

First Century Fellowship

Lesson: Are You a Saul, or Have You Become a Paul?

Summarized Content:

- **REVIEW:** The events of the Feast of Unleavened Bread...
- **Celebration of Easter (pagan holiday)** completely allows Christians to skip a yearly sanctification process (Feast of Unleavened Bread) and celebrate the “once saved, always saved” misunderstanding.
- **It is possible to be sincere about your faith, but not know TRUTH.**
- **Saul’s life (later Paul)** is a great example of the difference between sincerity and truth. After his conversion, Paul wrote 25% of the New Testament.
- **God has a 3 step process He uses with us...**1)He chooses us, 2)He “justifies” us through the Blood of Christ (Passover), 3)He “sanctifies” us by allowing a yearly time of self-judgment in which we seek to purge sin in our lives in order to overcome sin for as long as we are alive (Feast of Unleavened Bread).
- **God’s Truths we need to know:** 1)know who and what His church is, 2)understand the spiritual gifts, and 3)know the Gospel Plan to redeem the world

Scriptures:

- Acts 9:1-21 (Story of Saul’s Transformation)
- Romans 11:25
- Phil. 3:7-11 (written by Paul)
- Rev. 3:12
- Heb. 6:4-6
- 2 Cor. 4:4-7 (we are God’s light)

Activities:

Exploring God’s Word:

Warm-Up: *Start by playing a game where everyone says 2 things about themselves – one is a truth and one is a lie. Tell players to act sincere whether they are speaking truth or lies. As a group, guess which statement from each person is the lie and which is the truth.*

Review the summarized content.

Watch a YouTube video of Saul's transformation while younger children color or play with play dough. Follow the video by sequencing the events in Saul's story using the sequencing cards.

Read and discuss the scriptures listed above in order.

Understanding God's Word (choose from the activities below):



God's Truths Worksheet: Complete the God's Truths worksheet and discuss His process of calling and growing us in Him and His ways. Discuss how the Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread play into that process.



Truth or Myth Game: Create Truth and Myth statements and place them on index cards. Use red (false) and green (true) sticks to get everyone involved in answering the statements true or false.



Road to Damascus Game: With square sheet of vinyl and masking tape, create a "road" to Damascus from Jerusalem. On each tile, place either: Question or Surprise. Use two different decks of cards, one with questions about the story of Saul, and one with surprise actions to complete. Place children in small teams or have them move through the "stepping stones" to Damascus by using a spinner or dice and a small timer within which to answer the questions. The one to Damascus first wins!



Saul Coloring Page: Have children color the picture of Saul on the road to Damascus.



God's Light of Truth: Read **2 Cor. 4:4-7** with the children and explain how God wants us to be His light of TRUTH rather than just being sincere. This verse also explains that God's light will shine even brighter to others since it is within us and we are only earthly vessels...for this reason, they will now it is God's light (TRUTH) and not our own. Create votive candle holders, with either glass or clay.



Candle Magnets: Cut out pictures of candle in the dark and add a verse to it. Frame it with popsicle sticks, glue it to a small plaque, add a magnet. Coat it with Modge Podge for a shiny mat.