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| Surprise KIDS  **June 10 and June 14 Lesson** |  |
| |  | | --- | | ***MUSIC – SONG #1: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE, JESUS LOVES ME, AND MORE!!***  [***https://youtu.be/recdOYUmSRQ***](https://youtu.be/recdOYUmSRQ)  ***VIDEO of BIBLE LESSON: Saul’s conversion and escape, Acts 9:1-30***  [***https://youtu.be/W\_BaCLcVMeU***](https://youtu.be/W_BaCLcVMeU) |   ***BIBLE LESSON:***  **Theme:** When we meet Jesus, he transforms our life.  **Object:** A transformer toy  **Scripture:** They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy." Galatians 1:23 (NIV)  Do you know what a Transformer toy is? What a silly question! Most of you probably know a lot more about The Transformers than I do. The original Transformers gave kids the power to change a toy from a robot into something like a car, a boat, or an airplane. These toys have become so popular that they have been featured in comic books, TV shows, and even full-length movies.  These Transformers are only toys without any real powers but it may come as a surprise to some of you that there is a real Transformer who can totally change your life. That Transformer is Jesus! If you place your faith and trust in Jesus, he will transform your life into something that you never imagined. In our Bible lesson today, we will see an example of the transforming power of Jesus.  Many years ago, there was a man whose name was Saul. He was an enemy of the Church and he did many terrible things to the followers of Jesus. He was even part of a group that stoned a man named Stephen because he was preaching about Jesus.  One day, Saul was traveling to the city of Damascus to hunt for Christians so that he could have them thrown into prison. On the way to Damascus, a bright light appeared and Saul heard the voice of Jesus saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"  Saul answered, "Who are you, Lord?"  Jesus replied, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. I have appeared to appoint you as my servant and to be a witness for me."  After that meeting with Jesus, Saul's life was transformed. In fact, he even got a new name. From that day on, he became known as Paul and instead of trying to destroy the Church, he went from town to town preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus.  People were amazed at the change that took place in Paul's life. Wherever he went, people said of him, "The man who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."  That is what the transforming power of Jesus can do. Wouldn't you like to let Jesus change your life?  ***PRAY:*** Heavenly Father, we want to feel the transforming power of Jesus in our life. In his name we pray. Amen. ***CRAFT:*** [***PAUL'S CONVERSION MASK***](https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2014/05/13/pauls-conversion-mask/) This craft will help visualize the conversion of Paul for your kids.  Make sure you explain both sides of the mask when you tell your kids the story.  **Instructions**   1. Print the template on card stock. ([Template](https://craftingthewordofgod.files.wordpress.com/2014/05/pauls-conversion.pdf)) 2. Color both faces. 3. Cut out both faces. 4. Glue a large popsicle stick to the back of one of the faces. 5. Glue the second head to the other side of the first one, the popsicle stick will be between both faces. 6. Place a sheet of wax paper over the smiling face. 7. Trace the outline of both eyes onto the wax paper. 8. Cut out the eyes from the wax paper. 9. Finally glue the wax paper eyes onto the eyes of the sad   ***ACTIVITY #1: A NEW HEART*** white paperpermanent markermarkerscrayonscraft sticks, 1 per childSay • When we trust Jesus to forgive our sins and give us eternal life, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. He helps us become more and more like Jesus.Draw a large heart shape with a permanent marker on a sheet of white paper for each child. Ask kids to use markers to write words that describe Jesus inside the heart shape. Explain that the Holy Spirit works to make our hearts more and more like Jesus.Then, give kids a dark crayon. Ask them to color over the heart with the crayon. Explain that sin keeps our heart from being like Jesus.After the hearts are covered in dark crayon, show the kids how to scratch off the dark crayon with a craft stick to the reveal their designs underneath. Explain that Jesus takes away our sins and makes our heart new when we repent of our sins and trust Him. He helps us to love others with His love.Say • Jesus changes us when we trust Him as our Savior and Lord. How did Jesus change Saul’s life? Jesus saved Saul from his sins. Jesus wants to save all people from their sins, and He promises that He will save us and send the Holy Spirit to help us become more and more like Him.*ACTIVITY #2: MAKE PLAY DOUGH* Makes 8-10 small balls of dough:4 c. flour1-1/2 c. salt2 T. vegetable oil1 c. warm waterfood color (a few drops)waxed paper (optional)Gather kids around you and mix all dry ingredients and wet ingredients separately before combining in a large bowl.Give each child a small amount and guide them to knead it until smooth on a surface dusted with flour or a piece of wax paper.Explain that the dough has changed. It is no longer flour and water but is now entirely different.Say •When we trust Jesus to pay for our sins and ask Him to be in control of our lives, He makes us different and new. Jesus paid for our sins on the cross so that God would see us as if we have never sinned. Jesus made the way for us to have a relationship with God.This good news is for all people. This good news was for Saul, too. The good news about Jesus changed Saul’s life. How did Jesus change Saul’s life? Jesus saved Saul from his sin.   ***ACTIVITY #3: VIDEO: DOUGLAS TALKS: LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE***  [***https://youtu.be/f-EDzu3oeIo***](https://youtu.be/f-EDzu3oeIo)  ***PRAY*** | BIBLE STORY **Suddenly I See** Paul Becomes a Believer  Acts 9:1-9 MEMORY VERSE Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.  Hebrews 11:1  **LIFE APP**  Faith—Trusting in what you can’t see because of what you can see  **BOTTOM LINE**  Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.  **BASIC TRUTH**  I can trust God no matter what. |
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