

# LESSON 6

## JESUS TRANSFORMS SAUL'S LIFE

### OBJECTIVES

1. To learn how God chose and transformed the life of Saul.
2. To learn that Christians need to be transformed into the likeness of the Lord Jesus.
3. To learn that transformation comes from knowing and doing God's word and relying on the power of the Holy Spirit.

### MEMORY VERSE

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

(Romans 12:2)

### PRAYER

1. Thank You for safely guiding us through another week so that we can come to worship You on this blessed, rested, and sanctified day.
2. Lord, Your love and mercy are great and boundless. You chose us when we were still sinners to be Your children.
3. You give us Your Holy Spirit to help us in our daily lives and to help us overcome our weaknesses so that we may be like You.
4. Lord, You also give us the opportunity to serve You.
5. How marvelous is this grace! Help us to cherish this in our hearts.



### Overview

#### 1. A Changed Man

- a. Saul Before He Knew the Lord
- b. Saul Is Called by the Lord
- c. Saul Is Filled With the Spirit of God
- d. From a Persecutor to an Apostle

#### 2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—Jesus is the only Savior of mankind

#### 3. Life Application—The Old Man, The New Man

#### 4. Activity—Crossword Puzzle



### Background Knowledge for Teachers

#### Saul

Saul in Hebrew means "inquire" and "willing." During his first missionary trip, Saul's name is changed to the Greek name Paul, which means "little" or "humble" (Acts 13:9).

Saul was born in Tarsus of Cilicia (Acts 21:39; 22:3). He was born a Roman citizen (Acts 22:27-28). Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin and a tentmaker by occupation. Saul was very religious. His training under Gamaliel was the finest available. He was a Pharisee, knew the Scriptures well, and excelled above his peers. Saul sincerely believed that the Christian movement was dangerous to Judaism. Thus, Saul hated the Christian faith and persecuted Christians without mercy. However, his encounter with the Lord Jesus on the way to Damascus was to change the course of his life completely. Instead of serving the law, Paul's devotion was channeled to the Lord Jesus and the spreading of the gospel.

#### Ananias

The name Ananias in Hebrew means "compassion for God." In the Bible, there are three individuals named "Ananias." One is Ananias of Damascus, the disciple of Jesus who was sent to pray for Saul (Acts 9:10-18; 22:12). Another is Ananias, the husband of Sapphira who deceived the Holy Spirit (Acts 5:1-6). The third individual is the high priest at Jerusalem (Acts 23:2; 24:1).

#### The Pharisees

The Pharisees were a strict religious group of Jews who first appeared in the 2nd century B.C. They originated from a group called Hasidim (God's loyal ones) and by 135 B.C., they were known as Pharisees. The Pharisees advocated minute obedience to the Jewish law and traditions and were influential in the synagogues and highly respected in the communities.

**To Kick Against the Goats**

In Acts 9:5, the Lord Jesus said to Saul, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

In the days when oxen were used to plough the soil, farmers would use tools called goads to gently prod, guide, or steer the ox in the desired direction. The goad was usually a long wooden stick with a pointed end use to prick. When a stubborn ox refused to move forward and instead kicked back against the goad, the ox would get jabbed and pricked by the goad. Eventually the only thing the ox could do was to go forward as directed by the farmer. Jesus was reminding Saul that it was pointless and useless to rebel against God's will, and any attempt to do so would ultimately cause pain and grief to himself.

**Reaching Out to Your Students**

If we draw our students' attention to the natural world, they will discover that things are constantly changing and transforming. God also desires His children to grow and change to be more like Him. In the same way that creation relies on God's power, our spiritual transformation also requires God's words and power.

Our students should also be reminded that it is not enough simply to memorize Bible verses to change; they need to change and renew their thinking so that it is biblical. We need to instill in our students a passion for soaking up the Scriptures and letting His word dictate the way they think, act, and speak.

**Opener***5 Minutes*

Today's lesson is about a person who went through a transformation. What does it mean to be transformed? Are there things around us that transform?

When something is transformed, it may change in appearance, structure, character, or nature.

What are some things around us that transform? [Allow students to respond.]

**Coal into diamonds**

Bring a piece of coal, or a charcoal briquette, and a diamond (a cubic zirconium will also work) to class. Show the students the two items and explain to them how the coal is changed into a diamond by a transformational process of pressing and crushing.

**Sand into pearls**

Bring an empty oyster shell and a simulated pearl. Pass each item around and let the students hold them. Explain to them that the pearl begins life as a tiny grain of sand but eventually becomes a precious pearl.

**Ice into water**

Prepare a glass of water and a bowl of ice. Explain to the students that when water gets colder than 32 degrees Fahrenheit, it freezes into ice. As the water temperature decreases, the molecules in the water hook and lock on to each other, creating a structure that is hard and stiff, typical of ice.

Today, our story is about a person who underwent a great transformation. He went from being a great enemy of the Lord Jesus and His followers to being a devoted apostle and servant of God.



## Vocabulary

**Pharisee:** a member of the Jewish group who strictly followed the religious laws and traditions

**synagogue:** a building where Jews meet for religious worship and teaching

**transformation:** a complete change in something or somebody

**righteousness:** everything that is good and right in the sight of God



## Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

### Saul Before He Knew the Lord

The Acts of the Apostles records a disciple of the Lord Jesus called Stephen. Stephen was a brave and bold evangelist. He was filled with faith, wisdom, power, and the Spirit of God. However, when Stephen preached, the Jews were furious because they thought that Stephen spoke against their beliefs. On this particular occasion, after Stephen preached, the Jews were so furious that they rushed at him and dragged him out of the city. They began to throw stones at Stephen until he died eventually. He became the first disciple to give his life for the gospel.

Among the multitudes that day was a young man who stood watching Stephen being stoned to death. This young man was called Saul. Saul watched and was glad that Stephen had been killed.

Who was Saul? Why did he approve the death of Stephen?

Let's look into the Bible to find out who Saul was. Read Acts 22:3 and Philipians 3:3-6.

From these passages, we learn that Saul worshipped the true God from a young age. He studied the laws of God from great Jewish teachers such as Gamaliel. Saul was so devoted in keeping the laws of God that he became a Pharisee. The Pharisees were a group of people who knew and strictly obeyed the laws of God and taught them.

Because Saul loved God and His laws fervently, he was angered by the group of people who left the Jewish religion to follow Jesus. He was also displeased that the followers proclaimed that Jesus, a human, was the Son of God, God's promised Messiah. The disciple Stephen even accused the religious leaders of being the ones who killed the Lord Jesus. So, when the multitude rushed at Stephen and stoned him to death, Saul looked on happily. He would do whatever was needed to protect his Jewish faith and beliefs and to stop the followers of Jesus from getting bigger and spreading more lies.

Let's read Acts 8:3 and 9:1-2 to find out what Saul was doing to stop the Christians from expanding.

Saul went into every house and arrested men and women and had them thrown into prison. Saul was even going to go to Damascus to get letters from the high priest that would authorize him to arrest believers in Damascus and bring them to Jerusalem, where they would be punished.

### Saul Is Called by the Lord

While Saul thought that he was fighting zealously for God, he was actually fighting against God. As Saul made his way to Damascus to carry out his plans to persecute the believers, God had other plans for him.

Read Acts 9:1-9. [Have one student read the narration and assign other students to read and act out the parts of Saul, the men who accompanied him, and the Lord Jesus.]

What happened to Saul during his journey to Damascus? Yes, a light from heaven shone around him. The light shone so brightly that Saul fell to the ground.

Saul then heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul why are you persecuting Me?"

Saul asked, "Who are You, Lord?"

The Lord replied, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."

If you were Saul, what would you have been feeling or thinking at that time? [Allow students to explore.]

This must have been a terrifying and shocking experience for Saul. Before this, Saul thought that everything he had done was right and pleasing to God. He believed that Jesus was a fraud who had been rightfully put to death on a cross. He thought that what the disciples preached—Jesus being the Son of God—were all lies! But now the voice he heard was that of the Lord Jesus. Could it be that what His disciples preached and believed in was all true? Could it be that Jesus was truly the Son of God and that He was alive?

Jesus told Saul that by persecuting His believers, he was really hurting Jesus Himself. The disciples were the children of God; they were also the church, the body of Christ. When the body of Christ is hurt, Jesus is hurt, and He knows and feels our pain, too.

The Lord Jesus then instructed Saul to “arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” As Saul rose from the ground, he discovered that he had become blind. With the help of his travel companions, Saul was led into Damascus where he did not eat or drink anything for three days. The heavenly light had not only shone on Saul, but also shone into his heart so that he could clearly see the truth.

### **Saul Is Filled with the Spirit of God**

Meanwhile in Damascus, there was a believer named Ananias. God spoke to him in a vision. Let’s read Acts 9:10-12. The people we read about in the Bible have emotions and reactions just like you and I do today. If you were sitting in Ananias’ home and God told you to go to visit Saul, how would you feel? [Have students respond.]

Let’s read Acts 9:13-14 to see how Ananias felt. Ananias had heard all about the terrible things that Saul had done to the believers in Jerusalem and now he had come to Damascus to arrest the believers there. Ananias had every reason to fear Saul because he was the enemy of Jesus’ disciples.

But God told Ananias how He was to transform and use Saul. Let’s read Acts 9:15-16. God had called Saul and had chosen him to carry out a mission. What was Saul’s mission? Saul was to evangelize the gospel. He was to tell about the Lord Jesus to the Gentiles, to kings, and to the people of Israel. If you were Ananias, what would you have thought? Ananias must have thought that God’s ways were too marvelous and difficult to understand. He must have wondered how great God’s love and power was to be able to forgive and change someone like Saul.

Upon hearing this, Ananias trusted and obeyed the Lord. Despite his fears, he went to Saul and placed his hands on him and prayed for him. Immediately, the blindness left Saul’s eyes, and he could see once again. With that, Saul was immediately baptized into the Lord Jesus.

### **From a Persecutor to an Apostle**

Saul started his journey as a persecutor of Jesus’ disciples. But now, God had transformed his life completely! The same Saul who tried to obstruct people from believing in Jesus was now a believer and a preacher of the gospel. Immediately following his conversion, Saul eagerly preached to the Jews in the synagogues that Jesus was the

Son of God, the promised Savior.

What do you think were the people’s reactions when they saw Saul preach?

#### *The believers in Damascus (Acts 9:20-21)*

When the people heard Saul boldly preaching about Jesus, they were amazed. They questioned, “Was this not the man who destroyed those who called on Jesus’ name in Jerusalem? Did he not come to Damascus for the purpose of arresting such people?”

#### *The believers in Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-27)*

When Saul went to Jerusalem, he wanted to visit the other believers there, but the believers were too afraid of him. Here was the very man who once tried to destroy the church and throw believers in jail, and now he was a believer? The disciples did not believe in him. But a man called Barnabas became Paul’s friend and took him to the apostles and shared with them Saul’s testimony about how he was transformed. And so the believers accepted Saul.

#### *The Jews (Acts 9:23-25)*

When the Jews saw that Saul was now a disciple of Jesus, fervently persuading people that Jesus was the Messiah, they turned against Saul. They watched the gates day and night waiting to kill him. But God protected Saul with the help of the disciples.

From the Bible, we learn that Saul worked zealously for God for his entire life. During one of his missionary journeys, his name was changed to Paul, which means “little” in Greek. He traveled to many countries preaching the good news to the Jews and Gentiles. Out of all of the books in the New Testament, the apostle Paul wrote the greatest number.

#### **FOR TEACHERS**

Hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students. Go over the worksheet with students, providing guidance where necessary. Keep a copy of the Teacher Version to reference.



## Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

**The Lord Jesus is the only Savior of mankind. He is the way, the truth, and the life,** and there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved. The Lord Jesus appeared to Saul and allowed him to understand that it is not by the works of the law that we are saved, but by faith and the grace of God.



## Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

### True or False

1. **Saul was born in Tarsus.** True.
2. **Saul was very zealous for the law of God and he became a Pharisee.** True.
3. **Ananias refused to go and see Saul because he was afraid that Saul would harm him.** False; Ananias obeyed God and went to find Saul.
4. **After Saul believed in the Lord Jesus, he began to preach boldly for the Lord Jesus.** True.
5. **Saul's life was forever transformed because he now recognized that the Lord Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah.** True.

### Short Answer

1. **Why was Saul going to Damascus?** To get letters from the high priest authorizing him to arrest the Christians.
2. **Why was Saul so passionate about persecuting the Christians?** Saul grew up believing in the law of God. When the Christians began to preach that Jesus was the promised Messiah who had come to save people from their sins, he believed that these were all lies, and he wanted to put a stop to them.
3. **Ananias knew that Saul had entered into every house, dragging men and women out and putting them into prison. Despite his fears for his own safety, Ananias went and prayed for Saul. What lessons can you learn from Ananias?** Despite his fears and feelings about Saul, Ananias trusted and obeyed God. He also learned to pray for his enemy and accept him.
4. **What was God's will for Saul?** Saul was to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, kings, and the people of Israel.
5. **God chose Saul even though he greatly persecuted and hurt the disciples of Jesus. What does this tell you about God?** God understood that Saul persecuted the disciples of Jesus out of ignorance. God's love is great and unfathomable. God was willing to forgive Saul for his sins and make him into a mighty worker.



## Life Application

10 Minutes

### 1. The Old Man, the New Man

[Hand out the Life Application worksheet and ask students to complete it as you go over this section.]

From our story, we learned about the amazing transformation of Saul. Why was Saul able to change from being a persecutor of the Lord Jesus to someone who was willing to serve and lay down his own life for the Lord? It came through his personal encounter with the Lord Jesus. Before he came to know the Lord, Saul had every reason to boast. He belonged to the tribe of Benjamin, the same tribe as King Saul, the first king of Israel. He was a well-respected Pharisee. He studied under the best teachers. He had power and prestige in society. He believed that obeying the law would make him righteous. But after he met the Lord Jesus, he was willing to give all of that up. Compared to knowing the Lord, all these things were like rubbish. He realized that the Lord Jesus was his God and his greatest treasure and that he could be saved only through the grace of the Lord Jesus. His goal now was to know Christ, to be like Christ, and to do everything that the Lord wanted him to do.

We may never have Saul's experience of seeing a bright light and being struck with blindness. However, we can experience the transformation that Saul underwent.

Let's read Ephesians 4:22-24. The Bible passage tells us the steps that we need to take to be transformed into the likeness of God.

### 1. Put Off

We need to put off the things that belong to the old man. Paul likens the removing of the old man to that of removing an old garment. The old man is our old sinful nature, which cannot inherit the kingdom of God (Rom 6:6; 1 Cor 6:9-10). To enter heaven, we need to put off and remove the sinful nature that is within us.

[Draw two stick figures on the board, each wearing a garment. Label the first one "Old Man" and the other, "New Man."]

What characteristics belong to the old man? [Have students respond.] Evil thoughts, hatred, jealousy, anger, pride, laziness, disobedience, rebelliousness, and lies are all part of the old nature. [Have students come up to the board and write down the characteristics of the "Old Man."]

What things are particularly hard for you to put off at this time? [Have students fill in their own weaknesses on the Life Application worksheet.] We need to look into our hearts constantly to see if there are any of these attitudes in our hearts. If so, we need to work hard to put off this old nature.

### 2. Put On

It is not enough simply to remove our old nature. Ephesians 4:23-24 tells us that we have to "put on the new man." What is the new man? We become "new" when we change our attitudes and thoughts to resemble that of God. The moment we are baptized or believe in Christ, we don't automatically have good thoughts and attitudes. Have you recently gotten angry with someone; have you disobeyed or yelled at your parents; or have you told a lie to avoid getting into trouble? All these behaviors reveal the old nature that is still within us. Verses 23 and 24 tell us that our attitudes and thoughts must be constantly renewing and changing to be like God, holy and good.

[Have students come up and write down the characteristics of the "New Man." Ask them to write down which qualities they need to put on.]

How can we make our thoughts and actions to be like God's? In order to be like God, we need to know which things would please or disappoint Him. The only way to find out is through reading the word of God and relying on the Holy Spirit to change us.

Let's read Deuteronomy 6:6-9.

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Here God tells His children, the Israelites, how they can keep His commandments in their hearts. What different ways are mentioned here?

#### a. Learn about them

God instructs parents to teach their children the word of God. As children, we can learn the word of God from our parents or family members, and from our pastors and R.E. teachers in church.

#### b. Talk about them

We can talk about God's word in our daily lives. We can speak about God at home, when we are outside, when we are lying down, and when we rise in the morning.

#### c. Store them in our hearts

We can use different ways to remember the word of God. God wanted His children to place the word of God where they could see them so as not to forget them. Looking at verses 8-9, where was God's word to be placed? Yes, they were to tie God's word on their hands, wear them on their foreheads, and write them on the house doorposts.

Today, we need to write down and display God's words where we can always see them, commit them to memory, and store them up in our hearts.

What are some ways that we can store up God's words? [Have students come up with their own ideas.] Just as the Israelites had, we can use visual aids to remind us. We should place the word of God where we can see and read it: on small white boards, bracelets, sticky notes, bookmarks, the desktop wallpaper, etc.

Colossians 3:16 gives us yet another excellent method of learning the word of God, which is to store God's words through hymns and spiritual songs. [Ask students to fill in the heart with the ways they will store God's word in their hearts.]

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## 2. A Transformed Life

Before class, follow the provided directions to make the origami "chatterbox" for the scenario section.

After constructing the chatterbox, write or color in the four standard colors—blue, red, green, and yellow—on the outside flap. On the inside flaps, write the numbers 1 through 8 as shown.

Then underneath the inside flaps, write down the following eight scenarios.

Have students take turns to select a color and a number and share what they would do if they encountered such a situation.

### Blue - School

1. You see a few friends at school call someone names that you don't like. What do you choose to do?
2. The homework that you forgot to do is due today. The homework is important and will go towards your grade. Your friend is willing to share the answers with you. What do you choose to do?

### Red – Entertainment

3. All of your friends at school have seen this latest movie, and they are all talking about it. It has some of the best actors and an interesting plot. But it also has plenty of violence and some swear words. What do you choose to do?
4. It is Friday night. Your mom and dad said that everyone should go to sleep early and get ready for Sabbath next morning. You suddenly remember that you still have a game that you didn't get to finish earlier. What do you choose to do?

### Green - Family

5. Your sister/brother took something that you like very much without asking and accidentally broke it. You are very upset now. What do you choose to do?
6. Your parent has asked you three times already to clean up your room. You are right in the middle of watching/reading your favorite TV show/video game/book. What do you choose to do?

### Yellow - Church

7. The church has made your all-time favorite lunch. After your first plate of food, you're still hungry, and you rush to get more. You notice that there is a line of people who have not yet eaten. What do you choose to do?
8. Sabbath service is over, and you help clean up your E2 classroom. You then go to the main chapel where you see Bibles and hymnbooks still lying around. What do you choose to do?



## Activity

### Crossword Puzzle

10-15 Minutes

**Objective:** To review the details of Saul's conversion.

Complete the crossword using the clues provided below.

#### Across

1. Saul threw many men and women into \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Saul was born in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Saul was heading to \_\_\_\_\_ before his conversion.
6. Saul was blind for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was Saul's teacher.
8. Saul's name meant \_\_\_\_\_ in Greek.
10. God sent \_\_\_\_\_ to pray and lay hands on Saul.

#### Down

1. Before his conversion, Saul would \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a complete change.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ was a strict follower of the law.
4. Saul became an \_\_\_\_\_ after he believed in the Lord.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ helped the disciples in Jerusalem accept Saul.

#### Crossword Puzzle Answers

##### Across

1. prison
2. Tarsus
5. Damascus
6. three
7. Gamaliel
8. little
10. Ananias

##### Down

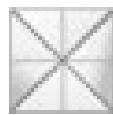
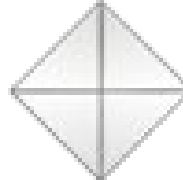
1. persecute
2. transformation
3. Pharisee
4. apostle
9. Barnabas

#### HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. False; God knew that Saul persecuted out of ignorance and still gave Saul the chance to preach for Him.
2. False; Ananias trusted and obeyed God and went to find Saul.
3. True
4. Tarsus
5. capture
6. Ananias
7. an apostle
8. three
9. God understood that Saul persecuted the disciples of Jesus out of ignorance. God's love is great and unfathomable. God was willing to forgive Saul for his sins and make him into a mighty worker.
10. Answers may vary.



### Origami Chatterbox Instructions



## Jesus Transforms Saul's Life

### A. A Changed Man

Fill in the blanks to find out what Saul was like before and after he came to know the Lord. Some words may be used more than once.

law	Saul	Lord Jesus	apostle	Paul	preaching the gospel
Pharisee	Tarsus	prison	Gentiles	kings	Jews
persecuted	loss	Gamaliel			

BEFORE	AFTER
My Hebrew name is <u>Saul</u> .	My name in Greek is <u>Paul</u> .
I was born in the city of <u>Tarsus</u> .	
I studied under this great teacher called <u>Gamaliel</u> .	
I believed and followed the <u>law</u> .	I believe in the <u>Lord Jesus</u> .
I followed the law very strictly and became a <u>Pharisee</u> .	After I believed in the Lord, I became an <u>apostle</u> .
I bound the disciples of the Lord and threw them into <u>prison</u> .	After I came to know the Lord, I was persecuted for <u>preaching the gospel</u> .
As a Jew, I stayed away from <u>Gentiles</u> .	I later traveled many lands, preaching to <u>Gentiles, kings, and Jews</u> .
I <u>persecuted</u> the Lord Jesus.	I counted all things as <u>loss</u> after knowing the Lord.

### B. The Reactions

How did the people react to Saul's conversion? Look up the Bible verses to find the missing words.

#### The believers in Damascus

Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" (Acts 9:20-21)

#### The believers in Jerusalem

And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. [...] So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out (Acts 9:26-28).

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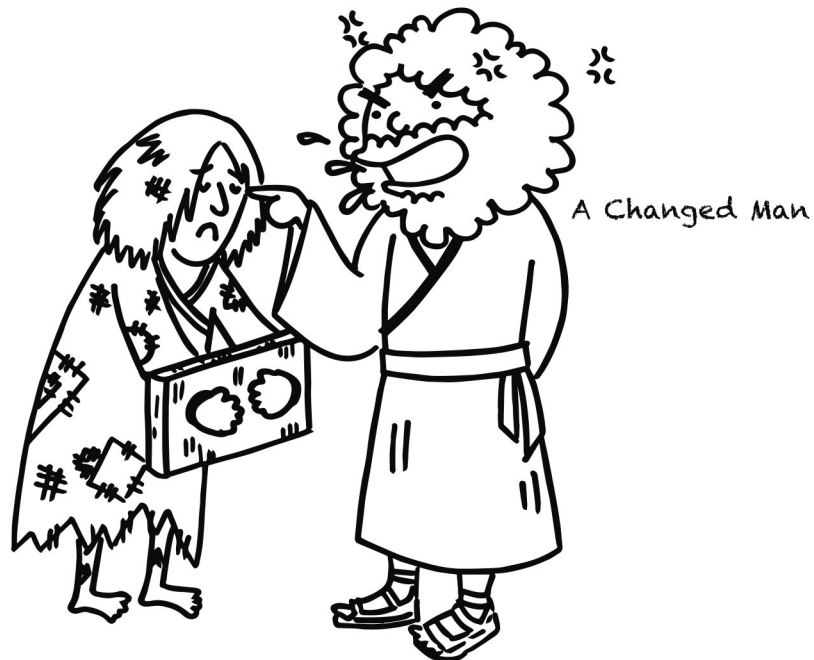
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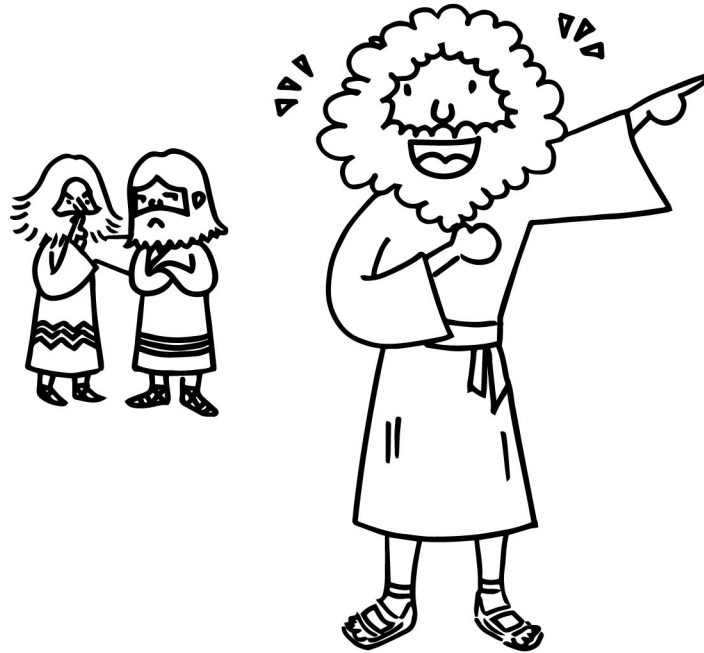
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Gentiles      Saul      Lord Jesus      loss      Paul      preaching the gospel  
 Pharisee      Tarsus      prison      law      Gamaliel      Jews  
 persecuted      apostle      kings

BEFORE	AFTER
My Hebrew name is _____.	My name in Greek is _____.
I was born in the city of _____.	
I studied under this great teacher called _____.	
I believed and followed the _____.	I believe in the _____.
I followed the law very strictly and became a _____.	After I believed in the Lord, I became an _____.
I bound the disciples of the Lord and threw them into _____.	After I came to know the Lord, I was persecuted for _____.
As a Jew, I stayed away from _____.	I later traveled many lands, preaching to _____, _____ and _____.
I _____ the Lord Jesus.	I counted all things as _____ after knowing the Lord.





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# The Old Man, the New Man



## The Old Man

(Draw the Old Man below.)

Write down the qualities you need to "put off."

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## The New Man

(Draw the New Man below.)

Write down the qualities you need to "put on."

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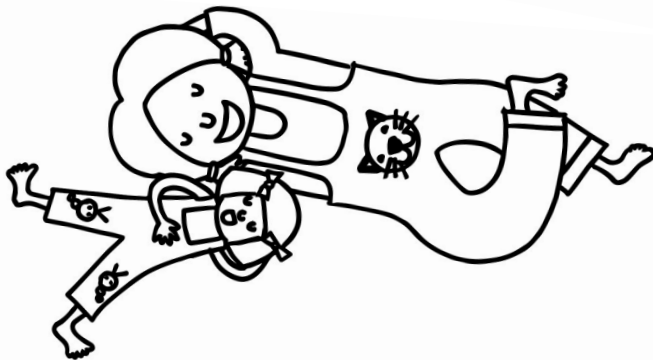
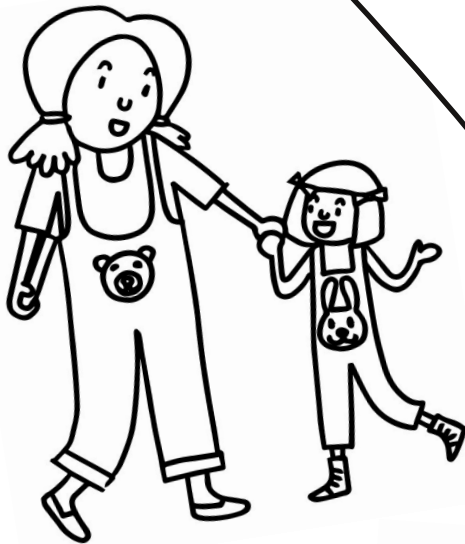
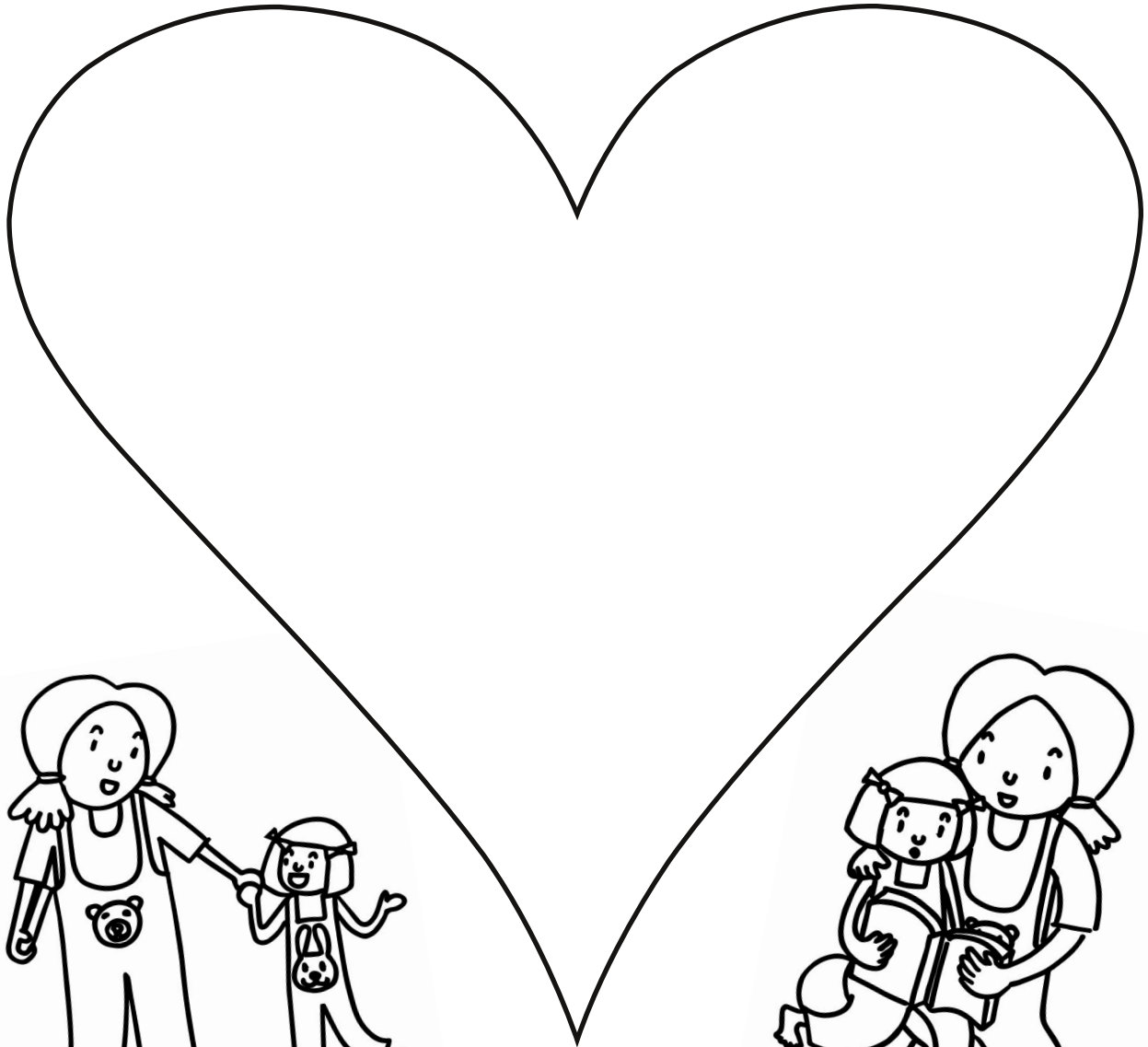
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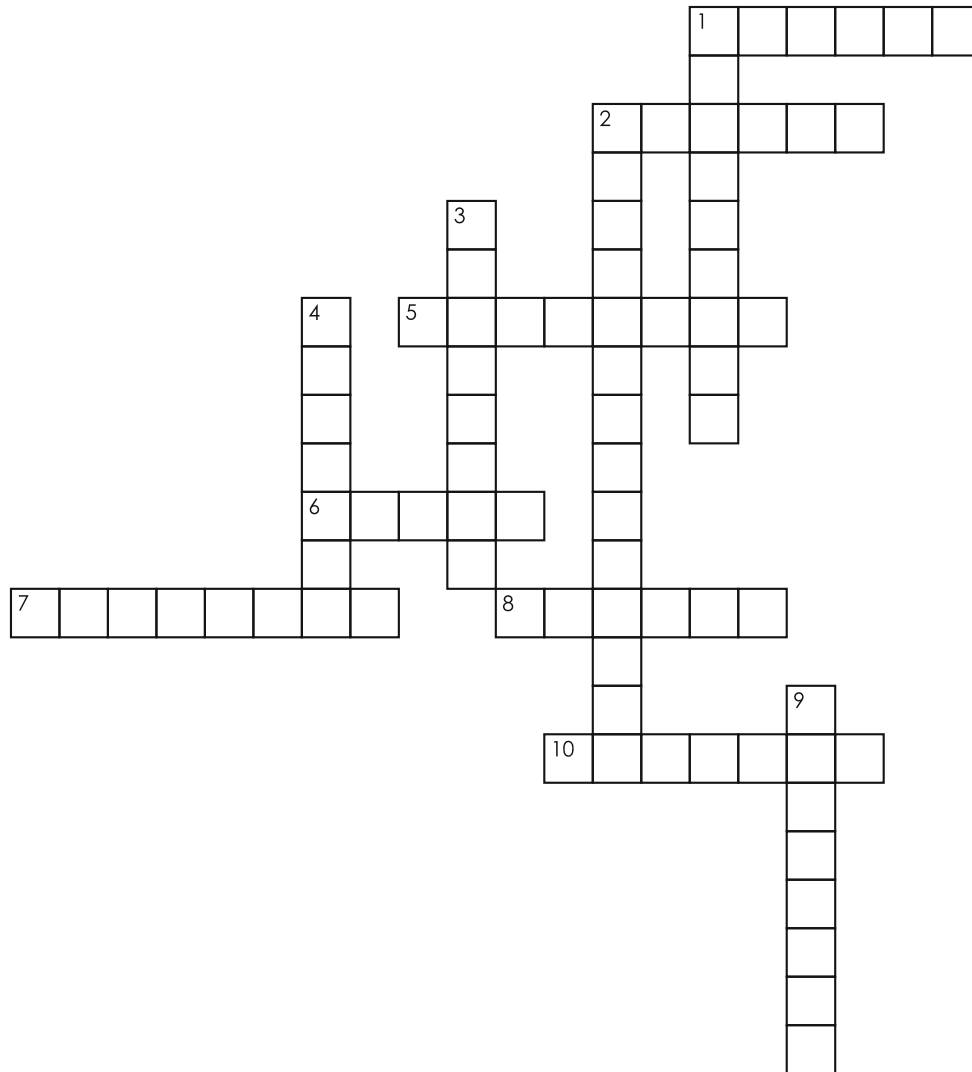
### Store God's Words in My Heart

In the heart below, write down how you will store God's words in your heart.



## Jesus Transforms Saul's Life

Complete the crossword using the clues provided below.



### Across

1. Saul threw many men and women into \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Saul was born in \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Saul was heading to \_\_\_\_\_ before his conversion.
6. Saul was blind for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ was Saul's teacher.
8. Saul's name meant \_\_\_\_\_ in Greek.
10. God sent \_\_\_\_\_ to pray and lay hands on Saul.

### Down

1. Before his conversion, Saul would \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus.
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a complete change.
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ was a strict follower of the law.
4. Saul became an \_\_\_\_\_ after he believed in the Lord.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ helped the disciples in Jerusalem accept Saul.

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# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Bible Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Romans 12:2)**

\_\_\_\_\_

### True or False

1. God would never choose such a wicked person as Saul for the way he persecuted and hurt His followers. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ananias refused to go and see Saul because he was afraid that Saul would harm him. \_\_\_\_\_
3. On his way to Damascus, Saul heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" \_\_\_\_\_

### Circle the Correct Answer

4. Saul was from the city of (Nineveh, Jerusalem, Tarsus).
5. Saul went to Damascus to get letters from the high priest that authorized him to (free, hide, capture) the followers of Jesus.
6. God chose Saul to become (an apostle, a rabbi, a Pharisee) to carry His name before the Gentiles, kings, and the people of Israel.
7. After he saw the bright light, Saul did not eat nor drink and was unable to see for (two, three, five) days.

### Short Answer

8. What does God's choosing of Saul teach us about God's love?

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9. Name three things in your life that you need to "put off" and to ask God to help you change.

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