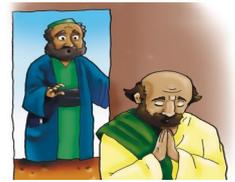


Explore Club at Home

ExploreSaul meets Jesus



Overview:

It was a hard time for Jesus' friends. Saul was after them, trying to put them in prison. One day Saul was on the way to Damascus when there was a flash of light. He fell down and heard a voice saying 'Saul.' 'Who are you?' he asked. 'I am Jesus'. Saul found he couldn't see.

He was led into Damascus and for three days didn't eat or drink until a man called Ananias placed his hands on him. Then Saul could see again. He became a friend of Jesus and was baptised. God gave him a new name—Paul! He travelled around lots of different countries, telling people about Jesus. He also wrote many letters, many of which we can read in the Bible.

Hello to all the children who usually attend our Explore Clubs in Primary Schools. This is the last Explore at Home for this term, so we hope you have a lovely Summer.



Find out more:

In the Bible in the book of Acts, Chapter 9 verses 1-21 (if you don't have a Bible at home you can read it at www.biblegateway.com)

Also you can watch this story at -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIXFy3zjJh4>



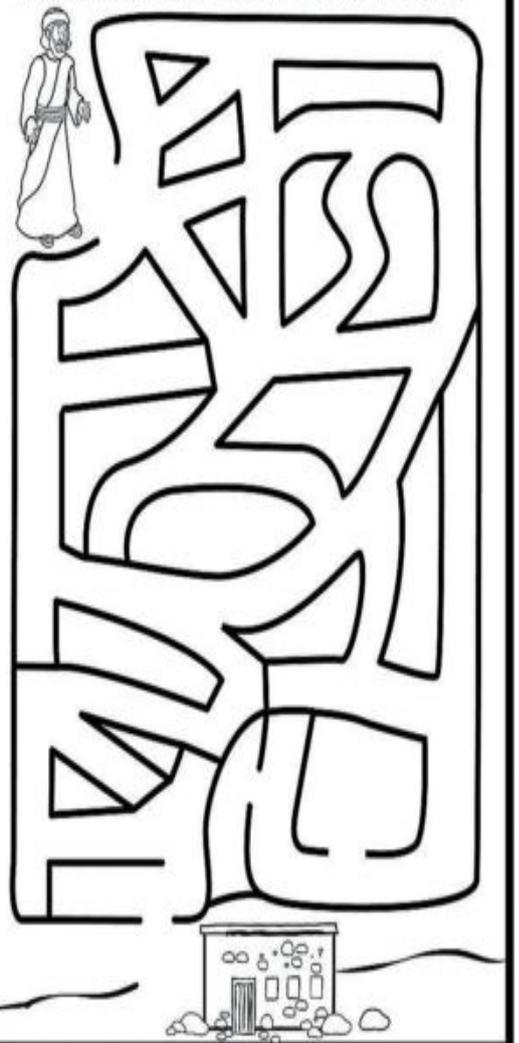
Questions:

- Make a list of surprising things that happen in this story.
- What sort of man was Saul at the start of the story?
- Why do you think Saul was so mean to Jesus' followers?
- How did Saul change after he met Jesus?

Have you changed at all during lockdown? Is there anything you'd like to change now?

Activity 1—Maze

Help Ananias find the house where Saul was staying .



Activity 2—Fill in the Blanks and Colour in



"Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?"

Saul was _____ by a light from heaven.

_____ spoke to Saul when he fell to the ground.

Ananias was _____ of Saul, because he had harmed many believers.

God told Ananias to go to a _____ where Saul was staying. Ananias _____ God.

Word Bank: house God obeyed blinded afraid

Activity 5 — Craft idea—Flip-over Paul

You will need: Card/paper, colouring pens/pencils, glue, felt (optional)

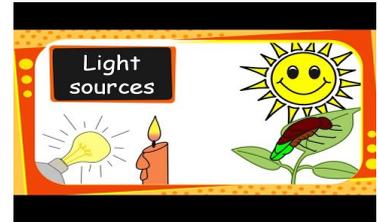
Cut a piece of card/paper into a body shape and cut two felt robe shapes (use card/paper if you don't have felt).

Decorate one side to show the kind of person Paul was before he met Jesus. His name was even different! He was called Saul and he was mean to Christians. Show this with an angry face and a sword. Now, flip over the card body and decorate a new Paul. Now Paul is happy and he is holding a Bible instead of a sword.



Activity 3 — Finding Light

In the story, Saul saw a flash of light. In your house or garden, find as many things as possible that give light e.g. torch, candle, car headlights.



Activity 4 — Play a game

Game 1—Cup Game

You will need:

10 or 12 plastic cups, or hard to break cups

Timer - watch or phone



How to play:

Set up the cups on a table. When the timer starts, turn all cups upside down. Measure how long it took. If there is more than one player, time the next player too. Who can turn the cups the fastest? Why not try again to improve your time.

This game reminds us that Saul changed completely after he met Jesus!

Game 2—Have Fun with your Name

You will need: paper and pencil

How to play:

- Write your name at the top of the paper.
- Change the letters of your name around to create funny new names for yourself.
- Write them on the paper.

This game reminds us that Saul was given a new name (Paul)!

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