

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church or download at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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Jesus Redeems

Part of The Big God Story

Acts 9; 26

Paul's Conversion

JUST FOR FUN

Go on a walk together as a family. As you're walking, ask your children to tell you things they know to be true about God. Remind them how much God loves them and wants them to be His. Back at home, read together **Acts 26:12-18** and talk about what happened to Saul as he walked to Damascus. Ask, "How did Jesus appear to Saul?" Discuss how Jesus changed Saul's life and redeemed him. Then discuss how Jesus redeems us too, and promises to change our lives.

Did You Know?

- Saul had a privileged upbringing and studied with one of the greatest teachers in Judaism.
- As a zealous upholder of the law, Saul led the charge of those opposing the message of Jesus Christ as Messiah. He traveled from synagogue to synagogue, imprisoning those who professed Christ as Savior.
- Saul's life drastically changed when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. Saul began speaking to the Jews and Gentiles of repentance and the resurrection.
- God gave Saul a new identity. He became known as Paul, an apostle of Christ. After Paul's transformation, he spent two years in prison, followed by house arrest. He served as pastor to the early churches through his many writings.

Remember Verse

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

Ephesians 1:4

You may find temper tantrums increasing at this age. Tantrums usually stem from frustration of some sort. One way to help curb these tantrums is to increase your one-on-one time with your child. Take the time to connect emotionally and to teach your child how to do the tasks that are frustrating him. This will help your child feel more empowered and less likely to act out.

Teachable Moments

After reading **Acts 26:12-18**, discuss the following together:

- How do you think you would feel if you were Saul that day?
- What do you think it means to *redeem*?
- How did Jesus redeem Saul's life, and how does Jesus redeem our lives?

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you know that Jesus has redeemed you and calls you His. May you live with joy and peace in this truth.