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LESSON 1 – LIFE CHANGING EVENT (Acts 7:58; 8:1-4; 9:1-22 and 22:12-16)

MEMORY VERSE: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here. – 2 Corinthians 5:17

1. Who was Saul?

Saul was a Jew who was sent to mistreat Christians because of their belief in Jesus.

3. Why was Saul on his way to Damascus?

He had asked the high priest for permission to arrest Christians in Damascus.

4. What happened to Saul when he was on the road?

A bright light from heaven shone around Saul, and he fell to the ground. A voice asked from heaven said “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” Saul asked him who was speaking, and the voice told him that it was Jesus speaking to him. Saul was told to go to a city where he would be told what to do.

5. What did God say about Saul?

God described Saul as his “chosen instrument”.

6. How did Saul Change?

Saul went from being someone who hated Christians to being one of them. His name was changed to Paul. He went from being someone who tried to keep others from talking about Jesus to being someone who told others about Jesus.

7. What would you change about yourself to be more like Christ?

LESSON 2 – TURNAROUND (Acts 9:6, 20-31; 13:1-4)

MEMORY VERSE: Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. – Romans 12:1

1. Why were the people surprised to hear Saul preach about Jesus?

People in Damascus may have known Saul had come to town to arrest Christians as enemy of Jesus. So it was surprising to see this enemy of Jesus telling others to believe.

2. Why were Saul’s former friends trying to kill him?

They were angry Saul had believed in Jesus. They were still enemies of Jesus.

3. How did Saul escape them?

In the dark of night, Paul’s Christian friends tucked Saul in a large basket and lowered him through an opening in the city wall.

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4. How did the disciples respond to Saul's changed life?

At first, they were afraid of Saul because thought he was just pretending to be a Christian so He could kill them.

5. How did Barnabas help Paul (formerly Saul)?

Barnabas believed Saul. He took Saul to meet the disciples and told them about Saul's meeting on the road to Damascus. The church increased in numbers.

6. In your own words describe Saul before he met the risen Lord and How he was after he met Christ.

LESSON 3 – A GIFT FOR EVERYONE (Luke 2:1-20; Acts 13:22-23; Romans 8:3-5; Ephesians 2:6-8)

MEMORY VERSE: Today, in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. – Luke 2:11

1. Why did Paul say the Savior needed to come?

God sent His son in the image of sinful people as a sin offering so that we could be forgiven of our sins.

2. Why did Paul describe Jesus as a sin offering?

God sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we could be saved from our sins. Jesus death was very much like the sacrifice of animals in the Old Testament for sin.

3. What does it take to be saved by Jesus?

God's grace, through faith (believing) in Him. It is God's gift to us. It is something we can't earn.

4. How is the message for everyone?

Anyone who believes, repents, and is baptized shall be saved.

5. Why is so important that all people hear the message of Jesus?

So they can know that Jesus was a sin offering (a sacrifice) for them. So that can know that Jesus came to earth to die for our sins and accept God gift of salvation.

6. How many books of the Bible did Paul write?

Paul wrote 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament.

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LESSON 4 – STANDING FIRM (Acts 14)

MEMORY VERSE: Now it is God who makes both us and you stand in Christ. – 2 Corinthians 1:21

1. **What does it mean “following Jesus can be tough”?** (*Personal answers*)
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2. **How were Paul and Barnabas treated because they were telling us about Christ?**

They were beaten and mistreated – persecuted.

3. **Who did Paul heal?**

A lame man who Paul told to get up and walk.

4. **Why did they think that they were gods?**

Because they healed the lame man.

5. **Who was with Paul and Barnabas?**

God was with them keeping them safe.

6. **What comes to mind when you have problems?** (*Personal answers*)
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7. **Although Paul and Barnabas had many troubles and tribulations, what did they do?**

They went back to Iconium and Lystra to continue teaching Jews.

LESSON 5 – THE REST IS UP TO GOD (Acts 17)

MEMORY VERSE: so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. – Isaiah 55:11

1. **What happened after Paul spoke in the synagogue in Thessalonica?**

Paul and Silas were sent at night to Berea, where they again went to a synagogue to share the Truth about Jesus.

2. **What happened after Paul spoke in the synagogue in Berea?**

He spoke to the people in the synagogue, in the marketplace, and finally in the city meeting. The people in Berea were searching the scripture. They studied to see if what Paul was saying was true.

3. **What happened after Paul spoke to the people in Athens?**

Some believed and some didn't.

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4. **What was written on an altar in Athens?**

“to an unknown god”

5. **What does “guilty by association mean”? (Open answer. Student to provide and teachers will decide if points are awarded.)**

LESSON 6 - HELP IS HERE (Acts 18:1-23)

MEMORY VERSE: If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. – 1 Peter 4:11.

1. **Who did Paul stay with in Corinth?**

Aquilla and Priscilla

2. **What type of work did Paul, Aquilla and Priscilla do?**

They were tentmakers.

3. **What did the Lord tell Paul in a vision?**

“Do not be afraid; keep on speaking; do not be silent. For I am with you, and no one is going to harm you.”

4. **How did the Lord’s promise for help come true?**

The proconsul of Achaia refused to judge Paul’s case and drove the Jews off. So Paul was free.

5. **How did the Lord help Paul in this lesson?**

He gave him friends in Priscilla and Aquila; He gave him a job making tents; He spoke to Paul and encouraged him to keep speaking and promised to be with Paul; He helped Paul by getting the case against him thrown out of court.

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LESSON 7 - Power from God

MEMORY VERSE: You dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

1. What kind of miracles did God do through Paul?

Handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched Paul were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.

2. What happened when the sons of Sceva (See-vuh) tried to drive evil spirits from the demon-possessed man?

The spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?" Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.

3. Why did the people burn the scrolls?

Through Paul's teachings, the Jews and the Greeks living in Ephesus, came to know Jesus and burned the scrolls that contained sorcery (witchcraft).

4. What is superstition? Should we believe in superstition?

A belief not based on reason or knowledge.
Fear of what is unknown or mysterious, especially in religion.
No, we should not believe in superstition.

5. How did Demetrius feel the power of the Gospel had hurt the people?

The people no longer believed in the idol gods and they lost business from the sale of idols.

6. How had Paul's teachings helped the people?

The people believed in God and stopped believing in superstitions and idols.

7. What does John say is the test of true power?

This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God:
Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God.

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LESSON 8 - Totally Trusting

MEMORY VERSE: We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

1. Why was Paul going to Jerusalem?

The Holy Spirit had compelled him to go Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to him there.

2. What did Paul mean that his life was worth nothing?

His life was nothing to him and his only aim was to teach the good news about Jesus regardless of what happens to him.

3. What did Paul consider more important than life?

The good news of God's grace.

4. What object did Agabus use to make his prophecy?

He used Paul's belt.

5. How did Paul's friends respond to his plans to go to Jerusalem?

They wept and tried to talk Paul out of going Jerusalem.

6. What happened to Paul in Jerusalem?

He was greeted by "the brothers and sisters". Later he was arrested because some Jews claimed he had defiled the temple by bringing Gentiles into the temple.

7. Why can you trust in God when you face problems? (Personal answers)

LESSON 9 – A Witness on Trial

MEMORY VERSE: Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. 1 Peter 3:15

1. What did Paul say when he was on trial?

Paul said it was concerning his preaching about Jesus and his resurrection.

2. What did Paul talk about with Felix and his wife?

Paul talked to them about his faith in Jesus, righteous, self-control and judgement.

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3. How did Paul respond to the accusations made about him?

Paul said that their accusations were untrue. He said that he was a Roman Citizen and asked to be sent to Rome for judgement rather than being handed over to the Sanhedrin.

4. How can be prepared to tell someone you know about Jesus?

We attend Bible class, we study God's Word get to know Jesus for ourselves.
Pray for the person you want to tell about Jesus that they will be open to hearing about Jesus.

LESSON 10 – Telling What Jesus Did

MEMORY VERSE: At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Matthew 10:19-20

1. What did Paul tell Agrippa he had done for Jesus?

He said that he had obeyed the vision from heaven. He had gone to his people, the Jews and then to the Gentiles telling them about Jesus.

2. Why was Paul telling others about Jesus?

Because God had called him through a vision to tell others about Christ.

3. Why do you think Festus thought Paul was insane?

He probably thought Paul was insane to believe that Jesus rose from the dead and was still alive.

4. Paul was not afraid to share what Jesus had done for him with powerful leaders like Festus and Agrippa. What did Paul say he wanted for Agrippa and the others?

Paul wanted them to become like him: a Christian. He wanted them to believe in and serve Jesus.

Lesson 11 – Faith: High Five"

MEMORY VERSE: Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken." Psalm 55:22

1. What was Paul's encouraging message?

Paul told them God had spoken to him. The ship would be wrecked and run aground, but no one would be lost at sea or killed. He encouraged them to keep their courage.

2. If you were on the ship, how would you feel after you heard Paul's message?

Take all answers. *(Personal answers)*

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3. How did the people respond to Paul's faith in God?

They were encouraged and ate some food.

4. How did Paul's faith help the people of Malta?

Paul healed Publius' father, and when others heard about this, the sick people on the island came to see Paul for healing.

5. If you were on this trip with Paul, which of his actions would have encouraged you most?

Take all answers. (*Personal answers*)
