

Bible Heroes from Long Ago.
Introducing: The Apostle Paul (AKA: Saul)

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Saul meets Jesus.

Throughout this Activity Pack, you will see Bible verses with the name Saul and the name Paul. These are the same person. Saul was the Apostle Paul's Hebrew name while Paul was his Roman name. We will refer to him by whichever name is used in the verses displayed.

But Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison.

Acts 8:3

Saul loved God with all his heart but didn't believe in Jesus.

He persecuted any followers of Jesus that he could find,
thinking he was doing God a favor!

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Acts 9:3-6



Saul was on his way to Damascus with plans to arrest anyone he found there that believed in Jesus. Suddenly, a bright light knocked him to the ground, causing him to become blind. It was Jesus who was paying him a visit!

Saul is given a new mission!

Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

Acts 9:8-9







"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

Acts 9:13-16

God commanded Ananias to go to the house where Saul was staying to heal him of his blindness. Ananias was afraid to go, but God let him know that he had chosen Saul with a new mission in mind.

What did Saul become after his encounter with Jesus?

Determine the answer by using the chart below.

A-1 B-2 D-3 E-4 G-5 I-6 L-7 M-8 N-9 O-10 R-11 S-12 T-13

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Paul imprisoned & released in an Unusual Way!

So, what is a Gentile? A Gentile is anyone who is not Jewish.

After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

Acts 16:23-26

What??? After being beaten, and locked up with their feet put into stocks, they began praying and praising God! Could you do that if you were with them? I don't think I could! Then suddenly an intense earthquake shakes the prison, the iron doors all fly open and the chains on the prisoner's wrist all fall off! That must have been a God Thing!

The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house.

Acts 16:27-32

WOW! THE JAILER & HIS FAMILY WERE SAVED!

Decode the Secret Message

Use this chart to decode a secret message.

Example: Write A above all spaces that have a 1 underneath them.

1-A 2-C 3-E 4-H 5-I 6-L 7-M 8-N 9-O 10-P 11-R 12-S 13-T 14-W 15-X



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Paul stirs things up in Ephesus!

Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus.

There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied.

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

Acts 19:1-6

Once Paul told those who only knew of John the Baptist about Jesus, they were baptized in Jesus's name and received the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit had already been poured out on many new believers in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.

Before Paul left Ephesus, he upset a silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, who was the god their city worshipped. Demetrius and many others who made those small shrines were very angry with Paul because he was turning the hearts of the people away from Artemis and towards Jesus. The people no longer wanted to buy their silver shrines which was very bad for their businesses. Well a riot broke out, and Paul scampered out of town. You can read the whole story here: Acts 19:23-41).



Never sleep in church; just ask Eutychus!

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. There were many lamps in the upstairs room where we were meeting. Seated in a window was a young man named Eutychus, who was sinking into a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on. When he was sound asleep, he fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "He's alive!"

Acts 20:7-10

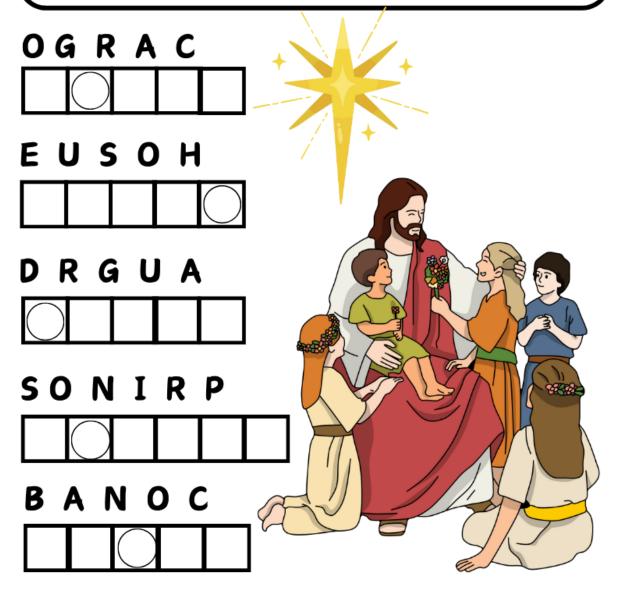
Paul talked all night putting poor Eutychus to sleep. Suddenly, he fell out of the third story window and died when he hit the ground. When Paul came running downstairs and put his arms around Eutychus, he came back to life!



Unscramble the words below, then unscramble all 5 letters in the circles to discover the answer to the clue.

HERE'S YOUR CLUE:

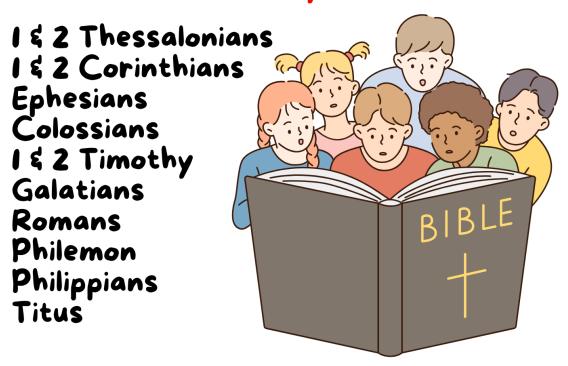
THIS IS A GIFT FROM GOD THAT IS UNDESERVED AND CANNOT BE EARNED.



This gift is called ___ __ ___.

The Apostle Paul would end up traveling over 10,000 miles, telling everyone he could about Jesus!

He would write 13 Books in the New Testament. They were:



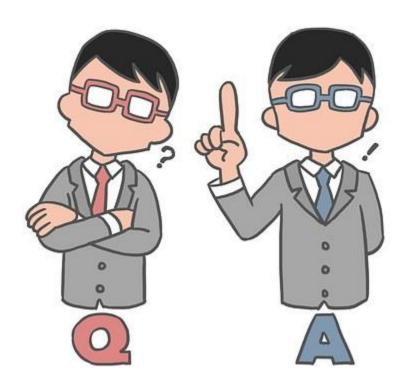
HE MAY HAVE EVEN WRITTEN THE BOOK OF HEBREWS!







Answer Key



What did Saul become after his encounter with Jesus?

He became God's Ambassador to the Gentiles.

Decode the Secret Message.

Sometimes a Miracle happens when we least expect it.

This is a gift from God that is undeserved and cannot be earned.

The 5 Words: Cargo, House, Guard, Prison & Bacon. Answer: Grace.

So Long for Now

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