

Holy Spirit, thank you for the many ways that you show up in the world. Help us to see how you are at work in the world. Help us not to judge others. Help us to listen and respond to share God's love in the world. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Story

Spark Story Bible "Saul to Paul" p. 514-19

Bible Acts 9:1-20

Going further: Much of the rest of the Bible is about the Apostle Paul. Acts tells the story of Paul's travels and how he starts many churches. The letters he wrote make up much of the New Testament. They are generally named for the people/groups who received the letters. He probably wrote a lot more letters, but these are the ones that have survived and been passed down to us.

Look at the Table of Contents in the Spark Story Bible to find other stories about Paul.

Challenge: read all the stories from here to the end of the Story Bible.

Drama

This is a dramatic story and a good one to act out. Think about who are the characters? Where does it take place? Do you have any props or costumes you would like to use? Have one person read the story and others in your family act it out. Or have each character learn their lines. You might even want to do a video of the story and share it with others!

Art

Making a Cross - Paul did not know Jesus during Jesus' lifetime. But the voice that Saul heard was Jesus. Saul, who became Paul, is one of the people responsible for spreading the news of Jesus to people in many places. The cross is the symbol of Jesus used by Christian churches because of how Jesus died on the cross. It was a means of torture but that is not the end of the story. Talk about the Good Friday and Easter stories. How do we keep Jesus at the center of our lives?

Make a cross. Supplies needed:

- Canvas, cardboard or construction paper
- Masking tape
- Scissors
- Paint

Some of you will remember this project from Sunday School last year. Using tape, make the shape of the cross. Then paint everything else. You can also paint over the tape. When the paint is dry, remove the tape and you will have the cross in the center of the picture.

Service Project

Make and send a card to someone you love. Or make lots of them and send to people from church or drop them off at a local care center – even if you don't know the people who receive them, they will appreciate a card!

Supplies: construction paper, scissors, glue stick, paint, paint brush

Fold the paper in half. For a smaller piece of paper in half and cut out a heart. Glue the heart to the front of the card. Write "love" or "Do justice. Love kindness. Walk Humbly with God. Micah 6:8" or a message of your own choosing on the heart and inside the card.

Using the end of the paint brush, dip it in paint. Make polka dots of many colors on the front of the card. Let it dry. Sign your card and it is ready to send to someone to brighten their day!

Watch Pastor Betsy's Creative Wednesday video about this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxEvjeai5-Q>



Game

Pretend you are Saul. Shut your eyes and have someone lead you around your house or yard. What is that experience like? Then trade places.

History

The City of St. Paul was named for the Apostle Paul from this story! The community was originally named Pig's Eye. A Catholic Priest named Father Galtier built the Log Chapel of St. Paul Log (on the site of what is now the Cathedral of St. Paul). He declared the city was to be called St. Paul named after his favorite saint. Learn more about St. Paul's history:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saint_Paul,_Minnesota

Share Highs & Lows

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.