

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Preschool Sunday School Material for May 17, 2020

Dear Preschool Parents,

The PreSchool Sunday School lesson for Sunday, May 17 focuses on the story of Paul Is Changed Acts 9:1-19. *(Main points to take away – Jesus can change anyone's life. Following Jesus changes the way we act. God loves everyone and wants to change our lives, even those who do bad things.)* Use the information below to share the story together and do follow up activities with your child(ren). As you share the story, also have a Bible available and show your child(ren) where it is located.

Center yourself for your time together by singing:

Time to Get Together

(Tune: The More We Get Together)

It's time to get together, together, together.
It's time to get together and listen right now.
'Cause we'll hear a story that's found in the Bible.
It's time to get together and listen right now.

Read the Bible story together (Peter Is Changed):

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Paul Is Changed

As for us, we can't stop speaking about what we have seen and heard. (Acts 4:20)

Read the Bible Story Together: Follow the Suggested Motions



Paul did not like followers of Jesus. *(Make a mean face.)* **He was on his way to Damascus to arrest people who followed Jesus.** *(Make a mean face.)*

Suddenly, a bright light appeared. *(Open eyes in surprise.)* **Paul fell to the ground** *(Fall down.)* **and covered his eyes.** *(Cover eyes.)*

The voice of Jesus said, "Paul, Paul, why are you being unkind to my followers?" **Jesus told Paul to go to Damascus and someone would help him.** *(Point away.)*

When Paul got up, he could not see. *(Cover eyes.)* **His friends led him to the city where he waited and prayed.** *(Hold hands in prayer.)*

Jesus told Ananias to go to Paul and help him. Ananias was afraid of Paul, but he did as Jesus asked. *(Walk in place.)*

When Ananias touched Paul's face, Paul could see again! *(Open eyes in surprise.)*

Paul was baptized and became a follower of Jesus! Paul told everyone he met about Jesus! *(Walk in place and talk.)*

Based on Acts 9:1-19

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Follow-Up Activities:

Discussion:

Say: At first Paul did not like the followers of Jesus. He was going to Damascus to arrest them. But while he was on his way something happened.

Ask: What happened to Paul? (Bright light blinded Paul, Jesus spoke to Paul)

What did Jesus tell Paul to do? (Go to Damascus and wait for someone to come and help him.)

Who was Jesus sending to Paul to help him? (a man named Ananias)

Say: When Ananias touched Paul's face, he could see again. It was then that Paul knew Jesus was the true Son of God and he decided to become a follower of Jesus and share the good news with others. Paul was Baptized and, from then on, his life was changed. Our lives are changed too when we choose to follow Jesus!

*The curriculum does not mention that Paul was first known as Saul. Once he had this experience, was changed and became a follower of Jesus, he was known by the new name Paul.

Curriculum Video: (This week's lesson will be E12)

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/series/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/33162-deep-blue-connects-adventure-spring-2020>

Songs:

Paul Became A Follower

(Tune: Do You Know the Muffin Man?)

Paul became a follower,
a follower, a follower.

Paul became a follower
of Jesus, our friend.

I can be a follower,
a follower, a follower.

I can be a follower
of Jesus, our friend.

Jesus Helps Us

(Tune: London Bridge)

Jesus helps us follow in his steps
Follow in his steps,

Follow in his steps.

Jesus helps us follow in his steps
Because he loves us!

(Repeat)

Praise Him, Praise Him

(Verse 1) *Praise Him, *praise Him
All ye little children

God is love, God is love

*Praise Him, *praise Him

All ye little children

God is love, God is love

(Verse 2) *Serve Him, *serve Him

(Verse 3) *Love Him, *love Him

(Verse 4) *Thank Him, *thank Him

(Repeat Verse 1 to close)

Paper Craft Activities:

Paul Is Changed. If you do not have anything with glitter to make the rays of light, just have your child use a bright yellow crayon to signify the bright light streaming from the sky. *(See the second to last page for this activity sheet.)*

The Opposite Game:

At the beginning of our story, Paul was not a follower of Jesus. He did the opposite. Let's play the Opposite game. I will tell you to do something, but you will do the opposite instead. If I were to say walk forward what would you do? Would you walk forward or walk backward? *(Use some of the suggested actions below and also come up with some of your own.)*

- Wave hands high
- Wave them low
- Shout
- Whisper
- Make a sad face
- Make a happy face
- Walk quickly
- Walk slowly

Blessing and Prayer Time:

Blessing: Have your child hold out their hand and trace a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following; *(You can also use something like lip balm, soap, lotion, etc. to draw a heart on the back of their hand as you say the following blessing.)*

Say: _____ (child's name), **God loves you. God blesses you. God is always with you. And, God changes you when you chose to follow Him.**

Prayer: *(It might be something like)*

Dear God, thank you for always being with me. Help me tell others about you and follow you always. Amen.

Faith Family Follow-Up activities to use through the week (Below and on the next page):

Note: For the Serving Time activity – This was written in a pre-social distancing time. *(Alternative Suggestion is as follows.)*

For the Serving Time activity – During this time you may not be able to deliver eyeglass donations to a charitable organization. If you have some, save them and deliver them when you are able. Alternative service activities – the children's book donation that I mentioned last week. These books can be used right away. Or, you can donate diapers to the church for our monthly diaper drive.

For the Travel Time (or any time) – Song "Paul Became A Follower" *(Tune: Do You Know The Muffin Man?)* See the words listed earlier in the lesson.

Family Time – You may be able to order some sun-sensitive paper on line. Or, you can probably use a plain piece of construction paper and place it in the sun to be bleached out around the objects that you place on it.

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Loving Neighbor

Faith Family Activities



Serving Time

Be Together: Collect old eyeglasses you have and donate them to a charity that repurposes them for people who need glasses to see. **Pray Together:** Pray for all people who need help seeing, especially the children at the John Wesley Community Centre.



Travel Time

Be Together: Sing, "Paul Became a Follower," to the tune of "Do You Know the Muffin Man?" (Bible Story Sheets—Songs) as you travel.



Family Time

Be Together: Take a walk and pick up leaves and other nature objects. Lay them on sun-sensitive paper (available in craft stores) in the sun. The shape of the object will be left on the paper when you remove it. **Wonder Together:** How did the paper change?



Bedtime

Be Together: Read "Paul Is Changed" on the other side of this sheet and do the suggested motions together.
Pray Together: Help me to be kind to everyone, even those who are different from me. Amen.

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DONATE BOOKS TO KIDS IN NEED!

COVID-19 BOOK DRIVE

DROP OFF CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO
HILLCREST HALL AT
1501 KAVANAUGH BLVD
BEGINNING APRIL 29, 2020

Drop off books
7am-9pm in the red
bins through the
front gate of
Hillcrest Hall
(facing Kavanaugh
Blvd).



All donated books
will be
distributed at
meal pick-up
sites alongside
the free prepared
meals.

Contact jessie_bates@sbcglobal.net with questions.

Remember to gather at 10:30am to watch our Sunday morning service on KATV!

Paul Is Changed

Punch out the picture below. Color the road and the city with crayons or markers. Cut strips of glitter tape to tape coming from the ray of light and around Paul (or use glitter pens).



Mission Letter

SUPPORT John Wesley Community Centre

In South Africa, the John Wesley Community Centre serves vulnerable children who have been affected by HIV/AIDS. As of 2018, South Africa had the largest HIV epidemic in the world. The John Wesley Community Centre supports children who have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS, as well as children who have the virus. Here are some services that children can find at the Centre:

- An after-school program that provides homework help and fun activities
- A spelling team
- A chess club
- Marimba and recorder classes
- Gymnastics classes
- A computer center and library
- A preschool for kids ages 1-6
- HIV/AIDS awareness training for adults and children
- Community support groups
- Counseling

Through the John Wesley Community Centre, children and others are given emotional and educational support. The John Wesley Community Centre strives to create an environment which promotes change through active and real participation.

This organization serves the local community. Many women come to the John Wesley Community Centre to engage in self-directed projects making items they can sell. There are also teams who visit homes of persons who have physical disabilities and cannot leave their houses. Pastors and social workers take time caring for and supporting their emotional needs.

This month we have the opportunity to work together to support the work of the John Wesley Community Centre. We can do this by collecting donations, making cards and writing letters, praying, and learning more about the needs of this community. **You can donate through the General Board of Global Ministries Advance #3021238 by visiting <https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-428-john-wesley-community-center.aspx>.**

