

## GOOD NEWS CLUB AGENDA

### The First Century Church #5 – “Saul Stands for God” Acts 9:20-21; Galatians 1:13-17

WEEK OF:

MAIN TRUTH: The Holy Spirit will help you to stand up for what is right.

TO DO AS THE CHILDREN ARRIVE:

1. Greet the children; make them feel welcome.
2. Take attendance.
3. Listen to previous week’s memory verse.
4. Have children put money in missions bank.
5. Have children put candy corn in their team’s container according to the number of points earned.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY:

OLDER CHILD: “What Does God Want From Me?”

YOUNGER CHILD: “The Prodigal Son”

SONG: (1 minute)

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PRAYER: (3 minutes)

1. Prayer song: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Review the **WHEN WE PRAY IN CLUB** and **PATTERN FOR PRAYER** Charts.
3. Ask the children to share any “Thank You Prayers” or “Please Prayers” they have.
4. Lead the children in “Thank You Prayers” and “Please Prayers.”

MEMORY VERSE: (7 minutes)

**1 Corinthians 15:58** – “. . . ***Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord . . .***”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize. See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for helps in teaching the verse to the younger children.)

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HYMN FOR THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH: (2 minutes)

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BIBLE LESSON: (20 minutes)

**THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH #5 – “Saul Stands for God”**

(See “**Involvement Helps for Younger Children**” for ways to involve the children in the Bible lesson.)

COUNSEL TIME:

(If you have a helper, hostess, or Teacher Junior Grade, let them do the review time while you counsel those who responded to the invitation. Otherwise, at the end of club, be sure to remind them to stay for a few minutes so you can counsel them.)

E.O.T.O.: (2 minutes)

“**Jesus Loves Even Me**” Miniature – Explain how to use the Each One Tell One (E.O.T.O.). Tell them they will receive one at the end of club today. Encourage them to share at the next club any opportunity they had to share the “Jesus Loves Even Me” Miniature with a friend or a family member. Ask the Lord to use this E.O.T.O. for His glory.

TAKE TIME TO REVIEW/QUIET TIME NOTEBOOK: (1 minute)

From the returned TTtR/Q.T.N.s, mention one or two of the children's responses to the Main Truth challenge. Hand out Take Time to Review/Quiet Time Notebook, The First Century Church #5. Ask the children to complete the booklet before the next club. Remind them that they need to show you their TTtR/Q.T. Notebook next week.

LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS: (5 minutes)

Teach information for Week #5.

MISSIONARY TIME: (13 minutes)

1. Sing "God's Way" while a child comes to look in the "Go and Tell" Box.
2. Share information for the "Go and Tell" Box – Week #4 and pray. (See attached page.)
3. Show goal chart and mention the amount given so far.
4. Missions song: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Story: *Not Darkness At All*. Teach the part of the story for Week #6.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: (6 minutes)

Use the activity below or the Bible Learning Game from "**Involvement Helps for Younger Children.**"

**"Which Hand?"** – You will need a penny. Explain the game something like this: "Did you and a friend ever play the game of guessing which hand the penny is in? We are going to play it today here in club. Let's begin by dividing you into two teams. Here is Team A, and here is Team B. I will ask Team A a question first, and whoever knows the answer may raise their hand quietly. If I call on you and you have the right answer, you will get 100 points for your team. You can then get 100 bonus points for your team if you, with one try, guess which hand the penny is in. Then Team B will have a turn." Each time before the child comes to guess, put your hands behind your back to hide the penny and then bring closed hands out in front of you. Continue playing this game as time permits with teams alternating turns. The winning team is the one that has the most points at the end of the game. - **Ralph Bechtel**.

Review questions for THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH #5:

1. **What was Saul boldly preaching in the synagogue?** ("Jesus is the Son of God")
2. **What did Saul do in Arabia for several years?** (He spent time alone with God – prayed, studied the Scriptures)
3. **What did the Jewish religious leaders in Damascus want to do to Saul?** (Kill him)
4. **Why couldn't Saul leave Damascus through the city gates?** (His enemies were watching for him and would capture him)
5. **How did Saul escape from the city of Damascus?** (His friends lowered him in a basket through an opening in the city wall)
6. **Why were the believers in Jerusalem afraid of Saul when he first arrived there?** (They didn't believe he had truly become a believer)
7. **How did Barnabus help Saul?** (He convinced the other believers that Saul was no longer their enemy, he was a true believer)
8. **After listening to Barnabus, what did the disciples in Jerusalem do?** (They accepted Saul into their fellowship. He went around Jerusalem with them.)
9. **If Jesus is your Saviour, who will help you to stand up for what is right?** (The Holy Spirit)
10. **What is one way you can stand up for what is right?** (Answers will vary)

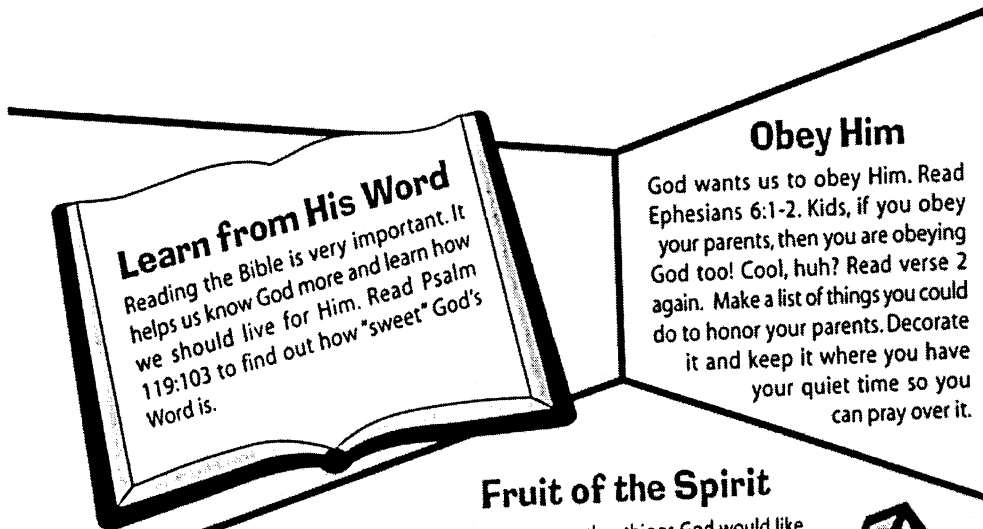
\*COUNSEL TIME: (\*Only if you did not counsel with the children earlier.)

SEND HOME WITH THE CHILDREN:

1. Pre-session papers for the older and younger child
2. Memory verse token
3. Take Time to Review/Quiet Time, The First Century Church #5
4. Missionary Prayer Card

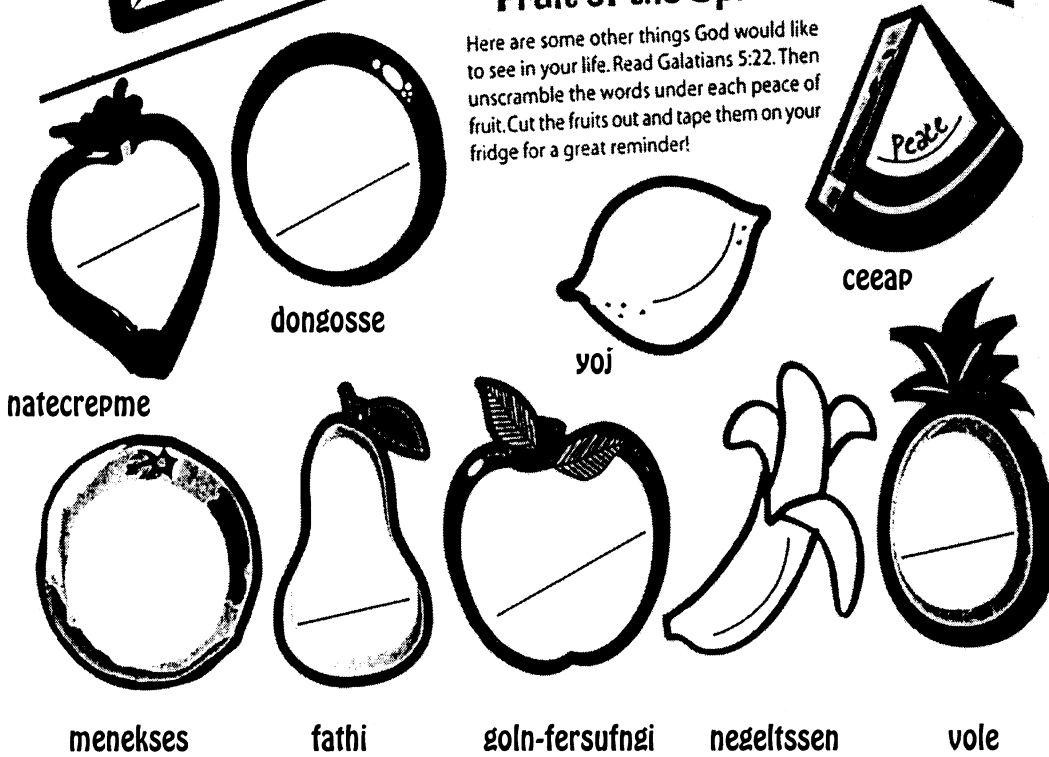
# What Does God Want From Me?

If you know and love Jesus, here are some of the ways you can live to please Him. Be sure to fill in the blanks below.



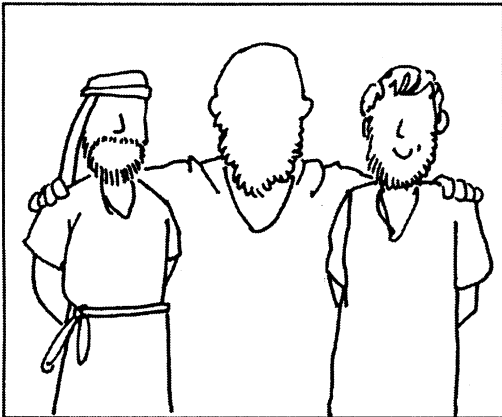
## Fruit of the Spirit

Here are some other things God would like to see in your life. Read Galatians 5:22. Then unscramble the words under each piece of fruit. Cut the fruits out and tape them on your fridge for a great reminder!

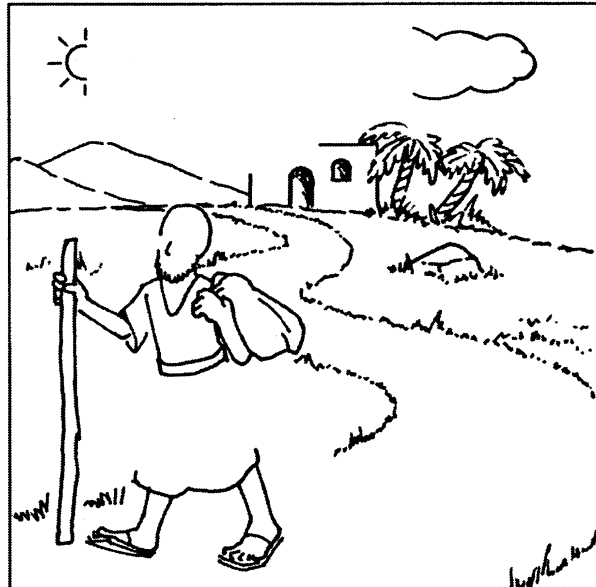


# The Prodigal Son

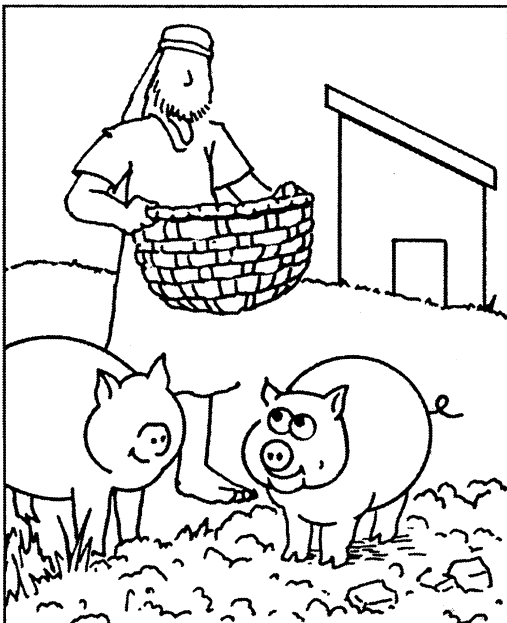
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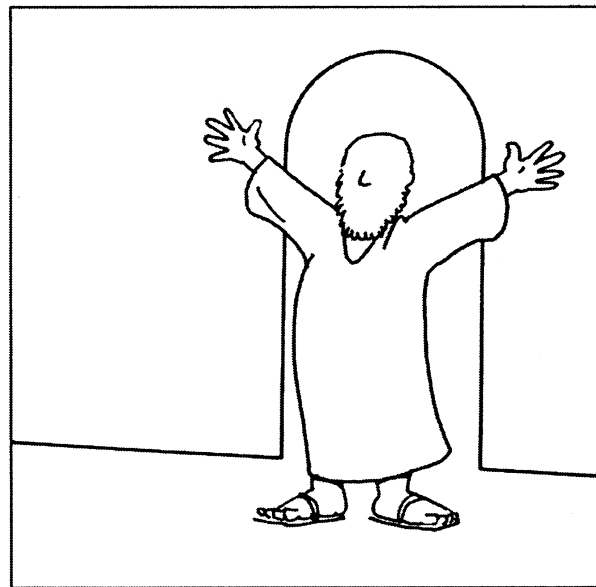
A father had two sons.



The younger son left home  
and wasted his money.



The younger son ended up  
with no money!  
He had to work on a pig farm.



The father welcomed the younger son home.

**“... Be ... always abounding  
in the work of the Lord ....”  
1 Corinthians 15:58**

## The First Century Church #5

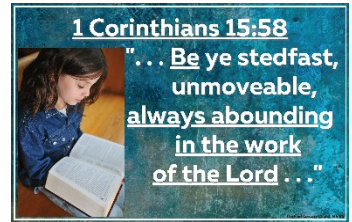
### SAUL STANDS FOR GOD

#### 1 Corinthians 15:58

“ . . . Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord . . . .”

(The underlined portion of the verse indicates what the younger children should memorize.)

By Missy Hess



#### INTRODUCE THE VERSE:

Have you ever seen an inflatable toy or a beach ball floating on the water? What happens to it when the wind blows or when someone jumps into the water? It moves around, doesn't it? It doesn't stay still. Sometimes people are like that. Instead of being sure of and true to what we believe, we change our minds about what we believe. Our memory verse today tells those of us who know Jesus as our Saviour that we should not be like that. Listen to today's verse.

#### READ THE VERSE:

Read the verse together from the visualized verse. Then read the verse directly from the Bible.

#### EXPLAIN THE VERSE:

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

– This is where the verse is found in the Bible. We call it the address or reference. It is found in the book of 1 Corinthians, chapter 15, verse 58.

“ . . . ”

– The dots at the beginning and the end mean there are more words to the verse, but we aren't going to learn them.

“**Be ye**”

– “Ye” is another word for you. It's talking to those of us who know Jesus as our Saviour.

“**steadfast,**”

– To be “steadfast” means to be strong and confident in your faith. Be faithful to the Lord and to His teaching.

“**unmoveable,**”

– To be “unmoveable” means to be firm, not changing your mind about what you believe about the Gospel.

“**always abounding in the work of the Lord.**”

– Keep doing the things that God wants you to do here on Earth. Keep telling other people about Jesus. Keeping living in a right way that is pleasing to God. God will bless and reward those who keep serving Him.

#### REPEAT THE VERSE:

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# HELPS FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

## The First Century Church #5

By Missy Hess

### Memory Verse

For younger children, teach only the underlined portion of the verse.

1 Corinthians 15:58 – “. . . Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, *always abounding in the work of the Lord* . . . .”

### Bible Lesson Involvement Helps

#### Flashcard 5-1:

Have children repeat the words, “Jesus is the Son of God!”

Have children repeat the words, “Jesus is the Son of God!”

Have children make folded hands as if praying. Have children make Bible hands as if studying the Scriptures.

#### Flashcard 5-3:

Have children pretend to hold a rope to let Saul down in the basket.

#### Flashcard 5-4:

Have children say to someone sitting near them, “Don’t be afraid of Saul.”

### Bible Learning Game

Line all the children up in a row (like on a bus) with the teacher as the leader. Everyone walks around the room following the leader, moving their arms in a circle (like the wheels of a bus turning) while singing the words below to the tune of “The Wheels on the Bus.”

“The Holy Spirit can help you stand,  
Help you stand, help you stand.  
The Holy Spirit can help you stand,  
For what is right.”

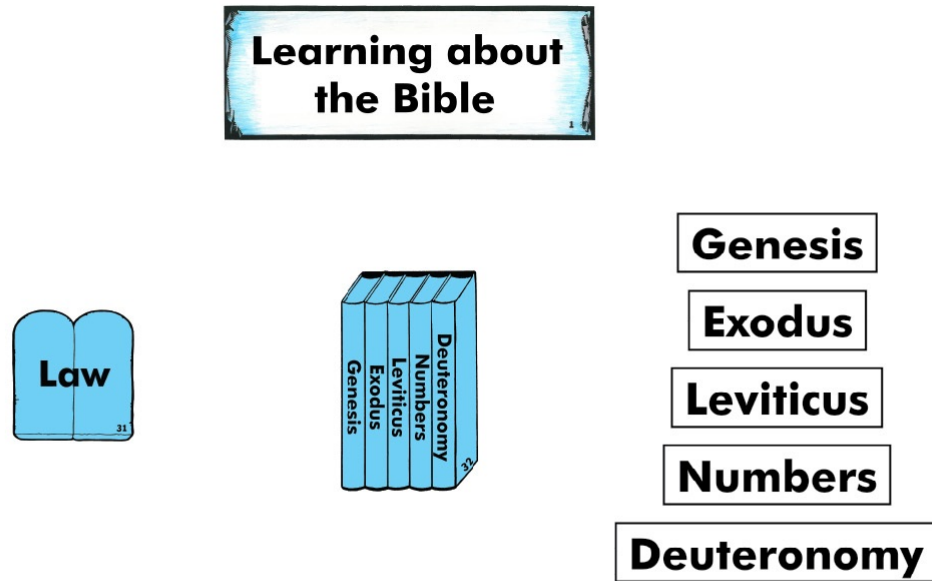
When the song is finished, say to the children, “Sometimes it may seem like everyone around you is doing wrong, and it’s not easy to choose to stand up and do what is right. Who can help you to do what is right?” Allow children to respond together. Then say something like, “Yes, if Jesus is your Saviour, God the Holy Spirit can help you stand up for what is right just like He helped Saul.” Repeat as time allows.

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# LEARNING ABOUT THE BIBLE & THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

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WEEK #5



**(Place figure #1.)** The first five books of the Old Testament were written by Moses. They are called the books of Law. **(Place figure #31.)** The books of Law tell about God’s care for His special people, the Jews, and His wonderful promises to them. **(Place figure #32.)** The names of these books are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. **(Place Genesis wordstrip.)** *Genesis* means “beginning.” This book tells about the beginning of the world, man, sin, salvation, and many other things. **(Place Exodus wordstrip.)** *Exodus* means “going out,” and it describes the going out of the Israelites from Egypt. **(Place Leviticus wordstrip.)** *Leviticus* lists the laws the Jewish people were to obey. The priests, or *Levites*, led the people in the keeping of these laws, and that is where the book gets its name. **(Place Numbers wordstrip.)** In *Numbers*, two censuses, or countings of the people, are recorded. It is like a diary describing the people of Israel marching through the wilderness toward the Promised Land. **(Place Deuteronomy wordstrip.)** *Deuteronomy* means “second law” because the law is repeated in this book. Let us say the five books of Law together. *(Practice several times saying the five names of the books of Law.)*



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# GO AND TELL BOX

## WEEK #4 – INTRODUCE THE JENKINS

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### INFORMATION

*(Suggested item to put in the “Go and Tell” Box – a small plastic plane or picture of a plane.)*

What do you think a plane has to do with *going and telling*? *(Let the children share their ideas.)*



Many missionaries fly on a plane when they are going to the place where God has called them to serve Him. Some missionaries also need a plane on the mission field to travel and to transport supplies from village to village.

The father of one of the missionaries that we are going to learn about this year was a missionary pilot. Let me tell you about this missionary couple. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins. *(Show their picture.)* We will call them Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy. Mr. Jared was born and raised in the country of India where his parents were missionaries. Mrs. Cindy grew up in Nigeria, West Africa. Mrs. Cindy’s parents were missionaries there. Her father was a missionary pilot.

The Jenkins have served for many years as missionaries in the country of Suriname, located in the northern part of South America. Now Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy live in Florida, where they have a ministry sharing the Good News of Jesus’ love with international students who come to the United States to study at a college. They also share each summer in Good News Day Camps. Some of our missionary offering will be sent to help Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy, and we will learn more about them later this year.

### PRAYER

**THANK** God for Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy as they faithfully share the Gospel with many people through their current ministry to the international students.

**ASK** God to help people remember to pray for the Jenkins and that they will give of their money so Mr. Jared and Mrs. Cindy can continue to serve the Lord among international students in the U.S.A.



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- and how they could be saved from their sin.

### FLASHCARD 5-5

- Saul, who was also called Paul, was telling many people about Jesus.
- Paul was telling many people about Jesus and how they could be saved from their sin.
- But just like some people in Damascus, there were people in Jerusalem who didn't believe the things Paul was preaching.
- They hated Paul and wanted to kill him.
- But other people did listen to the things Paul taught about Jesus.

### FLASHCARD 5-6

- Many people believed in Jesus as their Saviour because they saw the changes God had made in Paul's life, and because he was now willing to stand up for God.
- God was going to do great things through Paul.
- In fact, Paul eventually became the greatest missionary of the First Century Church and wrote much of the NT part of the Bible.
- Paul was willing to suffer and even die in order to tell people how they could know Jesus as their personal Saviour.

- Do you know Jesus as your Saviour?

- Have you placed your trust in Him as the only One who can save you from your sin?
- If you've never asked Jesus to be your Saviour or if you're not sure, you can do that today.

### INVITATION

**John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”**

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### BOW HEADS RESPONSE

### CHALLENGE

**G – Go over MT**

**MT, PAS — THE HOLY SPIRIT  
WILL HELP YOU TO STAND  
UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT**

**1 Cor. 15:58 – “...Be ye  
stedfast, unmoveable, always  
abounding in the work of the  
Lord....”**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**W – Will you do it?**

## The First Century Church #5

**Acts 9:20-31; Galatians 1:13-17**

- The people were amazed! They couldn't believe what they were hearing.
- Asked each other, “Isn't this the same man who was hurting believers? Isn't he the one who wanted to arrest us?”
- People were amazed by Saul. Saul had heard Jesus speak to him on the road to Dam. and now he was a believer in Jesus.
- Was Saul truly a changed man? Would Saul prove that he had changed by standing for what was right? Listen...

### FLASHCARD 5-1

- Saul stood in the synagogue preaching to the people.
- Synagogue is like a church for Jewish people.
- Saul boldly proclaimed, “Jesus is the Son of God!”
- Most Jews do believe in God, but many do not believe that J. is the Son of God.
- - Many people do not believe J. is the Son of God, but Paul boldly proclaimed, “Jesus is the Son of God!”

- Bible says that Saul's preaching became more and more powerful.

- God was helping Saul share the Good News in such a way that the Jews in Dam. could not argue with him.
- Saul's preaching proved that Jesus is the true Saviour God promised to send
- Why did God promise to send a Saviour? He knew we'd sin and need a Saviour.

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**1 John 1:7b – “...and the  
blood of Jesus Christ His Son  
cleanseth us from all sin.”**

- Jesus is the risen Saviour.

- Saul's preaching proved that Jesus is the Saviour God promised to send.
- People who heard Saul preach were amazed at the change they saw in him.
- Around this time, Saul went to a place called Arabia and spent several years there alone with God.
- Saul was learning more about God during this time as he prayed and studied Scriptures
- God was also using that time to prepare Saul for the hard times that were about to come.

- Even if you are a believer in Jesus, there are still times when things get hard.

**MT – THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP YOU TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT**

- It's not easy to go against everyone else and do what's right, but God the HS can help u
- God was helping Saul by preparing him for the hard things that were going to come.

**FLASHCARD 5-2**

- When Saul returned to Dam., he continued to preach boldly about Jesus.
- Every day he would stand in the synag. and prove to the people that J. is the Son of God.
- Jewish leaders became angry w/Saul's preaching. They didn't like to hear the truth about Jesus.
- In fact, they became so angry, they began to plot together to kill Saul.
- Day and night they kept watch at the gates of the city wall, hoping to capture Saul if he tried to leave.
- They were determined to get rid of Saul at any cost.
- What they were doing was sin.
- Those people are not the only ones who sin.

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**Ecc. 7:20 – “For there is not a just man upon earth, that... doeth good, and sinneth not.”**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

- The religious leaders in Dam. were sinning.
- They plotted to kill Saul. They were determined get rid of him.
- Saul learned about their plan to kill him.
- He knew the city gates were being watched, so he had to find a different way to get out of the city.
- Back then, Damascus was like many other cities that had high walls around them for protection.
- Saul couldn't go through the gate in the wall, but the Bible tells us what Saul's friends decided to do to help him.

**FLASHCARD 5-3**

- During the night while it was dark, they lowered Saul in a large basket through opening in the city wall.

- No one saw Saul escape. He was now safely outside Dam. and was able to hurry to Jerus.
- God had protected Saul b/c He had a plan for Saul's life and b/c He loved Saul

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- God had a plan for Saul, so God protected him and helped him escape to Jerusalem.
- When Saul arrived in Jerus. he tried to meet w/other believers, but they were all afraid of him.
- They didn't believe Saul had truly become a believer in Jes.
- They thought of him as a man who wanted to arrest believers and throw them in prison.

**FLASHCARD 5-4**

- Barnabus was different.
- Barnabus was a believer who took Saul to the disciples who were in Jerusalem.
- He told them something like, “You don't have to be afraid of Saul. I'm convinced he's a true believer. He is not our enemy.”
- Though it might have been hard for Barnabus to stand up for Saul, he knew it was the right thing to do.
- If Jesus..., there are times when you have to stand up again what others say or do.

**MT, PAS – THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP YOU TO STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT**

**1 Cor. 15:58 – “...Be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord....”**

- 1.
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- It's not easy to go against everyone else and do what's right, but God the HS can help u
  - It might have been hard for Barnabus to stand up for Saul, but he knew it was the right thing to do.
  - He was convinced that Saul was a true believer in Jesus.
  - Barnabus went on to tell the disciples what had happened to Saul...
  - How the Lord had spoken to him and how Saul had preached boldly about Jesus in Damascus
  - After hearing this, the disciples accepted Saul into their fellowship, the family of God.
  - Saul now went all around Jerusalem with them, boldly telling many people about Jesus