

Unit 8 Lesson 2 Jesus Helps Me Be Wise

Heartprint: **Knowing Jesus Changes Me**

Memory Verse: **Acts 2:25**

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Link for Large Group video: https://youtu.be/_ef4IfGfGHM

Song: *Hosannah Rock* <https://youtu.be/MaxH0gWwWH8>

Activity: Jigsaw Puzzle

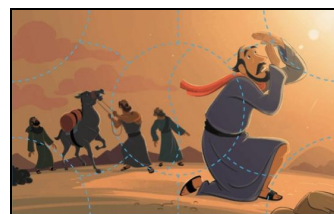
Items Needed:

- Puzzle pieces (printed on 11x17 paper) 2 per class

Instructions:

Separate children into two groups. Hand each group a set of puzzle pieces and have them work together to put the puzzle together.

Connection Point: Saul needed help to get to the town when he was blind. Ananias helped him. Then Saul helped the disciples be brave to go tell others about Jesus. God has made you guys smart, so you can help each other to put this puzzle together.



Craft: Knowing Jesus Changes Me color sheet

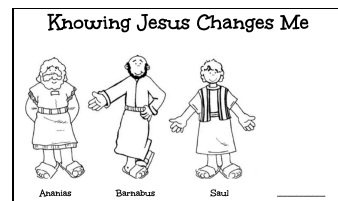
Items Needed:

- Color Sheet
- Crayons

Instructions: Give each child a *Knowing Jesus Changes Me* color sheet.

Instruct them to draw a picture of himself/herself at the end of the line. Write their name on the space below.

Connection Point: Everyone has to make important decisions at times. Sometimes choices are hard, and we need someone wiser to help us decide what to do. *God helps us make wise choices.* Also, we can follow our friend Jesus' example. Jesus had tough decisions to make when he lived on earth, and he always prayed to God to help him make wise choices. When we have tough decisions to make, we can do what Jesus did, and that's ask God for help. God will never let us down.



Bible Lesson: *Jesus Helps Me Be Wise*

Memory Verse: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." John 11:25 <https://youtu.be/-GY4I4u1pR4>

This week's story is taken from Acts 9:

Raise your hand if you ever helped a friend. I want all of us to think about a time we helped a friend or maybe a sibling do something they could not do for themselves.

In our story today, we see God call certain people to help others, all for His sake. See if you can find the friends in the story. At the end of the story I am going to ask you if you have a story about a time you helped a friend or a time a friend helped you.

Our story today is about Saul. Can you say Saul? Now Saul was NOT a friend of Jesus or his disciples. In fact, he hated them! Saul walked around with a very mean face trying to arrest Jesus' disciples and put them in prison. (Let me see your mean face!) The disciples were scared of Saul, he was a mean man. Saul was a bully, but he thought he was doing the right thing by being mean. Saul was very confused!! Who is going to be Saul's friend and show him the right way?

God sent Jesus.

One day, he was walking on a road with some men when all of the sudden a very bright light shone right in Saul's eyes and he heard a voice say "Saul, why are you being mean to me?" Well Saul had no idea who the voice was. Saul fell down, face to the ground, closed eyes and asked, "Who is this?"

The voice said, "I am Jesus, the one you are being mean to!" The voice then said "Get up Saul and go to the city." The men around Saul saw the light, but did not hear the voice. They helped Saul get up, but when Saul tried to open his eyes he was blind! Saul could not see anything! He needs to get to the city, but he can't see! (walk around with eyes closed)

Who is going to help Saul?

God sent the men.

The men helped Saul to the city. These are the same men who wanted to hurt those who loved Jesus, but now they just wanted to help Saul get to where God called Saul to be. For 3 days Saul did not eat or sleep. Saul was very weak and blind.

Who is going to help Saul?

God sent Ananias.

Can you say Ananias. It is a fun name to say! Ananias loved Jesus! He was good friends with the disciples. Well one night while Saul was suffering and weak, Ananias had a vision. God told Ananias to go to Saul and lay hands on Saul and pray for him, to heal Saul of blindness. Ananias was scared. Can you do a scared face? Ananias said, "Oh no, God! Saul is a very mean bully! He looks for all the people who love Jesus and he hurts them and puts them in jail!" God told Ananias to "Go!" He said, "He is my chosen one to tell people about Jesus"

Ananias trusted God. He went to Saul. He laid hands on Saul and prayed for him. When Ananias did this Saul was healed! He could see! Then Saul got up and ate, and he was not weak anymore.

Do you think Saul is going to go back and be a mean bully again now that he is stronger and can see? No! Saul went out and preached that Jesus is the Son of God and Jesus is alive! Say it with me, "Jesus is alive!" Saul no longer was a bully TO those who loved Jesus, Saul was a believer WITH those who love Jesus. Saul powerfully taught others that Jesus is alive. But now that Saul was a believer there were others who thought just like Saul used to and NOW they wanted to bully and hurt Saul.

Who is going to help Saul?

God sent some friends.

These friends helped Saul escape in a basket down a wall in the middle of the night. Those bullies were not able to hurt Saul.

But now Saul had another problem. He wanted to talk to the disciples, but the disciples thought Saul was still a bully. They were still scared of him.

Who is going to help Saul?

God sent Barnabus.

Barnabus was a good friend of the disciples. Barnabus could see that Saul loved Jesus and powerful preached the truth. Barnabus introduced Saul to the disciples so that Saul could learn more so he could preach even more powerfully about Jesus. But there were lots and lots of people who did not know anything about Jesus. It was hard to go tell people about Jesus because of all the bullies around. Everyone was scared to go preach about Jesus. The people needed someone who was not scared of bullies to teach them the truth, Jesus is alive!

Who is going to help the people?

God sent Saul.

Saul's powerful preaching helped lots and lots of people see that Jesus is the Son of God and Jesus is alive. None of this would have happened if God had not sent Jesus to Saul, Ananias to Saul, Barnabus to Saul, then Saul to preach to all the hurting people. Saul did a great job preaching, but now Saul is gone, and people still don't know about Jesus.

Who is going to help these people?

God sends you.

God gives us wisdom each day. He shows us the way to go and who we can help. We know that Jesus is alive. We know that because someone was a good friend and told us about Him. Who do you know that needs a friend just like you to tell them that Jesus is the Son of God and Jesus is alive. God is sending us to tell help our friends, to help them in the best way possible, to point them to Jesus.

Let's pray:

God, you are so kind. You call us to a faith in you then equip us to tell others the truth about your Son. The best way we can help others is to tell them the truth about your Son, Jesus. This week will you give us wisdom on who we can share Jesus with? Then give us the courage to do what you have asked us to do.

Questions:

1. Was Saul nice or a bully at first? (Bully)
2. Who stopped Saul and blinded him? (Jesus)
3. Who laid hands on Saul and prayed for his healing (Ananias)
4. Who introduced Saul to the disciples? (Barnabus)
5. Who powerfully preached to the hurting people? (Saul)
6. Who gives US wisdom on who we can help? (God)

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Ananias



Barnabus



Saul

