

Stanmore Chapel Sunday School

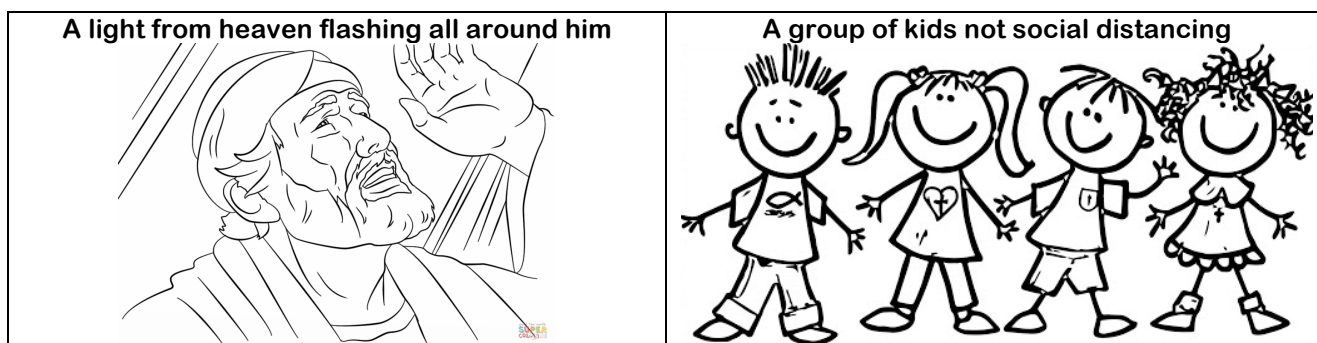
Paul(Saul)'s Ministry

Acts 9:1-22

At the beginning, Saul was a fierce opponent of the gospel!

(Draw what Saul was doing to God's people in the video at the start)

He wasn't happy with just persecuting God's people in Jerusalem, he asked for a letter so he could arrest people in Damascus to bring them back to Jerusalem as well! But when he was on the road to Damascus, suddenly he saw something, what was it? (Circle the right answer)



For the next bit use the codex below to complete the verses:

He fell to the (γρωλβΔ)_____ and heard a (θωζψπ)_____ say to him, "(σχαλλ)_____, Saul, why do you (ππρσπψλδπ)_____ me?"

"(Γηω)_____ are you, Lord?" Saul (ασσπΔ)_____.

"I am (ςπσλσ)_____, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and (Ξωλ)_____ will be told what you must do."

(Acts Ch.9 v.4-6)

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Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So the men travelling with him led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

(Acts Ch.9 v.8-10)

For the next bit cross out the wrong word to complete the verses:

The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on **(Wonky/Straight)** Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his **(hands/soap)** on him to restore his **(sight/artwork)**."

"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many **(reports/songs)** about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with **(presents/authority)** from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my **(chosen/stringed)** instrument to proclaim my name to the **(Pigs/Gentiles)** and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

(Acts Ch.9 v.11-16)

So Ananias went to Saul, and told him that Jesus had sent him so that he could see again, and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized.

(Acts Ch.9 v.18)

At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

(Acts Ch.9 v.20)

People that heard him were astonished, saying "wasn't Saul the one who persecuted Christians had come to take prisoners to Jerusalem?"

Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

(Acts Ch.9 v.22)

(Now draw Saul after his miraculous conversion)

Saul preaching to the crowds	Saul being put in prison for Christ

This was quite the turn around for Saul! Especially remembering what Saul was doing at the beginning of the video and in our first drawing?!

Beginners/Pioneers Supplementary page

Chat with your parents/caregiver

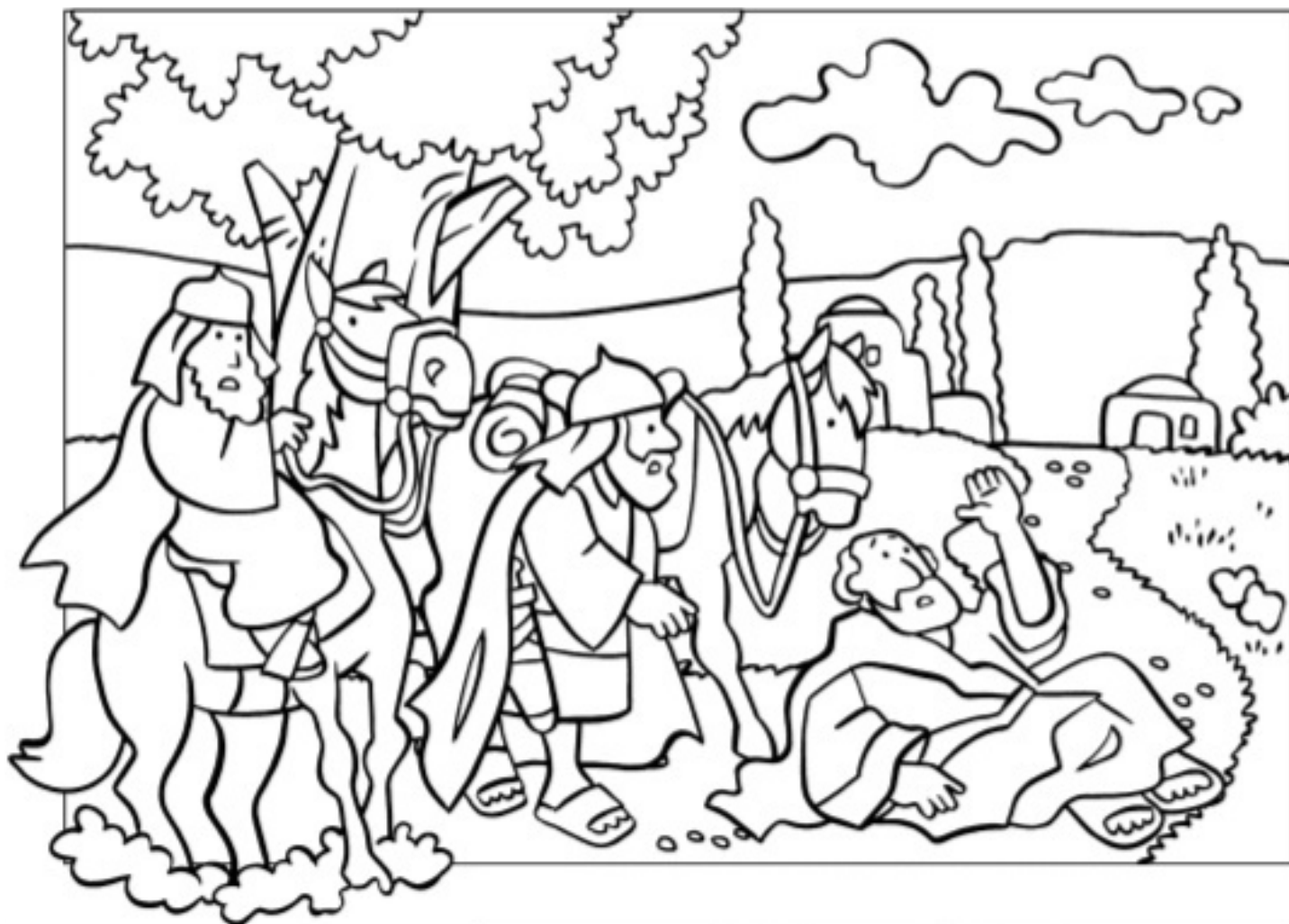
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- What was Saul doing at the beginning of our story? (Hint remember v.1)
- What did Jesus do to Saul that made him change his mind about Jesus?
- What was Saul doing at the end of the story, which he also dedicated his whole life to doing? (Hint v.20)

Isn't it amazing the power that Jesus has to change peoples hearts?! Saul was one of the biggest persecutors of Christians, and so of Jesus himself, and yet Jesus changed him into his disciple to take the gospel to the gentiles. And he ended up writing many of the letters in our bibles today!

Let's pray!

Thank God that he has the power to change hearts and lives. Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who was given so that we can have changed hearts, and can believe in Jesus and be saved!



Explorers Supplementary page

Have a think/chat with your parents/caregiver

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➤ **Who was Saul at the start of the story?**

Saul actually thought he was doing the right thing (Acts ch.23 v.1), as he was a religious man that genuinely thought the Christians were sinning against God.

➤ **What happened to Saul that made him change so drastically besides the obvious? (Hint v.17)**

➤ **What was Saul doing at the end of the story, which he also dedicated his whole life to doing? (Hint v.20)**

➤ **What specifically was the role that Jesus gave to Paul? (v.15)**

➤ **Why is this such good news for us today?**

Let's pray!

**Thank God that he has the power to change hearts and lives – including our own.
Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who was given so that we too can have changed hearts, and be saved by grace through faith in Jesus!**

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