

## May 2026, Week 3

**Bible Story:** Paul Becomes a Believer | Ananias Helps Paul • Acts 9:1-31

**Bottom Line:** God can help you see things in a new way.

**Conversation Starter:** When have you discovered something new about God?

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

### Groups

#### Creating a Safe Place to Connect

25 minutes

#### Bible Story Extension

Talk about God | Bible Story Review

Made to Imagine

#### What You Need:

- Blindfolds
- Chairs, pillows, and other items from your activity area

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:*

- Create an obstacle course with chairs, pillows, and other items from your activity area.

*During the Activity:*

- Pair up the kids.
- In each pair, one person will be the “Traveler” (who will be blindfolded), and the other will be the “Guide.”
- Explain that the Traveler represents Saul after he was blinded, and the Guide represents Ananias, whom God sent to help him.
- The Guide’s job is to lead their blindfolded partner safely through the path or obstacle course using only their voice. They cannot touch their partner.
- Let the pairs go one at a time.
- If time allows, after everyone has gone through, have the kids switch roles and go through the obstacle course again.
- Afterward, ask these questions and discuss:
  - When you were a “Traveler,” what was it like to trust your guide completely? Was it scary?
  - When you were a “Guide,” what was challenging about giving clear directions?
  - How is this activity like Ananias helping Saul? (*Ananias had to trust God’s directions, and Saul had to trust Ananias.*)

#### What You Say:

“Great job! That took a lot of trust and good communication. In our Bible Story today, Saul was powerful and used to being in charge, but suddenly, he was helpless and had to rely on someone he thought was his enemy.”

“Here is what happened: As Saul approached Damascus, a brilliant light from heaven suddenly shone around him. The Bible says: *He fell to the ground. He heard a voice speak to him, ‘Saul! Saul! Why are you opposing me?’ ‘Who are you, Lord?’ Saul asked. ‘I am Jesus,’ he replied. ‘I am the one you are opposing. Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do’* (Acts 9:4-6 NIV).

“But when Saul stood up and opened his eyes, he realized he was blind! His companions led him into the city, where he stayed with a man named Judas. Then, God led Ananias to help Saul. And even though Ananias’ knees were probably knocking together because he was afraid of Saul, Ananias did what God said. He went to help Saul! And when Ananias placed his hands on Saul and prayed for him, immediately, something like scales fell off Saul’s eyes, and he was able to see again!

“So much happened in Saul’s story. But God was using everything to change the way Saul saw things. Saul used to think that the stories about Jesus returning to life were dangerous nonsense. But once Saul MET Jesus and after he regained his sight, Saul totally changed! Now, instead of arresting believers, Saul went straight to the synagogue and started preaching that Jesus is the Son of God!

“God used those events to change Saul completely. Sometimes God allows us to be in situations where we feel like we can’t see what’s ahead, so we can learn to trust Him and the people He puts in our lives. It’s in those moments that **[Bottom Line] God can help you see things in a new way.**”