

PARENT CORNER

weekly

TODAY: JULY 12

Bible Story: Paul's Conversion *Acts 9:1-31*

Big Idea: Jesus changes everything

Focus: Jesus changes me

Memory Verse: "When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!" *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)*

Bible Story Summary:

Read *Acts 9:1-31, Ezekiel 36:26-27, Psalm 51:10, Galatians 2:20*

Saul was helping hunt down and arrest followers of Jesus. On the way to Damascus, he saw a bright light. Jesus spoke to him and asked why Saul was persecuting Him. Saul was blind for three days until a believer named Ananias prayed for him. Saul was healed and he began following Jesus. He eventually changed his name to Paul and became a great missionary. Paul preached the Gospel wherever he went and planted many churches.

He Question: How can Jesus change lives?

Jesus forgives sin. When someone trusts in Him, He takes their sin and exchanges it for His goodness. The Holy Spirit helps them grow to be more like Him.

We Question: Is there anyone Jesus can't change?

Anyone who calls on the name of Jesus and repents of their sin can be saved. No one is too bad or too far gone who can't be rescued by Him.

Me Question: What does God want me to know about Him and what does this mean for my life?

Kids will be given the opportunity to reflect on the truth they learned about God and respond accordingly.

Play a game of opposites. Ask your child the opposite of the following things: sunny, up, big, empty, hot. Now ask what the opposite of dirty is. Talk about how our hearts are unclean and dirty before we ask Jesus to forgive us. Tell them that Jesus makes our hearts new, cleaning all of our sin.

Pray for someone your family knows who doesn't know Jesus. Ask Jesus to help this person become a part of God's family and be made new.



DAY 1

READ *2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIRV)*

Just like a caterpillar changes into a new creature, this verse reminds us that we are a new creation when we become a part of God's family.

According to this verse, what happens to the old you and the new you when Jesus is your Savior? Unscramble the words for the answer.

The old is _____ (ngoe)

The new is _____ (reeh)

PRACTICE this memory verse as a reminder that Jesus changes us.

DAY 2

READ *Acts 9:1-31 (NIRV)*

Saul was putting believers of Jesus in jail. His was on his way to arrest some of Jesus' followers.

Jesus sent a bright light from heaven, and then Jesus spoke to Saul. After Saul met Jesus, he completely changed! He became a follower of Jesus and was completely made new. His sin was gone. Jesus changes you when you become part of His family, too!

Find the **WORD BANK** words from this story in the wordsearch.

WORD BANK:

Saul, Damascus, Blind, Scales, Persecuting

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KNOW that Jesus changes us.

DAY 3

READ Psalm 51:10 (NirV)

Before we ask Jesus to forgive us and lead our lives, our hearts are not clean because of our sin. But when we ask Jesus to forgive us, He gives us a new heart... and it's pure and clean. We are completely made new.

Draw 2 hearts. Color one dark.
Leave the other white.

This verse tells us that God gives us a clean, pure heart! He makes us new. Thank Jesus for forgiving your sins and making you new.

BE THANKFUL that Jesus changes you.

**HEY PARENTS
SIGN HERE!**

Have a parent sign your
completed GodTime.

Parent signature

Date

Return for 5 Bible Bucks!

parent CUE:

We want to let you know that we have an amazing opportunity for you and your child. We are learning the importance of giving (tithing) in UpTown. For many years the kids in UpTown have been caring for children through Compassion International and Forgotten Children Worldwide. We are currently sponsoring a boy named John that lives in Tanzania and a girl named Akeelo that lives in Uganda.

Our support will provide John and Akeelo with:

- Food to combat malnutrition
- Health care and immunizations
- Education and income generating skills
- The Gospel message and spiritual guidance
- The love and support of the church staff

Every week during Studio24 and Clubhouse, your child will have the chance to give an offering to help sponsor John and Akeelo. We pray that you will partner with us in this. Learning to have a heart of generosity will help your child grow to have a heart like Jesus.

DAY 4

READ Ezekiel 36:26 (NirV)

Did you know that Jesus gives us a new heart when we believe in Him? He not only cleans our heart that is filled with sin, but He replaces it with His goodness. And the more time we spend with Jesus, reading the Bible and talking to Him in prayer, the more God grows us to live like Jesus.

Take a moment and pray. Thank Him for giving you a new heart that wants to love and obey Him.

PRAY and thank God that Jesus for changing you.

at a GLANCE



Bibles-N-Bucks Shopping

August 1-2	3rd Grade
August 8-9	2nd Grade
August 15-16	1st Grade
August 22-23	Kindergarten
August 29-30	4th Grade

The Bibles-N-Bucks Shop will be closed during July for renovations.



Ways to Earn Bible Bucks

- Bring a friend 1 Buck
- Bring your Bible 1 Buck
- Recite Bible Verse .. 1 Buck
- Do your GodTime ... 5 Bucks
- UpTown Challenge . 20 Bucks

Child's Name: _____