

Weekly pack 61 31/05/21

Saul escapes

Story and activities to do at home while we are unable to meet.

Don't worry if you don't do everything in here. Just do what you fancy and have fun!



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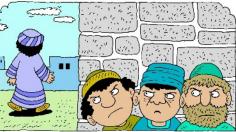
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New Living Translation

Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days. And immediately he began preaching about Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is indeed the Son of God!" All who heard him were amazed. "Isn't this the same man who caused such devastation among Jesus' followers in Jerusalem?" they asked. "And didn't he come here to arrest them and take them in chains to the leading priests?" Saul's preaching became more and more powerful, and the Jews in Damascus couldn't refute his proofs that Jesus was indeed the Messiah. After a while some of the Jews plotted together to kill him.



They were watching for him day and night at the city gate so they could murder him, but Saul was told about their plot. So during the night, some of the other believers lowered him in a large basket through an opening in the city wall.



When Saul arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to meet with the believers, but they were all afraid of him. They did not believe he had truly become a believer! Then Barnabas brought him to the apostles and told them how Saul had seen the Lord on the way to Damascus and how the Lord had spoken to Saul. He also told them that Saul had preached boldly in the name of Jesus in Damascus. So Saul stayed with the apostles and went all around Jerusalem with them, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord. He debated with some Greekspeaking Jews, but they tried to murder him. When the believers heard about this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus, his

hometown. The church then had peace throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria, and it became stronger as the believers lived in the fear of the Lord. And with the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, it also grew in numbers.

Acts 9:19b-31

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Simple version

Saul stayed with the disciples for a while. He started preaching in the synagogues about Jesus. The people were surprised because it was Saul who had been sending believers to jail. The

Jews plotted to kill Saul. Saul heard about the plan and decided it was time to escape. The city's gates were being watched so Saul knew he could not get out that way. He was lowered down in a basket through an opening in the city walls. Saul went to Jerusalem, but the believers were afraid and suspicious of him. Barnabas found Saul and took him to the disciples, they believed him after hearing his story. Saul started telling the people of Jerusalem about Jesus, but many people did not believe him. The disciples took Saul back to his hometown of Tarsus.





After reading the story together, you could discuss these questions as a family:

- 1. Can you think of things that people have to escape from?
- 2. Why do you think Saul wanted to tell everyone that Jesus is the Son of God?
- 3. Why do you think some people wanted to stop Saul from saying this?
- 4. Who would you want to tell that Jesus is the Son of God?



Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to the world. Thank You that Jesus is so special. Thank You for the people who told me that Jesus wants to be my friend. Amen.

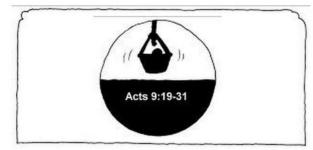


SAUL of TARSUS escapes

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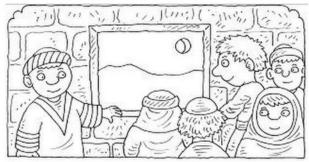
Illustrated by Richard Gunther



People were frightened of Saul of Tarsus because he arrested people who believed in Jesus. But one day his life was changed when God spoke to him on the road to Damascus.



He was so excited when he understood who Jesus was and wanted to tell the Jewish leaders Jesus Christ was God's Son, the promised Messiah. Everyone was surprised Saul was now a Christian.



God warned Saul not to leave the city through the gate, so he waited until it was dark and his friends took him to a window on the city wall.



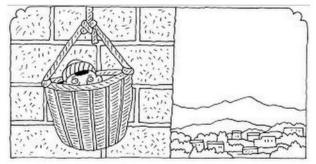
Saul walked along the road to Jerusalem, thanking God for keeping him safe. He knew that some people would still be afraid of him because he had arrested so many Christians.



Saul of Tarsus used to punish anyone who believed in Jesus until he became a follower of Jesus Christ himself and was baptised. He stayed with Christians in Damascus for a few days.



Many believed and became Christians too, but some of the Jews wanted to get rid of him. They watched at the city gate day and night, waiting for a chance to grab Saul and kill him.



They put Saul in a basket and very quietly lowered him down on a rope. He landed safely outside the city and they quickly pulled up the empty basket.



Saul began telling everyone about Jesus and Barnabas welcomed him as a brother. Saul became the Apostle Paul and a wise Bible teacher who wrote some of the Bible.

Escape in a basket



Can you sing?

Record yourself singing song of the week and ask a parent to post it to your group/club's whatsapp group if you are a member of such a group. Or why not film yourself doing some actions?



How about making a basket to lower a small Lego person from the top of a table or side of a chair?



10 things which change

Make a list of 10 things which change. eg. a caterpillar changes into a butterfly, water changes to steam or ice.



Damascus

Look in an atlas or on the web to discover where Damascus is and 3 facts about this very ancient city.



Jesus

He's alive!

How many different things can you think of to say about Jesus?



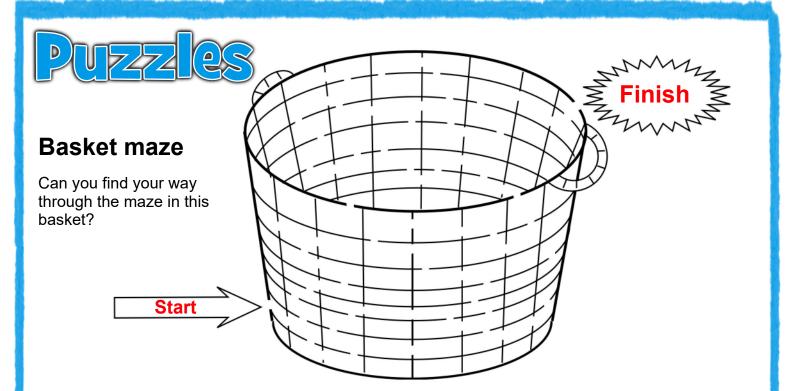
Video of the story https://youtu.be/ugBBCvTt7fU

> Video of song of the week https://youtu.be/c-CET6CIxp0





Cartoon https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_IsmzsFU5Y



Word grids

Use the path in the left hand grid to help you find the word in the right hand grid.

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Hidden verse

Can you find the verse hidden in this picture? Write it below.









1. Wrap the wool around the book about 50 times.



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Woolly People

2. Carefully slide the wool off the book.



To make you will need: Wool/yarn, scissors, hardback book (the length you want your person to be)

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3. Cut the wool so that you have a long bunch of wool pieces all the same length.



4. Cut some small lengths of wool, you will use these strands to tie your person.



7. Divide the strands of wool into 3 parts, the 2 outside parts will be arms (20 strands each side) & a thicker bunch in the middle for body & legs.



11. Repeat steps 8,9,10 to make the second arm.

16. Repeat steps

13,14,15 to make

the second leg.









8. To make the arm, separate the wool into 3 equal parts.



12. Tie 2 more strands of wool to make the body shape. Divide remaining wool into 2 bunches.



6. To make the head, decide

how big you want the head to

9. Plait the wool (cross the right section over the middle section, then cross the left section over the middle section. Keep the movement tight otherwise the plait will be too loose. Repeat



13. To make the leg, separate 1 bunch of wool into 3 equal parts.



14. Plait the wool until leg is the length you want.



10. Tie the arm tightly to

keep the plait in place &

then cut off the leftover wool.

15. Tie the leg tightly to keep the plait in place & then cut off the leftover wool.



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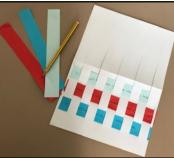
things you've done and makes you clean.

Basket prayer

Some people in the world have to escape because of difficult things happening in their country. These people are refugees. Damascus is in Syria where there has been a war for eight years. The people of Damascus have had to escape the fighting. They have had to leave their homes and try to find a safer place to live.

You will need: A4 paper, colored paper strips, scissors, ruler, pencil What to do:

- Fold the A4 paper in half
- Draw a line about 2cm from the bottom of the folded paper closest to the opening.
- Draw lines about 2cm wide from the line to the centre of the paper - the fold.
- Cut along the lines.
- Write a prayer for people in different countries who have to escape on one of the coloured paper strips.
- Slot the paper strip through the slits you've cut in the paper.





Tell everyone in the house

You will need:

Messages written on small pieces of card or paper

Write the name of each person in your home on a card. On the other side write a nice message e.g. Jesus loves you. We hope you have a fun day. Thanks for being you. You make me smile etc



How to play:

Each member of the household hides in different rooms. The 'messenger' will deliver a different message to each person wherever they are hiding in the house. The message must be given to that person named on the card, no one else. The 'messenger' will be timed taking the messages around. Everyone has a turn to be the messenger. The person who takes the least time to deliver the messages is the winner.



Teddy parachutes

You will need:

- A small teddy bear or a soft toy
- a plastic bag
- string

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What to do:

- Cut a large square from the plastic bag
- Tie a piece of string (25cm) to each of the four corners
- Tie the other end of the strings to your teddy bear
- Ask an adult to help you launch your teddy bear from the top of the stairs or out of a window.
- Watch it fly to the ground.



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I'm going to take (clap clap) a step of faith I'm going to put my trust in the Lord He has the power to carry me through If I listen carefully He'll tell me what to do I'm going to take (clap clap) a step of faith And put my trust in the Lord

I'm going to take (clap clap) a step of faith I'm going to put my trust in the Lord He made a promise He loves me so Wherever He might lead me He'll never let me go I'm going to take (clap clap) a step of faith And put my trust in the Lord

Greg Leavers Watch this song and sing along at https://youtu.be/c-CET6CIxp0 If you'd like a copy of the sheet music, contact Andy Hughes: ahughes@saintygymuned.org