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*God talks to us through His Word.*



(Do you have a Bible? What color is it?  
Make this picture the color of a Bible at  
your house.)

*We can read about people of long ago  
who served God.  
The Bible tells us about God's servant,  
Saul.*

Lesson I

## THE BOY SAUL

The Bible is God's Word. In the Bible we can read God's words to us. God tells us about many things in the Bible.

When God wanted us to know something He caused a man to write it down. He told us about how the world was made. He told us about Jesus dying on the cross for our sins. God also told us about other things. Later these writings were made into a book. This book is God's book—the Bible.

In the Bible we can learn about some servants of God who lived long ago. One of these servants was named Saul. This week we want to see how much we can learn about him.

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One day long ago in the city of Tarsus

a boy baby was born to Jewish parents. They named their boy baby Saul. Saul lived in Tarsus with his family.

Like boys and girls today, Saul went to school. His parents sent him to a very good school. And when he grew old enough, he went to Jerusalem to learn from a great teacher.

Long ago all boys were taught a trade. This means they learned how to work. Saul learned the trade of making tents. Saul was glad he learned to work. He was glad he knew how to make tents. When he became a man he made tents to earn his living. He went everywhere telling people about Jesus. As he traveled, he worked.

### DRAW A CIRCLE AROUND THE RIGHT ANSWER

1. *The Bible is God's book.*      Yes   No
2. *We can learn about God by reading the Bible.*      Yes   No
3. *The Bible tells us about Saul.*      Yes   No
4. *Saul never went to school*      Yes   No
5. *Long ago all boys were taught to work.*      Yes   No
6. *Saul learned to make tents.*      Yes   No

"If any would not work, neither should he eat," II Thessalonians 2:10.



*Work is good for us. As Saul travelled over the country telling people about Jesus, he worked making tents.*

*Are you learning to work?*

## DO YOU KNOW?

1. What should we do with God's book?
2. Name some people we learn about in the Bible. (Think of some you have studied about in Sunday school.)
3. What boy did we learn about in this lesson?
4. Where did Saul live?
5. When Saul grew old enough, he left home to go to school. Do you remember where he went?

## YOUR BIBLE

*The Bible is one big book.*

*Inside this book are two parts.*

*The first part is the Old Testament.*

*The second part is the New Testament.*

*Each part has many books inside it.*

*We read about Saul in the New Testament. The book of Acts tells us about him.*

### SOME THINGS TO DO:

1. Get your Bibles. Open them to the New Testament. Acts is the fifth book of the New Testament. Turn in your Bibles to the book of Acts. Your teacher will help you.
2. Can you think of a chorus about the Bible? Sing the ones you think of.



“Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?”  
Jesus asked.

## Lesson II

### SAUL BECOMES A CHRISTIAN

*"Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me,"*  
Acts 9:4.

Saul learned about God while he was a child. His parents taught him about God. Saul's father and mother were Jews. They worshipped the true God. They taught their son about God.

Jesus is God's Son. The Jews worshipped God. But they did not understand who Jesus was. They did not know He was God's Son.

Jesus was living on the earth when Saul was young. Jesus told people that He was the Son of God. But many Jews would not believe Him. They thought He was not telling the truth. Saul did not believe Jesus

was God's Son. Saul thought the followers of Jesus should be punished. He was unkind to all Christians. Once he watched while some men killed a Christian named Stephen. They killed Stephen with stones.

One day Saul was travelling to a town nearby. He was looking for Christians. Saul wanted to have them placed in jail because they trusted in Jesus. As he was walking down the road, suddenly a strange thing happened. A light from heaven shone around him. Saul fell to the ground.

A voice from heaven spoke to Saul. The voice said, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

Saul thought it was God talking with him. But he was not sure. "Who art thou, Lord?" he asked.

The voice replied, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest."

Saul was greatly surprised. He had not believed in Jesus. But Saul knew now that he had been wrong. Jesus had looked

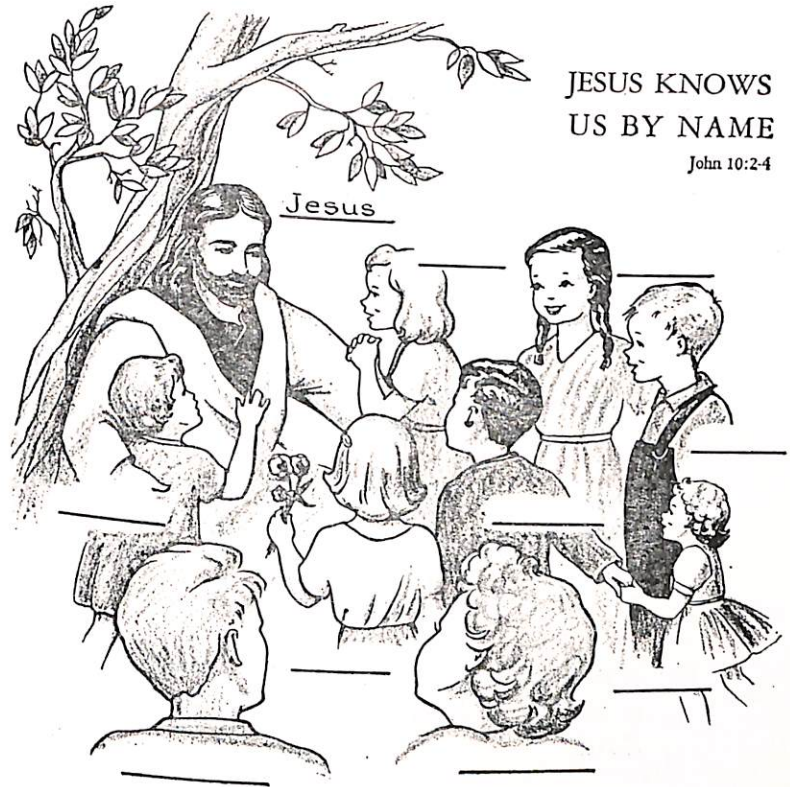
down from heaven and had seen him! Jesus had called his name. Now he knew that Jesus was God's Son. He now believed in Jesus.

Then Saul said, "What wilt thou have me to do?"

"Go into the city and you will be shown what to do," Jesus said.

Saul obeyed the voice of Jesus. He went into the city. God sent a man to help him.

When Jesus speaks to our hearts, we must answer Him. We must trust Jesus to forgive our sins.



*Jesus knew Saul's name. He knows our names too.*



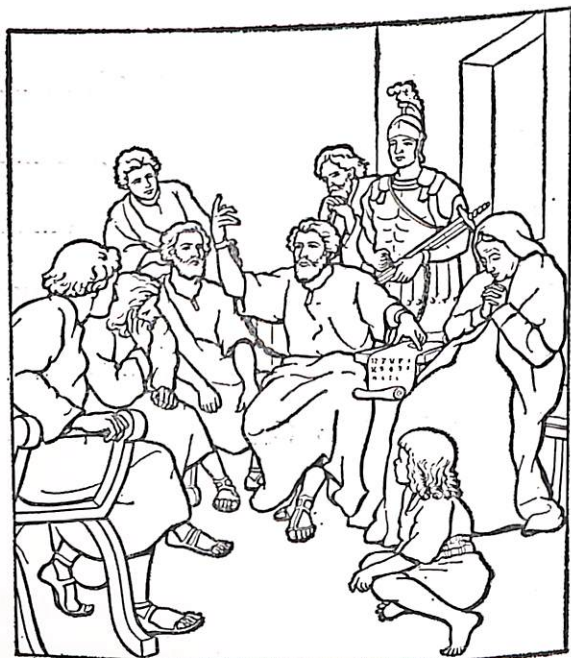
**Draw a Circle Around the Right Answer**

1. *Saul's mother and father worshipped God.* Yes No
2. *Saul's parents taught him about God.* Yes No
3. *Saul learned about Jesus when he was very small.* Yes No
4. *Jesus spoke to Saul one day while Saul was on a journey.* Yes No
5. *Jesus is God's Son.* Yes No
6. *When Jesus spoke from heaven a bright light shone around Saul.* Yes No
7. *Jesus knew Saul's name.* Yes No
8. *Jesus knows our names.* Yes No

**WHO AM I?**

1. Jesus spoke to me on the road. ....
2. I learned to make tents. ....
3. I spoke out of heaven to Saul. ....
4. Men killed me with stones because I believed in Jesus. ....
5. I was unkind to Christians. ....

*When a boy or girl asks Jesus to forgive his sins, Jesus will do it. When Jesus forgives our sins we become Christians. Have you asked Jesus to forgive your sins and come into your heart?*



Paul Tells About Jesus

Memorize Verse: "Some believed the things . . . spoken," Acts 28:28

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## PAUL TELLS ABOUT JESUS.

## Lesson III

### A MISSIONARY FOR JESUS

When Saul believed in Jesus he became a Christian. He was very happy. Saul loved Jesus. He was glad he had become a Christian.

A missionary is someone who is sent to preach the story of Jesus. Missionaries go everywhere telling people about Jesus. Sometimes they travel many miles to another country to preach the gospel.

God wanted Saul to be a missionary. He wanted Saul to tell people that Jesus loved them. God wanted him to tell people that Jesus died for their sins. God called Saul to be a missionary for Him.

The church at Antioch sent Saul out

to preach. The church sent Barnabas with Saul. Saul and Barnabas were missionaries for God. They went out to preach to the people about Jesus.

These men travelled many, many miles. Most of the time they walked. Sometimes they travelled by ship. Everywhere they went they talked to the people about God and His Son. They wanted people to believe on Jesus and be saved from their sins.

In one town where Saul preached some of the people grew angry. They did not want to hear about Jesus. These people took up stones and threw them at Saul. They threw stones until they thought he was dead. Then they dragged Saul outside the city and left him there.

Sometimes angry people would have these missionaries put in jail. Sometimes the missionaries were whipped until their backs bled. But this did not stop them from preaching about Jesus.

Everywhere Saul preached a b o u t

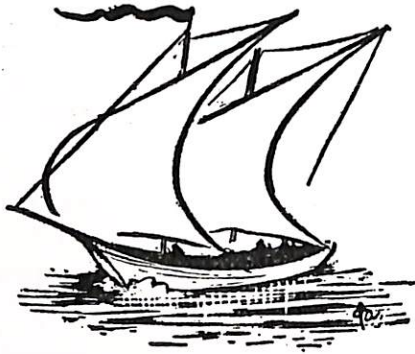
Jesus, some people listened. And many people believed on Jesus. They trusted Him to forgive their sins. They were happy too. They were happy because their sins were forgiven.

As Saul travelled preaching, his name was changed. People began calling him Paul. In our next lesson we shall call him Paul too.

Paul served God all his life. He made three long journeys. He visited many towns telling about Jesus. Paul was a great missionary.

You can tell people about Jesus. You can invite your friends to go to Sunday school with you. You can be a missionary for Jesus too.

Paul travelled many miles.  
Sometimes he travelled on the land.  
Sometimes he travelled on the sea.



*Paul and his friends used a little ship  
to carry them across the sea.*

### Something to Do

*Paul was a missionary for Jesus many years ago. Today Jesus needs people who will be missionaries for him. Do you know someone who is a missionary for Jesus? Name some missionaries you know.*

*A church sent Paul and Barnabas out to tell about Jesus.*

*Is your church helping send missionaries?*

*Find your church bulletin board. Is there a missionary poster on it?*

### WRITE "YES" OR "NO"

1. *A missionary is one who is sent to tell people about Jesus.* .....
2. *God called Paul to be a missionary.*  
.....
3. *A church sent Paul and Barnabas out to be missionaries.* .....
4. *Does your church help send out missionaries?*.....
5. *Does God call people to be missionaries today?* .....

### THOUGHTS:

1. *Who was Barnabas?*
2. *How many long journeys did Paul make?*
3. *What two ways did Paul travel most?*
4. *Were people always kind to him?*
5. *Name some things that happened to Paul.*

### FILL IN THE BLANKS:

Wherever Paul went he told people about  
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Many people ..... on Jesus.

When we believe in ..... we are  
saved

### YOUR BIBLE

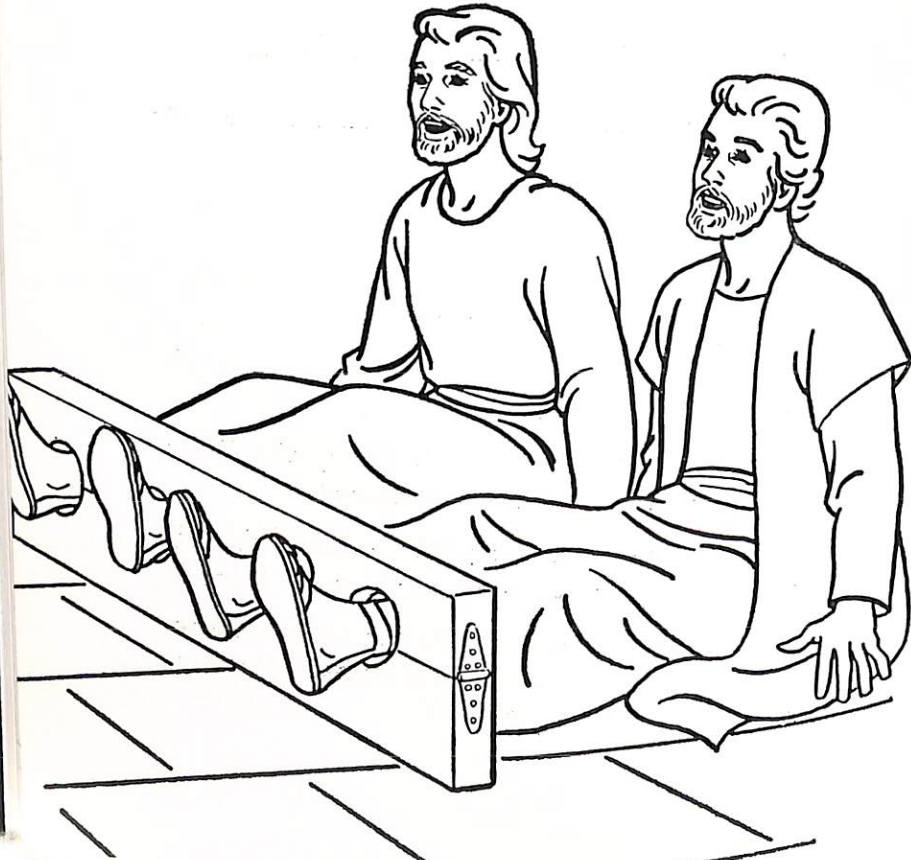
*The Bible is made up of two parts. Do you remember what they are?*

*Paul wrote several books of the Bible. They are in the New Testament.*

*Paul wrote some of the books to churches. Four of them were written to friends.*

*Do you know the chorus which names the books of the New Testament? Perhaps you would like to sing it.*

Both Paul and his friend Silas were put into prison because they taught about Jesus. As prisoners they prayed and sang praises to God. At midnight there was an earthquake. The prisoners were set free! Then they told the prison guard about God's power, and he became a Christian too.



## Lesson IV

### A JAILER IS SAVED

“... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ ...” Acts 16:31.

Philippi was a large city. Many people lived in it. Paul went to Philippi to preach. Silas, a missionary friend, went with Paul. Silas preached about the Lord too.

Often Paul and Silas went to the temple to pray. One day they noticed a girl following them. Each time they went to the temple, Paul and Silas saw her.

Each time she called out, “These men are the servants of the most high God.”

Some men of Philippi owned this girl. She had an evil spirit in her. She told fortunes. Her masters received money from

her fortune-telling. Paul felt very sorry for the girl. One day Paul asked the Lord to heal her. The evil spirit left her. This made the masters very angry. They knew she would not tell fortunes anymore. They knew she would not make any more money for them so the masters had Paul and Silas punished.

Their clothes were torn off their backs. They were whipped with many stripes. Then Paul and Silas were placed in jail.

Far back in the prison, the jailer placed them. He fastened their feet in stocks. They could not move around. Paul and Silas could not escape.

It was midnight. Paul and Silas sat in the prison. Their backs were very sore from the beating. How good it would have felt to get their feet out of the stocks, but they could not. However, they were not sad. They trusted in God. These two missionaries prayed to God. Then they began singing songs of praise to Him.

Other prisoners in the jail heard Paul and Silas praying and singing. How strange that men should sing in prison! Who could be happy enough to sing?

Suddenly, a strange thing happened! An earthquake shook the prison. It shook so hard that all the prison doors came open. It shook so hard that the stocks on the prisoners' feet were loosened.

All of this noise awakened the jailer. He saw the doors open. He saw the stocks empty of feet. The jailer was afraid. Suppose the prisoners had escaped. He would be killed.

"What should I do?" thought the jailer. He drew out his sword to kill himself. Paul saw the jailer.

"Do not harm yourself," he cried loudly. "We are all here."

Trembling, the jailer came to Paul and Silas. Falling before them he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ,” they told him, “and thou shalt be saved.”

That night the jailer believed on Jesus and was saved. He took the missionaries to his home. After washing their backs, he gave them food to eat.

#### THOUGHTS:

1. *What was the name of Paul's friend?*
2. *Why did Paul and Silas go to the temple?*
3. *Who followed Paul and Silas as they went to the temple?*
4. *What was wrong with her?*
5. *Why were her masters angry?*
6. *Why were Paul and Silas put in prison?*
7. *What did they do in the jail?*
8. *What happened at midnight?*

#### YES OR NO

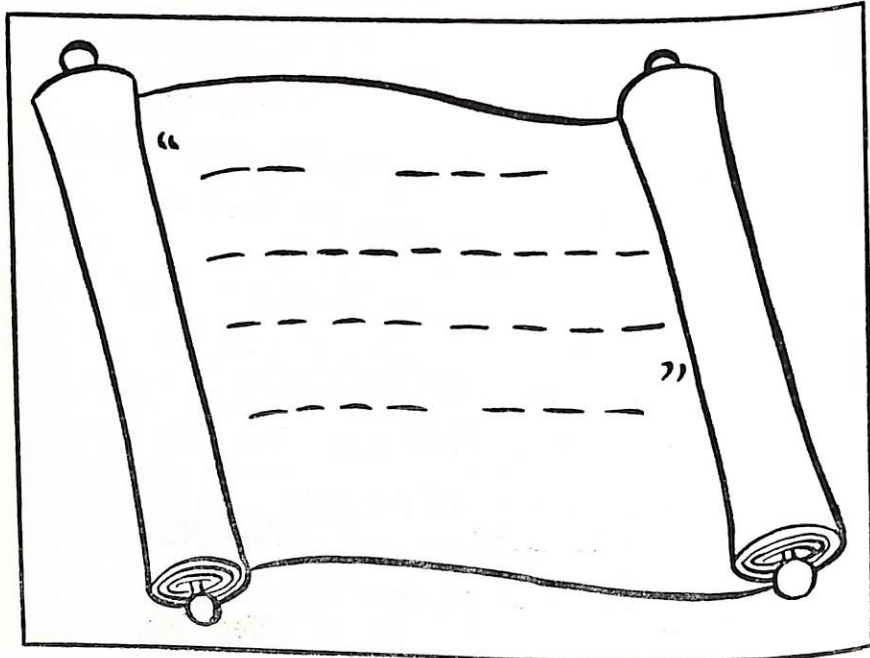
Draw a circle around the right answer.

1. In the jail Paul and Silas sat very sad and quietly.      Yes   No
2. At midnight they prayed to God.      Yes   No
3. God heard their prayer and helped them.      Yes   No
4. A strong wind blew the prison doors open.      Yes   No
5. When the keeper of the prison saw what had happened, he was afraid      Yes   No
6. The jailer thought the prisoners had fled.      Yes   No
7. Paul and Silas told the jailer how to be saved      Yes   No
8. The jailer believed on Jesus.      Yes   No.



The jailer asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

What did Paul and Silas tell him? (If you cannot remember, look at your memory verse. Write the answer on the lines of the scroll.)



Paul writing from his prison cell.

## Lesson V

### A TRIP TO ROME

Rome was a big and an exciting city. In fact, it was one of the most important cities in the whole world. For many years Paul had wanted to go to Rome. He had travelled many miles preaching the gospel. He had visited many cities. Now he was going to Rome.

But Paul was a prisoner. The Jews had had him arrested for preaching about Jesus. Paul was going to Rome for a trial. Travelling with Paul was a guard named Julius.

At last the day came for the voyage. They would be sailing many days across the sea. Julius was good to his prisoner. Paul would have an easy time.

Soon they sailed into a terrible storm. The winds blew very hard. They beat upon the ship. They tossed the ship upon the sea for many days. So bad was the storm that the people feared they would all be killed.

One night an angel came to Paul. The angel told Paul that their ship would be destroyed. But everyone on the ship would be safe. The angel's message comforted Paul.

At last they reached land again. How good it seemed! They would walk the last part of the journey. Some of Paul's friends had heard he was coming to Rome. They were anxious to see him. His friends came and walked to Rome with him. This made Paul very glad.

For two years Paul was in prison in Rome. But he did not stop preaching. Every time company came to see him he talked about Jesus.

Paul wrote letters while he was in prison. He wrote to churches back home.

He wrote to his friends. The Lord laid on Paul's heart what to write. We can read these letters today. They are in the New Testament.

### YES OR NO

*Draw a circle around the right answer.*

1. *Paul wanted to go to Rome.*    Yes    No
2. *Paul was a prisoner on the trip.*    Yes    No
3. *The guard was very cruel to Paul.*    Yes    No
4. *Storms dashed the ship into pieces.*    Yes    No
5. *While Paul lived in Rome, he was a prisoner.*    Yes    No
6. *During his stay in prison Paul wrote letters.*    Yes    No
7. *We may read these letters in the New Testament.*    Yes    No

### FILL IN THE BLANKS:

#### WHO AM I?

1. **Before I was saved I persecuted Christians.** .....
2. **I was in jail with Paul.** .....
3. **I washed the backs of Paul and Silas.**  
.....
4. **I was killed with stones.** .....
5. **A voice from heaven spoke to me.**  
.....
6. **We sang songs at midnight** .....  
**and** .....
7. **I spoke to Saul from heaven.** .....