




Saturday Mornings May – Blinded into seeing

Activity	Equipment	Instructions	Discussion	Picture
<p>1. Over the walls</p>	<p>strips of card glue string hole punch figure to represent Saul</p>	<p>Glue strips across top panel, leaving a gap. Create a basket-weave design. Glue edges in place Punch holes in the corner Thread string through each one. Draw the four corners upwards to create a basket shape. Tie the string together. Attach more string to the hanging basket Pop your Saul figure inside. Hang up to remember the walls of Damascus.</p>	<p>Talk about why you think the Christians in Damascus decided to trust Saul and went to such lengths to try to help him.</p>	
<p>2. Conversion mask</p>	<p>Template Colouring pens Lolly stick Glue Wax/greaseproof paper Scissors</p>	<p>Print the template on card. Colour both faces and cut out. Glue a large lolly stick to the back of one of the faces. Glue the second head to the other side of the first one. Trace the outline of both eyes onto the wax paper. Cut out the eyes from the wax paper. Finally glue the wax paper eyes onto the eyes of the sad face.</p>	<p>Talk about what you think Saul might have learned from this experience of being led by others that helped him become a follower of Jesus</p>	

<p>3. Fish scales</p>	<p>Rice cakes Peanut butter Banana Smarties</p>	<p>Cut one of the rice cakes into quarters, then cut a small piece of the pointy end off. Spread a whole rice cake and one of the triangle slices with peanut butter. Use a small amount of peanut butter to stick the triangle piece to one side of the whole rice cake. Cut the banana into slices, then cut the slices in half so you have half circle shapes. Arrange the banana slices onto the rice cake with the flat side facing the tail to look like scales, and one slice on the tail. Place a smartie on the front of the "fish" on the side opposite of the tail. Cut a tiny triangle of banana from a leftover slice and place below the blueberry for the mouth.</p>	<p>Talk about why you think Saul had to wait three days before God sent Ananias to pray for him and give him back his sight.</p>	
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Bible Stories Part 1 - Acts 9:3–18 (NIV, abridged)

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.' The men travelling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 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. In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, 'Ananias!' 'Yes, Lord,' he answered. The Lord told him, 'Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight'... Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord – Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here – has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptised. Saul went to tell people about the amazing power of Jesus, which confused the people of Damascus. Some of these people plotted to kill Saul and the guarded the gates to city to catch him. One night Saul followers lowered him over the city walls in a large basket.

