

Lesson Seven

Saul Learned From Jesus

Scripture: Acts 9:1-22; 22:1-16; 26:1-21.

Lesson Aim: To know Saul learned from Jesus to do good and not bad against people who loved Him.

Bible Words: ... Follow that which is good ... (I Thessalonians 5:15).

Pre-Class: Have one picture to color completed to show the children. Give out the pictures and crayons as the children arrive. To enhance the picture, glue strips of yellow paper where the light from heaven is shining or add gold glitter.

As they work, tell the children the man's name is Saul and the great light is from Jesus. Let them know you will tell them more about Saul and the great light during the Bible lesson.

When it is time for class to begin, take up the pictures and label them. Return them during **Closing**.

Attendance And Welcome: The children will add more cats to their charts. Discuss the boy in the pictures. Remind them that being kind to their pets is a good thing to do and it pleases Jesus. Ask them about their pets as they come forward to add to their charts.

Welcome all visitors in a special way.

Bible Lesson: Show the picture of Zacchaeus. *The last time we were in class we learned about a man who wanted to do good after meeting Jesus. His name was Zacchaeus. Do you remember Zacchaeus? Today we are going to learn about another man who learned to do good after talking with Jesus. His name was Saul.*

Show picture #1. *Saul was a man who did not think Jesus was God's Son. He thought the people who loved Jesus were doing wrong. Saul tried to get the people who followed Jesus put in jail.*

Show picture #2. *One day while Saul and some other men were going to a city called Damascus, a great light suddenly shined down on them from heaven. The light was so bright it blinded Saul. Saul fell to the ground, and then he heard a voice from heaven call to him. The voice was Jesus. Jesus told Saul he did*

not want Saul to put any more of His people in jail. Jesus told Saul he wanted Saul to begin telling others about Him.

Show picture #3. Saul listened to Jesus and he obeyed Jesus. Saul was baptized and then he began teaching other people that Jesus is God's Son. Once Saul did not believe Jesus to be God's Son, but after Jesus spoke to him, Saul then believed and went about telling others and doing good instead of bad.

Jesus is happy when people do good instead of bad. Jesus wants everyone to be good.

Songs: You will need the song charts from the previous lessons and ***A Light From Heaven***. Sing the songs, say the Bible words, and have a prayer, thanking God for Jesus who taught everyone to be good.

This is the seventh week for some of these songs. The children should be able to help you sing them without much difficulty. Encourage all to sing. Sing the new song a couple of times in order for the children to learn it.

Application Lesson: Bring to class several different lights such as flashlights, candles, night lights, lamps, etc. The lights should be of various strengths and sizes.

Show the different lights and talk about them. Point out that even though they are bright, none of them are as bright as the one which shined on Saul and the others so many years ago. The light on Saul was so bright that it blinded him during noonday. It had to be much brighter than the sun to have done that. The purpose of this lesson is to teach the children that the light which Jesus shined on Saul was much greater than any lights we have today. It was Jesus' way of getting Saul's attention so He could teach him about Jesus.

Note: If this lesson is taught at night, turn out the overhead light as you demonstrate the ones you brought, but never let the room be completely dark because it might frighten some of the children.

Take-Home: Remove the pictures for **Lesson Seven** and the punch-outs from the workbooks. Give each child a picture and punch-out.

The picture shows Saul and the others on the road to Damascus. The children will glue the light where designated. As in the **Pre-Class** session, gold glitter can be added to the light to make it appear brighter.

Bible Lesson Review: Show picture #2 from the lesson. Briefly review the lesson, then add the picture to the review board. Say the Bible words, and, if time allows, review some of the past lessons.

Closing: Return all papers and personal items to the children. Invite them to return next time when you will talk some more about Saul. Say a prayer, thanking God for all who came to class.

Other Ideas:

1. Tell the children that they can teach others about Jesus. Have them take turns coming forward and repeating after you to the others in class: **Jesus is God's Son. Jesus loves you and me.** (If someone does not want to participate, do not insist.) Let them know they can tell their parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and friends about Jesus. The purpose of this exercise is to let the children know that even little ones can tell others about Jesus.
2. Before class cut large hearts from red construction paper. On each one write: **Jesus Loves Me.** Punch one hole in the top of the heart. Give each child a red heart. Let him glue lace or ribbon around the heart for decoration. Run a ribbon or string through the hole at the top of the heart. The child can hang it in his room at home.
3. Do this action play.

Walking, walking to Damascus
(*Walk in place,*)

Saul saw a light.
(*Look up as if seeing something in the sky.*)

Walking, walking to Damascus
(*Walk in place.*)

It was very bright.
(*Shade eyes.*)

Talking, talking a voice from heaven,
Saul heard Jesus say.
(*Put hand over ear.*)

Talking talking a voice from heaven,
Saul, you must change today.
(*Shake head up and down.*)