

## Friends of Jesus and Mary Amigos de Jesús y María



## Drama of The Conversion of Paul, (Acts 9: 1-19) Feast Day January 25

**NARRATOR:** Now Saul, still breathing murderous threats against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him:

**SAUL:** Will you give me letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so I may search for the men or women who belong to the Way, and bring them back to Jerusalem in chains?

**NARRATOR:** On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him,

JESUS: "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

**SAUL:** "Who are you, sir?"

**JESUS:** "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city and you will be told what you must do."

**NARRATOR:** The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, for they heard the voice but could see no one. Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could see nothing.

**SAUL:** I can't see! I can't see!

**NARRATOR:** So, they led him by the hand and brought him to Damascus. For three days he was unable to see, and he neither ate nor drank. There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision,

JESUS: "Ananias."

ANANIAS: "Here I am, Lord."

**JESUS:** "Get up and go to the street called Straight and ask at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is there praying, and in a vision, he has seen a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, that he may regain his sight."

**ANANIAS:** "Lord, I have heard from many sources about this man, what evil things he has done to your holy ones in Jerusalem. And here he has authority from the chief priests to imprison all who call upon your name."

**JESUS:** "Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before Gentiles, kings, and Israelites, and I will show him what he will have to suffer for my name."

NARRATOR: So, Ananias went and entered the house; laying his hands on him, he said,

**ANANIAS:** "Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the holy Spirit."

**NARRATOR:** Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized, and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength. He stayed some days with the disciples in Damascus, and he began at once to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.

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## When I make a mistake, Heavenly Father invites me to change (Acts 9:1-20).

Color the figures and cut them out. Attach the figures to opposite sides of a stick to make a puppet. Use the puppet to tell the story of Saul's conversion.

Explain that after his conversion, Saul became known as Paul.

