

LESSON PLAN

SAUL SAVED

Acts 9:1-31

Lesson Memory Verse: Acts 9:6 - "And he trembling and astonished said, **Lord, what will You have me to do?**" (Grades 1 & 2 memorize portion in **bold.**)

Lesson Aim: To help unsaved children surrender to God and receive Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Lesson Plan: Use the KEY – HE – SEE – WE – BE plan (explained in the Introductory Notes).

KEY (for Attention): Let's talk about surrendering. Do you know what it means to surrender? Have you ever seen anyone surrender? (Let them answer if they can. Here are some examples, if you need them: (1) one boy gives up to another boy in a wrestling match; (2) a thief gets caught by a policeman and he puts up his hands to show he will not fight anymore; (3) a little girl stops crying when she is told by her mother to stop.)

HE (for Authority): The Bible says we are to surrender to God. We show that we have surrendered to Him when we obey Him. We also show it by what we call Him. If we call Him, "Master," that makes us His servants to obey Him. The same is true, if we call Him, "Lord," or "King." Let's read our memory verse in Acts 9:6 and see if Saul said anything that would show us that he had surrendered to God. (Saul called Jesus Christ, "Lord," and then he said to Him, "What will You have me to do?")

SEE (for Apperception) and WE (for Application): **PLEASE do not read these comments until you have read the Scripture for this lesson. First let the Holy Spirit teach you directly from His Word.** Saul's life shows us what it is like not to be surrendered and then what it is like to be surrendered.

I. Saul's Life When Not Surrendered (Acts 9:1)

A. He threatened and killed the disciples of the Lord (9:1).

B. He went to a distant city to persecute more of God's people (9:2). When Saul was not surrendered to God, he did whatever he thought was right and did not listen to God.

WE: When we are not surrendered we will be like Saul. We try to be saved our way. We serve God in our own way. We will not listen to God's words in the Bible with a surrendered mind. We want God to approve our way of doing things. As a result, we will get into trouble with Him.

II. Saul's Life When Struck by God (Acts 9:3-5)

A. God sent a great light from heaven and knocked Saul to the ground (9:3-4).

B. God spoke to Saul and asked why he was persecuting Him (9:4).

C. God showed that He Was Jesus, the one that Saul hated (9:5). When God struck Saul, he knew beyond a doubt that he had been fighting Jesus, when he persecuted His people. He did not want to believe Stephen, nor any of the other Christians, but now he had no excuse. He knew He was fighting Jesus Christ, the almighty God.

WE: If we hate or make fun of Christians that receive Jesus as their Savior, we are fighting God. We can expect God to strike us with sickness or some kind of serious trouble. There was a man in a foreign country that opposed a Christian leader and was going to have him killed. God caused this evil man to die suddenly. The next day or two an evil woman determined to have this Christian man killed. She suffered a heart attack. No one else wanted to attack this Christian man. They knew God was punishing the people who were trying to kill His servant.

III. Saul's Life When Surrendered (Acts 9:6-31)

A. Saul changed his attitude and surrendered to Jesus (9:6).

1. He trembled before Jesus.
2. He called Jesus, "Lord."
3. He asked Jesus what he should do.

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4. He was saved by Jesus when he surrendered.

WE: The greatest change we can have is to surrender to Jesus and be saved.

B. Saul changed his ways and obeyed Jesus (9:7-31).

1. He went into Damascus as Jesus had commanded (9:8).
2. He waited for three days until he was told what to do next (9:9). He waited without sight, without food and without drink. He was very obedient to Jesus Christ.
3. He was baptized (9:18).
4. He preached that Jesus Christ is the Son of God in the synagogues (9:20-22).
5. He suffered for Jesus Christ, but refused to stop witnessing (9:23-31). Saul showed by his great obedience that he had really surrendered to Jesus Christ.

WE: The more we obey Jesus Christ, the more we will show that we have truly surrendered to Him.

Although this lesson is centered on Saul's life, we can see that Ananias was also a surrendered servant of Jesus Christ. He was told to go to Saul when he thought that Saul might kill him, but he obeyed the command of Jesus Christ...and what happened? A great victory was won and Saul began to do a great work for God (9:10-18).

BE (for Action): Lead the children to surrender to God for salvation.

1. Have them admit that God is right when He says that they are sinful, lost and on the road to Hell.
2. Have them admit that Jesus Christ is God and He is the only one that can save them from going to Hell. He died on the cross to pay the penalty for their sins and He arose from the dead with eternal life that He will share with all those that receive Him as their Savior.
3. Have those who are ready to receive Jesus as their Savior to bow their head and pray their own prayer for salvation.
 - a. You can start them by telling them to say, "Dear God," and then have tell them tell God why they know they are on the road to Hell.
 - b. Then have tell Jesus that they hate their sins and want Him to save them from their sins and from going to Hell.
 - c. Now ask them if they believe Jesus heard their prayer and answered it. If they do not know, show them a Scripture verse on salvation and have them read it. Take it slowly and help them to understand it. When they understand it and believe it, have them pray for salvation again. After they have finished their prayer, ask them again if they believe God answered their prayer. If they give a confident answer that they believe God saved them, go to the next step.
 - d. Ask, "What should you do when someone gives you a gift?" (Thank the giver) Tell them it best for them to thank God for giving them the gift of salvation. When they thank God, it will give them more assurance that they have received God's precious gift.

Then encourage them read their Bibles and complete the worksheets that go with the lesson. Encourage them to talk to the Lord (pray) every day. They should remember to thank the Lord for their salvation every day.