

THE THREAD | The Gospel At Work

Lesson 5: Saul's Conversion And Mission

Dear Parents,

Hello! We just wrapped up another lesson in our teaching students the big-picture story of the Bible through our study called *The Thread*. This week was the fifth of 13 lessons studying the spread of the Gospel and Christianity in a post-crucifixion/resurrection world. This lesson was entitled "Saul's Conversion and Mission." We dug into the story of someone who completely turned their back on a group he had been a loyal part of for a long time. Saul was a man on a mission. And suddenly, he jumped ship, switched sides, and his mission completely changed. So did his name. Some saw Saul (now known as Paul) as a traitor. However, as our students learned in this lesson, it was one of the greatest switches of all time.

Lesson Overview: As we progress through our look at the big-picture story of Scripture, this week, we're covering one of the coolest stories in Scripture. This is one of those moments in the Bible that rocked the world, even though, in this week's case, it might not have seemed like it at first. As we study Saul's conversion, students will be reminded of how amazing grace truly is. God can save anyone! Just as Saul was saved for a purpose, so are we. This lesson will help students unpack this truth and apply it to their lives.

What We Want Your Teenager To Learn: Understand that Paul was saved by Christ, moving from being an enemy of the Church to one of its most powerful advocates, and realize that God saved each of them so that they may serve Him and His Kingdom.

What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They've Learned: Identify real, practical opportunities to do the Lord's work in their context.

Scripture Passages We Studied: Acts 9:1-19; Ephesians 2:4-10

Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.

Next Steps. . .

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- What do you think about Saul's conversion experience? Does it seem more incredible than ours? Or can you see how every conversion is equally miraculous? Explain.
- God clearly saved Saul for a specific purpose. Do you feel like we have been saved for a reason? What is it?
- You talked some about your spheres of influence and how you can live out the Gospel in certain places. What about us as a family? What is a sphere of influence we have together? How can we live together on mission in that place?

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I'm praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don't hesitate to let me know.