

# A G E L E S S

Touching all Generations with God's Good News

## CHILDREN'S Lesson - The Gift of the Gospel

# MISSION GEORGIA

Season of Prayer and Offering  
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### BIBLE VERSES

Make copies of these verses for each child to take home, share with their parents, and use to make Bible verse memory games. These verses are also to be used in one of the activities for the session.

- ***For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. — John 3:16***
- ***For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift. — Ephesians 2:8***
- ***For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. — Romans 6:23***
- ***This grace was given to me—the least of all the saints! —to proclaim to the Gentiles the incalculable riches of the Messiah. — Ephesians 3:8***
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- ***to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. — Ephesians 3:21***



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## TEACHER PREPARATION

1. Read the story of Paul listed in the following Scripture passages:  
Ephesians 3:7–11;23 and Acts 9:1–19.

*As you read, note the following events in the life of Paul:*

- While visiting the believers in Ephesus, Paul told them that he had become a follower of Jesus Christ and will be sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the Gentiles (Eph. 3:7–11).
- Paul had not always been a follower of Jesus Christ. As a Jew, Paul persecuted the followers of Christ because he believed that this was the right thing to do (Acts 9:1–2).
- Having received permission from the Jewish high priest to travel to Damascus to take captive the followers of Christ, Paul had an encounter with God through a blinding light and he heard a voice from heaven (Acts 9: 3–5).
- Paul then received specific instructions from Jesus. Unable to see, Paul's companions took him to Damascus where he stayed for three days and was without food or drink (Acts 9:6–9).
- Ananias, a disciple of Jesus, was instructed to go to Paul and share with him the Gospel—the message of Jesus Christ
- Ananias obeyed God and went to find Paul. When Paul heard the Word from the Lord, the Holy Spirit convicted him of his sins and need for a Savior. Paul became a follower of Christ and a changed man (Acts 9: 17–19).
- After accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, Paul lived a life of obedience to the commands of Jesus. He gave up his old ways of living a his old ways of living, became a preacher and went on three missionary journeys throughout the known world (1 Pet. 4:10–11).

Children need to know that the initial step in becoming a Christian is obedience, which is the beginning of a life of obedience, out of which flow blessings from God. Out of an obedient and grateful heart come the opportunities to give back to God all that we are and all that we possess (1 Pet. 4:10–11).

1. Pray and ask God to prepare your heart and mind as you study the Scripture passages and make plans for teaching the session. As you share the story and



## Teaching Aim

- To learn what it means to become a follower of Jesus Christ.
- To learn how the apostle Paul became a follower of Jesus Christ.
- To learn how to become a follower of Christ and understand the plan of salvation.

## Teaching Plan

### Greet the Children

5 minutes

### Small Group Activities

20–30 minutes

### Put Away Materials

5 minutes

### Large Group

20–30 minutes

### Closing Prayer

5 minutes



Read the Bible verses to the children and emphasize the word “gift” found in each verse. Explain to them that the apostle Paul accepted God’s gift and became a follower of Jesus. He recognized that he had been wrong in what he was doing; he changed and began telling others about Jesus Christ, the most precious gift.

Provide each child with construction paper, markers, and scissors. Explain to the children that the selected Bible verses speak about the gift of Jesus Christ to the world. Each child will then select a verse and copy it onto the construction paper. After writing the verse and using the colored markers to decorate the paper, the children will then fold the paper and place it in a gift box or bag to be wrapped to give to the person of their choice. Explain to the children that just as Paul received and shared the gift of the Gospel, Jesus Christ, we should look for opportunities to share this gift with others.

### Activity #2: A New Creation!

Explain to the children that the apostle Paul went through a dramatic change when he met Jesus on the road to Damascus. In preparation for the large group, the children will be making props or visuals to be used by the teacher. On each piece of felt/poster board, have a child write one of the words in large letters. Read the Scripture from Acts, which uses the words to be copied, and explain to the children why each word is important in the story about Paul’s life and experiences. Older children can use the Bible dictionary to look up and read about each of the words.

**Jew:** name given to God’s chosen people

**Pharisee:** religious leader of the Jewish people

**Roman Citizen:** person from a country that was ruling over the Jewish people at that time (Paul was a citizen of Rome as well as a Jew and a Pharisee)

**Christ Follower:** persons who chose to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior

**Blind:** could not see with their eyes

**Damascus:** city where a lot of Jewish people lived

**Ananias:** a follower of Jesus Christ

**Holy Spirit:** part of the Trinity/God, who convicts people of their sin and need for a Savior, Jesus Christ

## NOTES

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### Materials For activity #2

- Bibles
- Bible Dictionary
- Felt Strips or Large Poster Board
- Water-Based Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Lists of Words  
*(emboldened to the left)*

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