

The Conversion of Saul Video

“Transformed (Part 2)”

Scripture: Acts 9

Memory Verse: Romans 12:2a *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind”*

Lesson Focus: Last week we studied 2 Corinthians 5 where we emphasized the radical TRANSFORMATION that happens when we trust and believe in Jesus Christ. This lesson revisits this same theme as we look at a real-life example of this in Saul of Tarsus. This video wonderfully portrays the power of God taking the most ardent enemy of Christians and TRANSFORMING him into the most courageous champion of the gospel.

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video. While the video does not have any really intense moments in it, overly sensitive kids might get excited. If they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

If you would like to preview the video beforehand, you can find it here on Rightnow Media: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsShow/230513?episode=12>

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page and a word maze available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) or leverage the coloring page or puzzle.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

Dig Into the Story

- 1) At the beginning of the video when they were trapped in the room, how did Joy treat Jason? How did Chris treat Jason?
- 2) When you first meet Saul of Tarsus in the video, what did he think of Christians?
- 3) Christians during this time were severely persecuted. Who knows what this word means? Point to the map in your room to some countries where Christians today are seriously persecuted (i.e. China, Iran, North Korea are a few examples) and then pray for believers in those nations.
- 4) What happened to Saul on the road to Damascus? **Read Acts 9:3-6.**
- 5) Saul of Tarsus was radically TRANSFORMED. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17** which was last week's memory verse. How does this describe what happened to Saul?
- 6) How did Chris's view toward Jason change after he saw the TRANSFORMATION of Saul of Tarsus?

TRANSFORMED Before/After Activity

BEFORE: Put these verses on the white board under a BEFORE category. Then either read them in class or have the kids break into groups and read them. Then share the characteristics of Saul's life BEFORE he believed in Jesus Christ.

- **Acts 7:59-8:3**
- **Acts 26:9-11**
- **Galatians 1:13-14**
- **1 Timothy 1:15**

AFTER: Then put these verses on the white board under an AFTER category and read and discuss the characteristics of his life AFTER he believed in Jesus Christ. Point out that Paul wrote all of these verses so he is speaking about himself!

- **Romans 1:1**
- **Romans 1:16**
- **Philippians 3:8-9**
- **Philippians 4:11-13**

Remind kids that God wants to TRANSFORM their lives too! If you are a new creation through faith in Jesus Christ you have the Holy Spirit inside of you who desires to make you more and more like Jesus. Read **Romans 12:2** and ask the kids how they can "prove" or live according to God's will this week!