

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Saul to Paul

from Acts 9:1-20.

God chose Saul, an enemy of Christians, to become Paul, one of our church's greatest leaders.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Saul
- Paul
- Ananias
- Jesus
- Saul's eyes

"The Way" was one of the earliest names for Christianity. Followers of Jesus were called "People of the Way" during Saul's time.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 514-519

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Family Prayer

Say this prayer around a globe or world map.

Thank you, God, for using all kinds of people to help you spread the word about Jesus.

Give us a time and place and way to talk about Jesus, too. AMEN.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What is a bully? Have you ever known one?
- 2 Who else in the Bible had a name change as her/his job for God changed?
- 3 Saul's name changed when he was baptized—what name was used when you were baptized?
- 4 Using the numbered cards from a deck, flip over a card and see if you can list that many people who tell others about Jesus. Work together if you need to and see if you can make a list with no repeats.

Eye Spark

Next time you see a baptism, know that God loves each and every one of us and has a job for everyone!

Ear Spark

When you hear the name *Saul* or *Paul*, remember this story from the Bible.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Pray for bullies—specific ones—together. Work into your mealtime or bedtime prayers a prayer for the people in your life/lives who are mean, causing problems, and bullying. Far from being a negative exercise, this will give you all opportunities to hear about troubles in your individual lives and you will learn from each other how to handle such instances. You will also be following Jesus' command to "pray for your enemies."

For younger kids

Saul had to depend on his friends when he suddenly could not see. Have someone blindfold you and try some everyday tasks like eating and getting dressed. What gets harder when you can't see? Is anything easier when you can't see?

For older kids

Find out where Damascus is on a map or globe. Check the maps in your Bible for starters.



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