



God Makes Saul a "New Creation"

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God brings us
to faith in Jesus.



A man named Saul wanted to stop the people who believed in Jesus. Saul was on his way from Jerusalem to a city called Damascus. He planned to capture those who trusted in Jesus as their Savior. He was going to bring them back to Jerusalem where they would be put in jail and punished.

Several other men were traveling with Saul. As they neared Damascus, something wonderful happened. A light from heaven suddenly flashed around Saul, and he fell to the ground. He heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why do you want to hurt Me?"

"Who are You?" asked Saul.

"I am Jesus, the One you are trying to hurt. Now get up and go into the city. You will be told what you are to do." Saul got up, but when he

opened his eyes, he could not see. So the men led him by the hand into Damascus.

In Damascus lived a man of God named Ananias. God told Ananias to go to Saul. "Saul will be a missionary," the Lord said. "He will travel far and tell many people about Me. He will tell them that I am their Savior."

So Ananias went to Saul. Ananias placed his hands on Saul and prayed for him. Then something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. But the most amazing change was that Saul now believed in Jesus. After that, Ananias baptized Saul. Saul studied God's Word and began to preach the Good News about Jesus. He traveled to many places to tell people that Jesus is our Savior, who forgives our sins and promises us life in heaven.

Parents: Act this story out with your child. Stress that God has changed all believers from enemies to friends of God. In our Baptism God makes us His children through faith by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit also helps us tell others the Good News, just as Saul (also called Paul) did. God changes our hearts and our lives.