



## June 20/21, 2020 – Week 3 – Father’s Day

**Bible Story Focus:** I spy someone who believes in Jesus.

Paul’s Conversion • *Acts 9:1-20*

**Memory Verse:** “These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.”  
John 20:31, NLV

**Key Question:** Who can believe in Jesus?

**Bottom Line:** I can believe in Jesus.

**Basic Truth:** Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

### Make It Fun

#### Happy and You Know It

- **What You Do:** Sing and do the motions to the song “If You’re Happy and You Know It” with the following verses:
  - “If you’re happy and you know it, clap your hands.” (Clap hands and smile.)
  - “If you’re angry and you know it, stomp your feet.” (Stomp feet with an angry face.)
  - “If you’re sad and you know it, say, ‘boo-hoo.’” (Wipe your tears and make a pouty face.)
  - “If you’re loved and you know it, say, ‘I love you.’” (Hug yourself or a friend.)
- **What You Say:** “Hello, friends, come over here with me. I have a song for us to sing. Sing along with me, and do the motions. (*Sing the verses listed above. Repeat as desired.*) Great job, friends! In our story today, we’ll hear about a man who went from mean and angry to nice and loving.”

### Make It True

#### Worship

- **What You Need:** Worship song “Jesus Loves Me Remix.”

#### Bible Story

- **LEADER:** “Hi, friends! We’ve been talking a lot about God’s Son, Jesus. We talked about when Jesus was born. Can you pretend to rock a baby like this? (*Pretend to rock a baby.*)
- We talked about how Jesus grew up to help sick people, love everyone, and do AMAZING things that only He can do. Can you make a heart with your fingers like this? (*Make a heart shape with fingers of both hands.*)
- We talked about how Jesus died, but on the third day, the stone was rolled away! Jesus came back! Jesus is alive! Can you pretend to roll a stone away like this? (*Do a rolling motion with both hands.*)
- After Jesus came back, He went to see His friends so they could see that He is alive. They told people Jesus is alive and wrote down that Jesus is alive, so everyone, everywhere could believe that Jesus is live! But . . . not everyone believed Jesus is alive. One of the people who didn’t believe was a man named Paul.
- Paul grew up believing you had to follow a lot of rules if you loved God. I mean A LOT of rules! One day, Paul heard people say that Jesus taught a brand-new rule. Not a lot of rules, just one rule. Jesus’ one rule was: Love each other the way I have loved you. Because Jesus is God’s Son, people followed Him and did what He said. This made Paul very angry. Paul wanted people to follow all of the other rules. He did not want people following Jesus. Do you know what Paul did? He started being mean to people who followed Jesus.
- Well, one day, when angry Paul was on his way to be mean to more people who followed Jesus, he saw a bright light and heard someone talk to him. Who do you think was talking to Paul? (*Pause.*) Yes! It was Jesus! Jesus asked Paul why he was doing mean things. Then, Jesus told Paul to go to a house and wait.



After Paul saw the bright light, he couldn't see anything, but he wanted to do what Jesus told him to do. So, someone had to help him find the house.

- Some of Jesus' friends came to the house to help Paul. They helped Paul, because Jesus had taught them the new rule: Love each other the way Jesus loves you. After a few days, Paul could see again! Do you think Paul believed in Jesus now? *(Pause.)* He sure did! Angry Paul, who was mean to people, became happy Paul who loved people and believed in Jesus!
- I love this story because it teaches us that EVERYONE can believe in Jesus. And when we believe in Jesus, we love people the way Jesus loves us. So, tell me, **who can believe in Jesus?**"
- **CHILDREN and LEADER: "I can believe in Jesus!"**
- **LEADER: "Again! Who can believe in Jesus?"**
- **CHILDREN and LEADER: "I can believe in Jesus!"**
- **LEADER: "You sure can! Let's close our eyes and talk to God together."**

### Prayer

- **LEADER:** "Dear God, thank You that Jesus loves everyone, and everyone can believe in Jesus. You are the best, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."

## Make It Stick

### Paul's Story

- **What You Need:** "Mean Paul Face," "Happy Paul Face," and "Story Reference Sticker" labels, jumbo craft sticks; and tape or glue sticks
- **What You Do:** Give each child a jumbo craft stick, a "Mean Paul Face" and a "Happy Paul Face". Assist them in gluing one face to each end of the craft stick. Give them a "Story Reference Sticker" to put in the center of the craft stick. The children will use their completed story sticks while you review together.
- **What You Say:** "We learned about Paul in today's Bible story. First, we need to make Paul's mean face. *(Point to "Mean Paul Face" and give one copy with a craft stick to each child.)* Paul has a mean face in this picture. Let's glue it to one end of our craft stick. *(Help children if needed.)* Good job! Now, we need to make Paul's happy face. *(Point to "Happy Paul Face" and give one copy to each child.)* Paul has a happy face in this picture. Let's glue it to the other end of our craft stick. *(Help children if needed.)* Your story sticks look great! Now, let's put this sticker in the middle of our craft stick. *(Give each child a "Story Reference Sticker.")* Now we can flip Paul's mean face and happy face like this *(demonstrate)* when you share today's story with your family. Remember when Paul believed in Jesus, he stopped being mean and hurting people. Paul became happy and started loving people. Paul believed in Jesus, and we can, too! **Who can believe in Jesus? I can believe in Jesus!"**

## Dismissal

### Father's Day

- **What You Need:** Father's Day bookmark and crayons or markers.
- **What You Do:** Have children color the bookmark and write their name. (You will need to help many with their name.)
- **What You Say:** "Today we want to make a special gift for our fathers. We know that God is our Father and He teaches us to honor our dads. Let's make our dads a bookmark for Father's Day. You can give this gift to your dad, grandfather, uncle, or any special person in your life that helps you. Let's color it and write your name at the bottom. Great job, everyone!"