



FAMILY ACTIVITIES: SAUL SEES THE LIGHT

FOR YOUNGER KIDS:

SHADOW PUPPETS

Supplies: Flashlights (1–2), small stuffed animals (5–8)

Say: In today's true Bible story, there's was a man named Saul who was blinded by a really bright light. In fact, the light was WAY brighter than this flashlight. Then came along a man named Ananias that helped Saul see again. Let's play a game that helps us think of ways people at our church help us and ways that we can help people at our church.

Directions: Shine a flashlight on the wall. Have everyone take turns using stuffed animals to create shadows on the wall. First, encourage them to play act different scenarios where the animals help each other. (Examples: help when hurt, make them dinner, have a birthday party together) Then ask them to act out specific ways people at their church can help them. (Examples: pray for them, drive them somewhere, read with them) Lastly, have them take turns sharing the story of Jesus with one another.

Question: After Saul talked to Jesus in the bright light, he became a Christian. Do you think Saul was nicer after that? How do you think he treated people who followed Jesus?

FOR OLDER KIDS:

A NEW CREATION

Say: In today's story, Saul's life was changed when he met Jesus. It's like he became a new creation—the old Saul was gone, a new Saul had arrived. That's what happens to everyone when they become a Christian and begin to follow Jesus. A relationship with Jesus changes us. We're going to do an activity right now that will help us think of ways that following Jesus changes our lives.

Directions: During this activity, you can use whatever creative element you would like to create these four images: hand, mouth, heart and brain. Some options could be playdough, wax sticks, chalk, or markers and paper. Once you have decided what supply to use, have everyone create a hand. When finished, ask everyone the corresponding question from below. After sharing, have everyone make a mouth. When finished ask the corresponding question. Repeat this for each of the shapes and questions listed below.

Hand: When you become a Christian, how do you think you act differently? What things might you start or stop doing?

Mouth: When you become a Christian, how do you think you talk differently? How can you use your words to be more kind?

Heart: When you become a Christian, how do you think you feel differently? Are there certain emotions that you will feel more often or less often?

Brain: When you become a Christian, how do you think you think differently? Are there things you will stop thinking about or start thinking about?

Question: When you become a Christian, your old sinful nature dies on the cross with Jesus, but that doesn't mean you never sin any more. How do you think you respond to your sin differently when you follow Jesus?