



FAMILY TAKE AWAY



Saul and Jesus

Game



Charades

Beforehand on pieces of paper write some actions to mime and place in a bowl.

Player one takes a piece of paper out and mimes the action while the other players guess.

Whoever guesses correctly goes next.



Craft

Equipment: A3 card, scissors and colours

Optional: coloured cellophane and glue

Cool sunglasses

Along the longest length of the card draw an outline of the shape of glasses you want to make, there are some examples in the picture.

Cut out the glasses being careful when cutting out the eye holes.

Decorate the glasses by colouring them.

If you wish glue cellophane on the back over the eye holes.



Story Time

Read the story on the back to see why even sunglasses would not have helped with the bright light Saul saw.



Discussion

What is the brightest light you have ever seen?

Have you ever been dazzled by the light or had your eye sight affected, how does it feel?

Can you think of a time when God has sent someone to help you?

Has God ever asked you to do something that you didn't think you could do?



Puzzle

Can you find the following words from the story;

ANANIAS

SAUL

MISSION

PAUL

GENTILES

VOICE

PRAYED

BLINDED

THREE DAYS

DAMASCUS

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Prayer

Lord Jesus we thank you that you place people in our lives to be part of the amazing plan you have for us. Help us to not be blinded by the things we get wrong but instead like Saul be willing to be changed by you so that you can use us to tell more people about you.

Amen



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Saul and Jesus

Saul reckoned that Jesus' disciples
Were telling a pack of lies,
Saying that Jesus, who died on the cross,
Was now somehow back, alive.

So Saul got official permission
To go to Damascus town,
Arrest all of Jesus' followers,
And bring their new movement down.

But there, on the road, something happened.
A heavenly light shone around.
Bright as the sun, it blinded Saul.
He fell like a stone to the ground.

Then Saul heard a voice from heaven,
A voice that called out his name.
"Why are you keen to persecute me?"
The voice asked him, simple and plain.

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul said, trembling.
"I'm Jesus," the voice answered true.
"Now carry on to Damascus,
And you will be shown what to do."

But all Saul's companions were puzzled.
They heard the same voice that Saul heard,
But they couldn't see who was speaking
And stood still without saying a word.

They led their blind friend to Damascus.
They stayed with him three long days.
With nothing to eat and nothing to drink,
Saul silently waited and prayed.

He saw, in a dream, Ananias,
A disciple of Jesus, kind,
Praying and laying hands on his head
So he was no longer blind.

About that same time, Ananias
Saw a vision of Jesus, who said:
"In Straight Street, you'll meet Saul of Tarsus.
Lay your hands, please, upon his head."

"Not *that* Saul!" exclaimed Ananias.
"He's surely your enemy, Lord!
He's here on a mission to put us in prison.
At least that is what I have heard."

"He's my chosen man," answered Jesus.
"There's a job that I want Saul to do.
To tell the whole world about me,
Gentiles, as well as Jews."

"And so off you go, Ananias."
So off Ananias went.
"I'm here at God's call," he said to blind Saul,
"And this is why I have been sent:

"To bring back your sight is one reason
I lay both my hands on your head.
And to fill you with God's Holy Spirit, as well,"
Is what Ananias said.

Something like scales fell from Saul's eyes,
And then, just like that, he could see.
And when Ananias had baptised him,
Saul asked him for something to eat.

Then Saul went a different direction.
In fact, he was never the same.
He followed God's call, then called himself Paul.
New mission, new life, new name!

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