TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of Acts, there was a mean man named Saul. Saul didn't like people who followed Jesus. If he found a Christian, he would arrest them and take them to jail.

One day, Saul was walking down the road when suddenly a bright light from heaven shined in his eyes. A voice came from the light and said, "Saul, why are you being so mean?" Saul fell to the ground and said, "Who are you, Lord?"

The voice from the light said, "I am Jesus! Now get up and go into the city." Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he was blind!

There was a man in the city named Ananias. Ananias loved and followed Jesus. One day, Jesus spoke to Ananias in a vision. Jesus said, "Ananias! Go to Saul and put your hands on him, then he'll be able to see again." But Ananias was afraid of Saul. He said to Jesus, "But Lord, I've heard about Saul. He'll have me arrested for following you!"

Jesus told Ananias that he would be okay, so Ananias went to Saul's house. He put his hands on Saul and said, "Jesus has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with His Spirit." Right then, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again.

After that, Saul wasn't mean to the Christians anymore. In fact, Saul became a Christian. He changed His name to Paul and followed Jesus for the rest of his life.

THE BIG IDEA: MY CHURCH HELPS ME AND I HELP MY CHURCH BIBLE BASIS: ACTS 9:1—19

ACTIVITY: APRIL 26, 2020

TIME WITH JESUS (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a picture of someone who is sick, sad, or hurt. While they're drawing, ask them if they or someone they know is sick, sad, or hurt. Ask for details.

Say: One way we can help people at church is by praying for them. Let's say a prayer for the people we know who are sick, sad, or hurt.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by asking Jesus to help or heal each of the people who the children shared about.

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

