

c|Life Preschool

Unit 2 Lesson 4: **Ananias Trusted God because God is Good**

Heartprint: I Can Trust God because He is Good

Memory Verse: Psalm 106:1

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Link to our video large group: <https://youtu.be/aJQlseY3VQE>

Song: God Said So

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuuQfamr2xU>

Activity: Trust your Guide!

Items Needed:

- 2 Blindfolds

Instructions: Split the children into two groups and have each group form a line. The first child in line puts on the blindfold while the next child in line guides the first by their shoulder to the other side of the room and back. When they finish their lap, the child gives the blindfold to the next child in line. Continue until all have had a turn. The group that finishes first wins.

Connection Point: You trusted your friend to guide you to the finish line. Do you remember in our story Ananias trusted God even though Saul had been mean before and hurt those who loved Jesus? Saul trusted Ananias. Ananias prayed for Saul. God healed Saul's eyes so he could see again. We can trust God too! We can obey Him in whatever he tells us to do!

Craft:

Items Needed:

- Saul template
- Scales template (optional)
- Colors
- Glue
- Large craft stick



Instructions: Give each child one Saul template to color. Once they have finished coloring, have them color the eyes (of the sad face) black OR glue on the scales if you prefer. Fold the sheet in half, apply glue to the back of one face and insert a large craft stick to the inside of the folded paper to make a two sided face.

Connection Point: When Jesus met Saul on the road to Damascus, a bright light shined in his eyes and blinded Saul. He suddenly could no longer see anything at all! He had to wait for three days for someone to come and pray over him. Can you imagine not being able to see for three days? What if we try to keep our eyes closed for 30 seconds?

Bible Lesson:

Items needed: Bright flashlight, one completed craft for the large group leader (or a child volunteer)

Memory Verse: “Praise the Lord! Thank the Lord because he is good. His love continues forever.” Psalm 106:1 ICB <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmFDRlgdCn4>

This week’s story is taken from Acts 9:1-19 & Psalm 71:15-16:

We have been learning that we can trust God because God is good! Just like our memory verse and song say. What about trusting someone you have never met and you can’t see? Have you ever tried to walk around in the dark? When there is no light we cannot see, but if the light is turned on, then we can see. In our story today a light was **so bright** Saul could not see for three days! He was blinded and something like fish scales covered his eyes. That sounds gross! Let’s find out what this is all about in this book (hold up Bible.) The Bible is God’s Word. The Bible is always true. The Bible is always right.

Let’s open our Bibles to hear about this true story from the book of Acts chapter 9:

Saul was very mean. Can you show me your mean face? Saul did not like the people who loved Jesus. Saul wanted to hurt them! That is terrible! Saul was walking on the road to Damascus (duh-MASK-us) ready to find ANYONE who loved Jesus. If he found them he was going to arrest them and take them to jail!

(Turn down light) While Saul was walking on the road with his men all of the sudden a VERY BRIGHT light shone in his eyes! *(Shine flashlight at the kids)*

(Turn lights back up) Saul fell to the ground. He tried to look around but his eyes didn’t work anymore; he was blind. He could not see anything! *(Everyone close their eyes!)* Can you guys hear me with your eyes closed? Good because when Saul was blinded, there was a voice calling to him saying, “Saul! Saul! Why are you doing things against me?” Saul asked, “Who are you?” The voice said, “I am Jesus. I am the One you are trying to hurt. Get up now and go into the city. Someone there will tell you what you must do.”

Well, Saul was unable to see for 3 days! Saul also did not eat or drink anything. I bet he was very hungry! Even though he didn’t eat or drink, Saul was doing something. He was praying. Do you think God heard Saul praying? Yes! God heard Saul’s prayers

Now there was another man, and his name was Ananias (an-uh-NIGH-us). Can you say Ananias? Ananias loved Jesus, and Ananias trusted God. God came to Ananias in a dream and said, “Get up and go help Saul. Saul is at the house of Judas and he is there praying.” Ananias was shocked. Shocked means surprised. Let me see your shocked face! Very good! Ananias said, “Saul is mean! He hurts those who love Jesus!” But God said, “Go! I chose Saul to do an important job.” Ananias believed and trusted God. Ananias got right up and went to Saul.

Can you show me your hands? Ananias took his hands and put them on Saul as he prayed for him. When he did this, you know what happened? (Hold up the craft showing the side with the scales and put a hand on it [or have a child come up and keep his/her eyes closed while you put a hand on his/her head.])

Ananias told Saul that God would heal his eyes, and Saul would be filled with the Holy Spirit.” (Say: *Open your eyes!* Remove your hand, turn the craft around to show Saul’s open eyes.) Saul’s eyes were opened and fish-like scales fell off his eyes! Saul was healed! Then Saul stayed there in Damascus for a few days and was able to fellowship with those who loved Jesus.

Ananias trusted God because Ananias knew that God is good. We can trust God too. When God tells us to go, we can trust that He has a plan for us and will take care of us.

Let's pray:

God you are good. You call us to go and show us where to go. Be with us this week as we listen and look for ways to trust you.

Questions:

1. When Saul was on the road to Damascus what shined in his eyes? (Light)
2. What happened to Saul's eyes after the light shined in his eyes? (blind)
3. What did Jesus say to Saul? (Why are you doing these things to me?)
4. Who came to see Saul after 3 days? (Ananias)
5. What happened after Ananias laid his hands on Saul and prayed? (Saul could see and he was filled with the Holy Spirit.)







