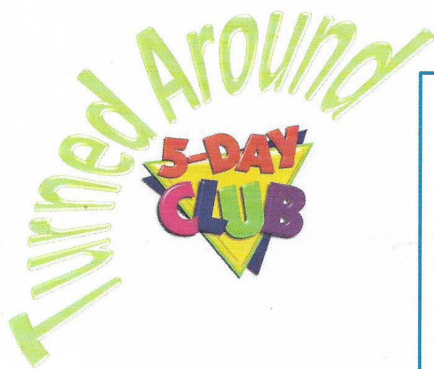




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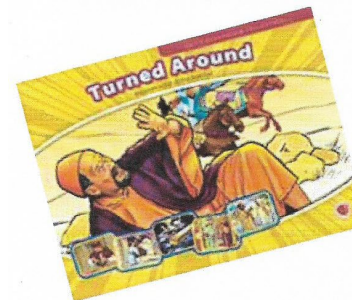
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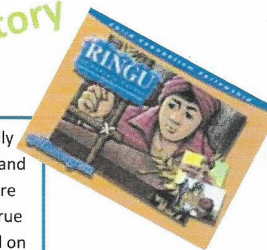
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This curriculum focuses on people in the Bible whose lives were turned around when they gave their lives to God. Through Bible lessons on Zacchaeus, Mephibosheth, Noah, the Ethiopian treasurer and Saul, children can clearly see their need for the Savior and His love. Teachings include living a changed life through Jesus, showing God's loving-kindness to others, listening to God and obeying Him, witnessing and following God's directions.



Our Missions Story

In Kurku, India, Ringu and his family live in fear of sickness, evil spirits and fierce tigers until missionaries share with them the power of the one true God. Through Ringu's story, based on fact, children can experience life in a faraway land and develop a heart for reaching the lost.



Day	Bible Lesson	Teaching Statement	Memory Verse	Main Teaching
Monday	Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10	God can change me!	Luke 19:10	The Lord Jesus Christ came to save sinners.
Tuesday	Mephibosheth 2 Samuel 4:4, 5:1-5, 9:1-13	God is kind!	Ephesians 2:8	God shows his kindness by making a way for you to become his child.
Wednesday	Noah Genesis 6-8, 2 Peter 2:5	The Holy Spirit is the Helper!	Ephesians 2:8-9	God, who is just, can rescue you from sin.
Thursday	Saul Acts 8:3-4, 9:1-22	God can save anyone!	Romans 5:8	God can save anyone who trusts in Jesus.
Friday	The Ethiopian Treasurer Acts 8:26-40	Tell others about Jesus!	Romans 5:8	You can believe on the Lord Jesus Christ today.

Turned Around: Zacchaeus



- **Scripture Text: LUKE 19:1-10 (King James Version (KJV))**

- [Luk 19:1-10 KJV] 1 And [Jesus] entered and passed through Jericho. 2 And, behold, [there was] a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. 4 And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycomore tree to see him: for he was to pass that [way]. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw [it], they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore [him] fourfold. 9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Turned Around: Zacchaeus



- **Scripture Text: LUKE 19:1-10 (New Living Translation (NLT))**
 - [Luk 19:1-10 NLT] 1 Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. 2 There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. 3 He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. 5 When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." 6 Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. 7 But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. 8 Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" 9 Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Turned Around: Zacchaeus

- What does “Zacchaeus” mean?
 - The *Book of Luke* in the KJV is translated from Greek text.
 - In Greek, “Zacchaeus” means “pure”.
 - Zacchaeus is derived from the Hebrew word “Zaccai,” which also means “pure”.

Lexicon :: Strong's G2195 - zakchaïos	
Ζακχαῖος	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
zakchaïos (Key)	dzak-chah'-ee-yos 
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
proper masculine noun	Of Hebrew origin, cf זַכַּי (H2140)

Taken from [BlueLetterBible.org](https://www.blueletterbible.org)

Lexicon :: Strong's H2140 - zakay	
זָכַי	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
zakay	zak-kah'-ee 
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
proper masculine noun	From זָכַי (H2141)

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A Verse to Remember



- **Luke 19:10 (KJV)**
 - [Luk 19:10 KJV] 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- **Luke 19:10 (NLT)**
 - [Luk 19:10 NLT] 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Questions



- What does “Zacchaeus” mean?
- What was Zacchaeus’s profession?
- Where did Zacchaeus go to see Jesus?
- Why did Zacchaeus climb the tree mentioned in Luke 19?
- Who initiated the conversation first between Zacchaeus and Jesus?
- Where did Zacchaeus go with Jesus after their initial conversation?
- How did the public react to what Jesus did with Zacchaeus?
- How was Zacchaeus changed by his encounter with Jesus?

EXTRA: A Parable from Jesus

- **Parable of the Ten Servants: LUKE 19:11-27 (King James Version (KJV))**

- [Luk 19:11-27 KJV] 11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this [man] to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, [here is] thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, [thou] wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give [it] to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay [them] before me.

EXTRA: A Parable from Jesus

- **Parable of the Ten Servants: LUKE 19:11-27 (New Living Translation (NLT))**
 - [Luk 19:11-27 NLT] 11 The crowd was listening to everything Jesus said. And because he was nearing Jerusalem, he told them a story to correct the impression that the Kingdom of God would begin right away. 12 He said, "A nobleman was called away to a distant empire to be crowned king and then return. 13 Before he left, he called together ten of his servants and divided among them ten pounds of silver, saying, 'Invest this for me while I am gone.' 14 But his people hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We do not want him to be our king.' 15 "After he was crowned king, he returned and called in the servants to whom he had given the money. He wanted to find out what their profits were. 16 The first servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made ten times the original amount!' 17 "'Well done!' the king exclaimed. 'You are a good servant. You have been faithful with the little I entrusted to you, so you will be governor of ten cities as your reward.' 18 "The next servant reported, 'Master, I invested your money and made five times the original amount.' 19 "'Well done!' the king said. 'You will be governor over five cities.' 20 "But the third servant brought back only the original amount of money and said, 'Master, I hid your money and kept it safe. 21 I was afraid because you are a hard man to deal with, taking what isn't yours and harvesting crops you didn't plant.' 22 "'You wicked servant!' the king roared. 'Your own words condemn you. If you knew that I'm a hard man who takes what isn't mine and harvests crops I didn't plant, 23 why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.' 24 "Then, turning to the others standing nearby, the king ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one who has ten pounds.' 25 "'But, master,' they said, 'he already has ten pounds!' 26 "'Yes,' the king replied, 'and to those who use well what they are given, even more will be given. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. 27 And as for these enemies of mine who didn't want me to be their king--bring them in and execute them right here in front of me.'"

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Turned Around: Mephibosheth



- **Scripture Text: 2 Samuel 4:4, 5:1-5, 9:1-13 (KJV)**
 - [2Sa 4:4 KJV] 4 And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son [that was] lame of [his] feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name [was] Mephibosheth.

Turned Around: Mephibosheth



- **Scripture Text: 2 Samuel 4:4, 5:1-5, 9:1-13 (KJV)**
 - [2Sa 5:1-5 KJV] 1 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we [are] thy bone and thy flesh. 2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. 4 David [was] thirty years old when he began to reign, [and] he reigned forty years. 5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

Turned Around: Mephibosheth



- **Scripture Text: 2 Samuel 4:4, 5:1-5, 9:1-13 (KJV)**

- [2Sa 9:1-13 KJV] 1 And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? 2 And [there was] of the house of Saul a servant whose name [was] Ziba. And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto him, [Art] thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant [is he]. 3 And the king said, [Is] there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, [which is] lame on [his] feet. 4 And the king said unto him, Where [is] he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he [is] in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lodebar. 5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lodebar. 6 Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, was come unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant! 7 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. 8 And he bowed himself, and said, What [is] thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I [am]? 9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and to all his house. 10 Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in [the fruits], that thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, [said the king], he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name [was] Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba [were] servants unto Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and was lame on both his feet.

Turned Around: Mephibosheth



- **Scripture Text: 2 Samuel 4:4, 5:1-5, 9:1-13 (NLT)**
 - [2Sa 4:4 NLT] 4 (Saul's son Jonathan had a son named Mephibosheth, who was crippled as a child. He was five years old when the report came from Jezreel that Saul and Jonathan had been killed in battle. When the child's nurse heard the news, she picked him up and fled. But as she hurried away, she dropped him, and he became crippled.)

Turned Around: Mephibosheth



- **Scripture Text: 2 Samuel 4:4, 5:1-5, 9:1-13 (NLT)**
 - [2Sa 5:1-5 NLT] 1 Then all the tribes of Israel went to David at Hebron and told him, "We are your own flesh and blood. 2 In the past, when Saul was our king, you were the one who really led the forces of Israel. And the LORD told you, 'You will be the shepherd of my people Israel. You will be Israel's leader.'" 3 So there at Hebron, King David made a covenant before the LORD with all the elders of Israel. And they anointed him king of Israel. 4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years in all. 5 He had reigned over Judah from Hebron for seven years and six months, and from Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

Turned Around: Mephibosheth



- **Scripture Text: 2 Samuel 4:4, 5:1-5, 9:1-13 (NLT)**

- [2Sa 9:1-13 NLT] 1 One day David asked, "Is anyone in Saul's family still alive--anyone to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 He summoned a man named Ziba, who had been one of Saul's servants. "Are you Ziba?" the king asked. "Yes sir, I am," Ziba replied. 3 The king then asked him, "Is anyone still alive from Saul's family? If so, I want to show God's kindness to them." Ziba replied, "Yes, one of Jonathan's sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet." 4 "Where is he?" the king asked. "In Lo-debar," Ziba told him, "at the home of Makir son of Ammiel." 5 So David sent for him and brought him from Makir's home. 6 His name was Mephibosheth; he was Jonathan's son and Saul's grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, "Greetings, Mephibosheth." Mephibosheth replied, "I am your servant." 7 "Don't be afraid!" David said. "I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!" 8 Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, "Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?" 9 Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and servants are to farm the land for him to produce food for your master's household. But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, will eat here at my table." (Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) 11 Ziba replied, "Yes, my lord the king; I am your servant, and I will do all that you have commanded." And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David's table, like one of the king's own sons. 12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. From then on, all the members of Ziba's household were Mephibosheth's servants. 13 And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king's table.

Turned Around: Mephibosheth

- Mephibosheth's change in situation can be better appreciated by studying his father, Jonathan:
 - See [1 Samuel 20](#)

Lexicon :: Strong's H3083 - y·hônāṭān	
יהונתן	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
y·hônāṭān	yeh-ho-naw-thawn'
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
proper masculine noun	From יָהוָה (H3068) and נָתַן (H5414)
KJV Translation Count — Total: 82x	
The KJV translates Strong's H3083 in the following manner: Jonathan (76x), Jehonathan (6x).	
Outline of Biblical Usage [?]	
I. Jonathan or Jehonathan = "Jehovah has given"	
A. a son of king Saul and a friend of David	

Taken from BlueLetterBible.org.

JONATHAN

Loyalty is one of life's most precious qualities; it is the most selfless part of love. To be loyal, you cannot live only for yourself. Loyal people not only stand by their commitments, they are willing to suffer for them. Jonathan is a shining example of loyalty. Sometimes he was forced to deal with conflicting loyalties: to his father, Saul, and to his friend David. His solution to that conflict teaches us both how to be loyal and what must guide loyalty. In Jonathan, truth always guided loyalty. • Jonathan realized that the source of truth was God, who demanded his ultimate loyalty. It was his relationship with God that gave Jonathan the ability to deal effectively with the complicated situations in his life. He was loyal to Saul because Saul was his father and the king. He was loyal to David because David was his friend. His loyalty to God guided him through the conflicting demands of his human relationships. • The conflicting demands of our relationships challenge us as well. If we attempt to settle these conflicts only at the human level, we will be constantly dealing with a sense of betrayal. But if we communicate to our friends that our ultimate loyalty is to God and his truth, many of our choices will be much clearer. The truth in his Word, the Bible, will bring light to our decisions. Do those closest to you know who has your greatest loyalty?

Strengths and accomplishments	• Brave, loyal, and a natural leader • The closest friend David ever had • Depended on God
Lessons from his life	• Loyalty is one of the strongest parts of courage • An allegiance to God puts all other relationships in perspective • Great friendships are costly
Vital statistics	• Occupation: Military leader • Relatives: Father: Saul. Mother: Ahinoam. Brothers: Malkishua, Abinadab, Ishbosheth (and possibly Ishvi). Sisters: Merab, Michal. Son: Mephibosheth.
Key verse	"How I weep for you, my brother Jonathan! Oh, how much I loved you! And your love for me was deep, deeper than the love of women!" (2 Sam 1:26).

Jonathan's story is told in 1 Samuel 13–31. He is also mentioned in 2 Samuel 9.

Taken from the *Chronological Life Application Study Bible (NLT), Second Edition*, p. 455.

Turned Around: Mephibosheth

- What does “Mephibosheth” mean?
 - In Hebrew, “Mephibosheth” means “exterminating the idols” or “out of my mouth proceeds reproach [disapproval].”
 - This Mephibosheth is not to be confused with Saul’s son of the same name who was executed for Saul’s crimes against the Gibeonites (see [2 Samuel 21:7-8](#)). See also [Eaton’s Bible Dictionary entry via BlueLetterBible.org](#).

Lexicon :: Strong's H4648 - מִפְּיבֹשֶׁת

Transliteration	Pronunciation
mîp̄p̄bōšêṯ	mef-ee-bo'-sheth
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
proper masculine noun	Probably from פָּאָה (H6284) and בִּשָּׁת (H1322)

KJV Translation Count — Total: 15x

The KJV translates Strong's H4648 in the following manner: Mephibosheth (15x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

/. Mephibosheth = "exterminating the idol"

Taken from [BlueLetterBible.org](#)

Dictionaries :: Mephibosheth

Below are articles from the following dictionary:

- Hitchcock's Bible Names Dictionary

Hitchcock's Bible Names Dictionary

Mephibosheth:
out of my mouth proceeds reproach

Taken from [BlueLetterBible.org](#)

A Verse to Remember



- **Ephesians 2:8 (KJV)**

- [Eph 2:8 KJV] 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God:

- **Ephesians 2:8 (NLT)**

- [Eph 2:8 NLT] 8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

Questions



- What does “Mephibosheth” mean?
- Who was Mephibosheth’s father?
- What was Mephibosheth’s condition prior to David’s actions?
- What did King David do for Mephibosheth?
- Why did King David show Mephibosheth so much favor?
- How does Mephibosheth’s turn around remind you of God’s unmerited favor towards you through Christ Jesus?

Let's Play!



- **GET TO THE POINTS!**

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Turned Around: Noah



- **Scripture Text: Genesis 6–8, 2 Peter 2:5 (NLT)**
 - [Genesis 6](#)
 - [Genesis 7](#)
 - [Genesis 8](#)
 - [2Pe 2:5 NLT] 5 And God did not spare the ancient world--except for Noah and the seven others in his family. Noah warned the world of God's righteous judgment. So God protected Noah when he destroyed the world of ungodly people with a vast flood.

Turned Around: Noah

- What does “Noah” mean?
 - In Hebrew, “Noah” means “rest”.
- The story of Noah reveals how God’s favor can preserve believers even when destruction occurs due to sin.
- God can be a help to believers even during times of chastisement.

Lexicon :: Strong's H5146 - *nōah* Aa

נֹחַ

Transliteration	Pronunciation
<i>nōah</i>	no'-akh 🔊
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
proper masculine noun	The same as נָחַ (H5118)

Dictionary Aids

TWOT Reference: 1323b

KJV Translation Count — Total: 46x

The KJV translates Strong's H5146 in the following manner: Noah (46x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. Noah = "rest"

A. son of Lamech, father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth; builder of the ark which saved his family from the destruction of the world which God sent on the world by the flood; became the new seminal head of mankind because his family were the only survivors of the flood

Taken from [BlueLetterBible.org](https://www.blueletterbible.org)

Verses to Remember



- **Ephesians 2:8-9 (KJV)**

- [Eph 2:8-9 KJV] 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

- **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)**

- [Eph 2:8-9 NLT] 8 God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Questions



- How did God feel about humanity during Noah's time?
- How did God show favor to Noah?
- What does "Noah" mean?
- How old was Noah when the flood covered the earth?
- For how many days did the flood waters cover the earth?
- How old was Noah when God instructed him to leave the boat?
- What promise did God make in relation to all living things and the human race?

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Turned Around: Saul



- **Scripture Text: Acts 8:3-4, 9:1-22 (NLT)**

- [Act 8:3-4 NLT] 3 But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. 4 But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went.
- [Acts 9:1-22](#)

Turned Around: Saul

- What does “Saul” mean?
 - In Hebrew and Greek, “Saul” means “desired”.

Lexicon :: Strong's H7586 - שָׁאֻל

שָׁאֻל

Transliteration	Pronunciation
šā'ûl	shaw-ool'

Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
proper masculine noun	Pass part of שָׁאֻל (H7592)

KJV Translation Count — Total: 406x

The KJV translates Strong's H7586 in the following manner: Saul (399x), Shaul (7x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. Saul or Shaul = "desired"

Taken from [BlueLetterBible.org](https://www.blueletterbible.org)

Lexicon :: Strong's G4569 - σαῦλος

σαῦλος

Transliteration	Pronunciation
saulos (Key)	sow'-los

Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
proper masculine noun	Of Hebrew origin, the same as Σαούλ (G4549)

Greek Inflections of σαῦλος [?]

mGNT 15x in 4 unique form(s)	TR 17x in 4 unique form(s)	LXX 0x in 0 unique form(s)
σαῦλον — 4x		Σαύλου — 2x
σαῦλος — 8x		Σαύλω — 1x

KJV Translation Count — Total: 17x

The KJV translates Strong's G4569 in the following manner: Saul (17x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. Saul = "desired"

A. the Jewish name of the apostle Paul

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Turned Around: Saul

- **Saul's turn around teaches us many things:**
 - God has ways of getting our attention.
 - God can use whoever He chooses, even His harshest critics.
 - The Holy Spirit can change our hearts so that we are born again.
 - God also uses other believers to help encourage each other.

EXTRA: A Word About Baptism

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Baptism:

It is well known that ablution or bathing was common in most ancient nations as a preparation for prayers and sacrifice or as expiatory of sin. In warm countries this connection is probably even closer than in colder climates; and hence the frequency of ablution in the religious rites throughout the East. Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is the rite or ordinance by which persons are admitted into the Church of Christ. It is the public profession of faith and discipleship. Baptism signifies-

- (1.) A confession of faith in Christ;
- (2.) A cleansing or washing of the soul from sin;
- (3.) A death to sin and a new life in righteousness.

The mode and subjects of baptism being much-controverted subjects, each one can best study them in the works devoted to those questions. The command to baptize was co-extensive with the command to preach the gospel. All nations were to be evangelized; and they were to be made disciples, admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, by baptism (Matthew 28:19). It appears to have been a kind of transition from the Jewish baptism to the Christian. The distinction between John's baptism and Christian baptism appears in the case of Apollos (Acts 18:26-27) and of the disciples at Ephesus mentioned (Acts 19:1-6). We cannot but draw from this history the inference that in Christian baptism there was a deeper spiritual significance.

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Lexicon :: Strong's G907 - baptizō	
βαπτίζω	
Transliteration	Pronunciation
baptizō (Key)	bap-tid'-zo 
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
verb	From a derivative of βάπτω (G911)

- Also see [John 3:1–21](#).

KJV Translation Count — Total: 80x

The KJV translates Strong's G907 in the following manner: baptize (76), wash (2x), baptist (1x), baptized (with G2258) (1x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
- II. to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
- III. to overwhelm

Additional information from the Outline of Biblical Usage: "Note on Baptism in Ac. Baptism in water (such as John's) is distinguished from baptism with the Holy Spirit (i. 5, etc.). Those who receive the latter, however, may also be baptized in water (cf. xi. 16 with x. 47); and there is one example of people who had previously received John's baptism receiving Christian baptism as a preliminary to receiving the Spirit (xix. 3 ff.). John's was a baptism of repentance (xiii. 24; xix. 4), as was also Christian baptism (ii. 38), but as John's pointed forward to Jesus (xix. 4), it became obsolete when He came. Christian baptism followed faith in the Lord Jesus (xvi. 31 ff.); it was associated with His name (ii. 38; viii. 16, etc.), which was invoked by the person baptized (xxii. 16); it signified the remission (ii. 38) or washing away of sins (xxii. 16); sometimes it preceded (ii. 38; viii. 15 ff.; xix. 5), sometimes followed (x. 47 f.) the receiving of the Spirit." (F. F. Bruce. *The Acts of the Apostles* [Greek Text Commentary], London: Tyndale, 1952, p. 98, n. 1.)

This word should not be confused with *baptō* (911). The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (*baptō*) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (*baptizō*) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptising the vegetable, produces a permanent change.

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Questions



- What does “Saul” mean? What was his reputation prior to his “turn around”?
- Where was Saul going when he met the LORD?
- For how many days did Saul remain blind and not eat?
- Who did God send to Saul to help him see again? How did he initially react to the mission?
- What is the first thing the Holy Bible mentions Saul doing after he regained his sight?
- How does Saul’s “turn around” experience compare with your own?

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Turned Around: The Ethiopian Treasurer



- **Scripture Text: Acts 8:26-40 (NLT)**

- [Act 8:26-40 NLT] 26 As for Philip*, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." 27 So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, 28 and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 29 The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." 30 Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. 32 The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter. And as a lamb is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth. 33 He was humiliated and received no justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." 34 The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" 35 So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus. 36 As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" 37 "You can," Philip answered, "if you believe with all your heart." And the eunuch replied, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."** 38 He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. 40 Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.
- See [Isaiah 53:7-8](#) for what the Ethiopian Treasurer was reading.

*This Philip is not the Apostle who was one of the original 12 disciples. This Philip was one of the seven chosen to oversee the daily distribution of food by the early Christian church. (See [Acts 6:1-6](#).)

** Some manuscripts add this verse.

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- What is a “eunuch” in relation to this account?
 - There are several definitions. Definition (c) below applies to the Ethiopian Treasurer.

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words			
A-1	Noun	Strong's Number: G2135	Greek: <i>eunouchos</i>
Eunuch:			
denotes			
(a) "an emasculated man, a eunuch," Mat 19:12;			
(b) in the 3rd instance in that verse, "one naturally incapacitated for, or voluntarily abstaining from, wedlock;"			
(c) one such, in a position of high authority in a court, "a chamberlain," Act 8:27-39.			
B-1	Verb	Strong's Number: G2134	Greek: <i>eunouchizo</i>
Eunuch:			
"to make a eunuch" (from A), is used in Mat 19:12, as under (b) in A; and in the Passive Voice, "were made eunuchs," probably an allusion by the Lord to the fact that there were eunuchs in the courts of the Herods, as would be well known to His hearers.			

Taken from BlueLetterBible.org.

Turned Around: The Ethiopian Treasurer



- The Ethiopian Treasurer's "turn around" experience reveals:
 - the importance of reading the Holy Scriptures.
 - one should not let not understanding the Holy Scriptures deter them from seeking understanding. God will send help to you through the Holy Spirit. (See [John 14:26](#).)
 - anytime is good time to be baptized in Christ.
 - a single encounter between believers can make a big difference in their lives.

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Questions



- What is a “eunuch” in the context of Ethiopian Treasurer?
- What was the Ethiopian Treasurer’s dilemma?
- Who did God send to help the Ethiopian Treasurer?
- From what text was the Ethiopian Treasurer reading?
- How did the Ethiopian Treasurer react to the help he received?
- Have you ever had an experience like that of the Ethiopian Treasurer? Have you ever been of assistance to someone have such an experience?

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