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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 33 • Session 1

PAUL BECAME A CHRISTIAN

Acts 9

**WHO CAN BE SAVED?
ANYONE WHO TRUSTS IN JESUS CAN BE FORGIVEN OF THEIR SINS
AND BE RIGHT WITH GOD.**

People in Jerusalem who believed in Jesus were persecuted. Stephen was even killed. A man named Saul had watched in approval when Stephen was killed. Saul wanted to put an end to the church.

Saul headed to Damascus to arrest believers there, but on the way, a bright light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. Saul fell to the ground. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

"Who are You, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus," He replied. "Get up and go into the city." Saul got up and opened his eyes, but he couldn't see! So the men who were traveling with Saul led him by the hand into Damascus.

Ananias (an uh NIGH uhs), a disciple of Jesus, lived in Damascus. The Lord spoke to Ananias in a vision. The Lord said, "Go! I have chosen this man to take my name to Gentiles, kings, and Israelites."

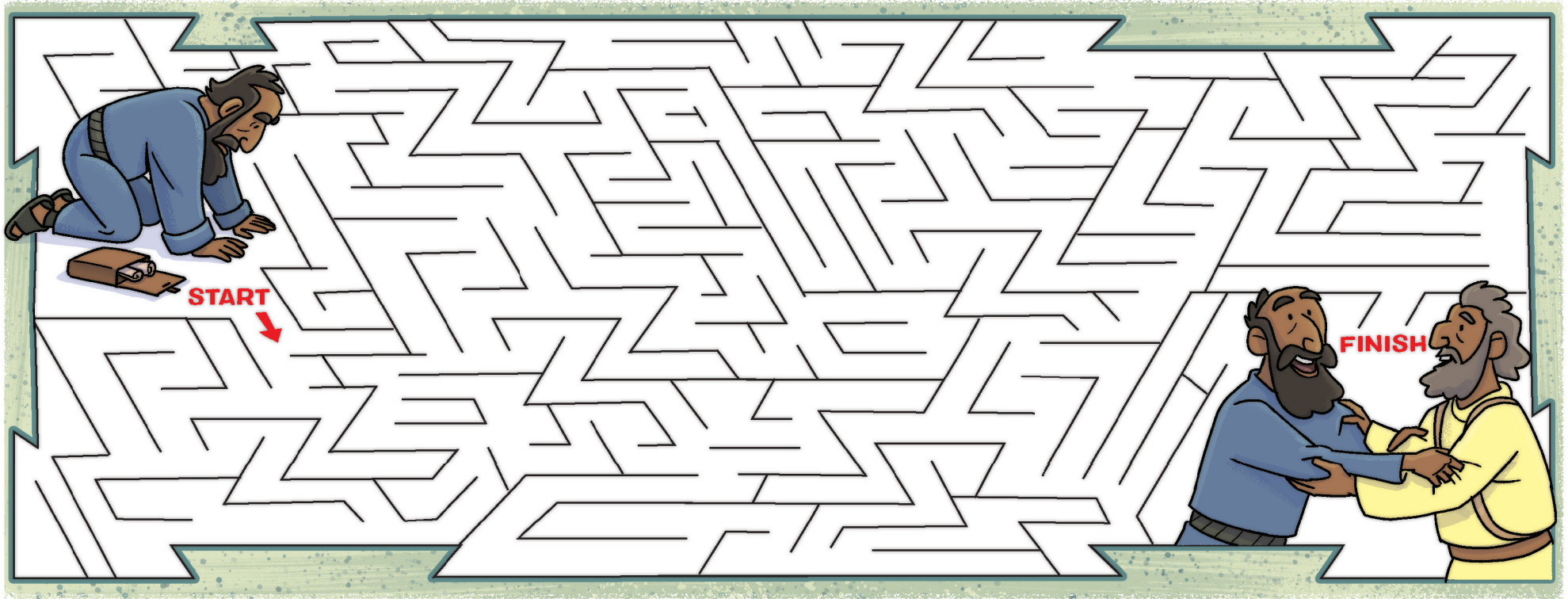
Ananias obeyed. He found Saul and told Saul that Jesus had sent him to help. Ananias put his hands on Saul, and Saul could see again. Saul got up and was baptized. He began to go to the synagogues to preach about Jesus. Saul told the people, "Jesus is the Son of God!"

The Jews planned to kill him, so one night Saul left the city. The disciples helped Saul escape by lowering him down the city wall in a basket.

Christ Connection: Jesus appeared to Saul and changed him inside and out. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15) Jesus called Saul, who was once an enemy to Christians, to spend the rest of his life telling people the gospel and leading them to trust in Jesus.

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To Damascus Maze | Saul was blinded when he met Jesus. Help Paul get to Damascus and find Ananias.



Timeline | Match the events on the timeline in the correct order of today's Bible story. Look up Acts 8:1 and Acts 9 if you need help.

- Saul persecuted the church and approved of Stephen's death.
- Ananias found Saul and put his hands on Saul. Then Saul could see.
- Saul was baptized.
- Saul could not see, so his men lead him by hand to Damascus.
- Saul began to preach in the synagogues and tell people that Jesus is the Son of God.
- A bright light appeared and Jesus spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus.

