

Explore It

FOR LEADERS



I HAVE CHOSEN SAUL FOR AN IMPORTANT WORK

Acts 9:1-19 Saul is converted

Each child will need:

→ Pens/pencils and paper

You will need:

→ The children's names on slips of paper in a bowl or bag

Is there anything not possible with God? Saul was a nasty piece of work and one of the fiercest opponents of Christians. God changed his life and used him to change the lives of so many more. Saul had much to say sorry for, and even though he was forgiven by God, other people still struggled to trust him at first. But Saul was chosen by God and so are you. How will you respond?

Start It

Play a game with instructions. Put the children's names on bits of paper into a bowl or bag.

● **Say:** I'm going to call on each of you to have a little fun today. When I call out your name, I want you to stand up and receive your instructions.

Read the children's names aloud, one at a time. Each time you read a name give one of the following instructions:

→ Sing 'Old MacDonald had a farm'

→ Do ten star jumps

→ Do a crazy dance

→ Tell us a joke

Ask: What was it like to be called on to do things in front of our group today?

Which one of the instructions do you think was the most fun?

Why didn't you all like the same activity?

● **Say:** We all like different activities because we are each different. We each have our own interests, likes and dislikes and our very own unique personality. Because God knows everything about us, he can use each of us in a special way.

Sing It

This great song reminds us that God can do anything: nothing is too big or too small for him. Have fun worshipping together.

'God can do anything' by Doug Horley (1min 38secs)

<https://youtu.be/1HDGT1p28sg>

Tell It

🗨️ **Say:** Today we are looking at a story which can be found in the New Testament, in the book of Acts. In chapter nine we can read about a man called Saul. Now Saul was a nasty piece of work and he didn't like the people who were Christians. But something happened to him while he was on a journey one day. Let's find out what happened.

Video

Screen share: *Paul, Jesus and the road to Damascus Bible Story* by LifeKids
<https://youtu.be/oi95cv0tk9Q>

Discuss

- ➔ How do you think Saul felt when God called him as he was walking on the road?
- ➔ How do you think Saul's friends were feeling?
- ➔ I wonder how do you think Ananias was feeling when he met Saul?
- ➔ How does the story make you feel?

Action It

🗨️ **Say:** God calls people to be workers for him. Saul ended up working for God in a very special way by telling people about Jesus. We can all do different things for Jesus every day, wherever we are.

Ask: What kind of things can we do to serve Jesus?

Whiteboard

Using the whiteboard invite children to add different ways they can serve Jesus.

Prompt conversation about what they have written.

🗨️ **Say:** Saul was chosen by God, and God has chosen you to be his friend and do great things for him.

Pray It

🗨️ **Say:** God speaks to us in many different ways. He spoke to Saul through a bright light. We see light all around us. It can be a great reminder of the power of God.

You probably turn on light switches most days. Let's create a 'light switch prayer' so that we can turn our attention to God when we turn the lights on.

Ask: What do you want to say God?

Ask the children, individually or as a group, to create a little prayer to say, just before they switch the light on in their room.

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Remember to send home the Explore It (For Me) and Explore It (Together) ideas for children and families.