

Saul's Conversion

Puppet Ministry

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Song starts out---Tell Me The Story Of Jesus

Woody----I am so upset, Charlie. Why I was just reading my bible and heard that Saul was an angry man who persecuted Christians.

Charlie--- You mean he was treating people in a cruel and mean manner.

Woody--- Oh, yes, and Saul was on his way to Damascus to arrest any Christians that were in the synagogues.

Charlie----I know what a synagogue is; it's a building used by Jews for worship and teaching.

Woody—Okay, Charlie, you think that you know everything. I hate to admit this but you are right, for Saul was thinking about how he could hurt the Christians as he traveled to Damascus.

Charlie-----I know that but when he got near the town there came a bright light that suddenly shone down from heaven.

Woody--- Yes, that is what happened and Saul fell to the ground. (Woody falls forward like he is falling) And a voice said, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

Charlie----Where did that voice come from? I am scared.

"Who are you, Lord?"

And he replied----"I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to fight against me. Go now into Damascus and you will be told what you must do."

Charlie----But when Saul got up from the ground, he was blind. Others had to lead him by the hand into the city.

Woody----I know, and then for three days Saul was blind and did not eat or drink anything.

Charlie---And then God told a man named Ananias in a dream that he should go see Saul. He found Saul and laid his hands on him, and Saul was able to see again.

Woody----Yahoo! The preacher told him to arise and be baptized to wash away his sins.

Song---Who Can Wash Away My Sins

Charlie---Yes, and Saul was sorry for the things he had been doing. He began doing the things that Jesus wanted him to do.

Woody--- So then after his conversion, what happened next
Charlie?

Charlie---Well, that is when Saul's name was changed to Paul, and he spent the rest of his life serving Jesus and teaching people about him.

Woody--- Oh, I get it -- he became a missionary to people all over the world.

Charlie---Yes, that is correct, my buddy.

Woody--- I hate to sound dumb but what is a missionary?

Charlie----A missionary is a person who teaches about Christ and, you know, just like Andrea, who teaches the Good News Club to all the children at Deer Creek School. (Substitute your own missionary names here if with a different church.)

Woody---Well, now if that is the case then Ann is a missionary too. (Again, substitute your children's ministry's leader's or teacher's name here.)

Charlie---That is right. And even the children can be missionaries.

Woody---I want to be a missionary also.

Charlie--Yes, just like Paul. Now the apostle, suffered many persecutions.

Woody--- Yes, Instead of being the person who hurt other Christians, he became persecuted himself for Christ's sake.

Charlie—Let's pray, Woody.

Dear God, Thank You for loving each one of us

and help us to love others even when they are mean and do not remember that you can change anyone.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Song plays---Onward Christian Soldiers all the kids get up and march with them. Will pass out musical instruments to march with puppets.

The End