

The Road to Damascus: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: The more I read the Bible, the more I can become like Jesus.

SuperVerse: *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.* Romans 12:2 (NLT)

Bible Story: Acts 9:1–19

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

It is amazing to see how God transformed Saul from someone who was chasing down Christians to persecute them, into a famous apostle who later traveled to many countries to preach about Jesus!

- Select a video to have playing as children enter the Large Group room. Videos are under Resources on the top menu bar.
- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Saul of Tarsus, who is on his way to persecute Christians in Damascus and suddenly meets Jesus!
- Let's watch the Bible Background video to learn more about Paul.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Is That You, Ananias? (15 minutes)

Objective: Explore the Superbook story with a game.

- Ananias may have wondered if Saul was just pretending to be blind so he could trick the Christians and then put them all into in prison. Our game is about Ananias visiting Saul.

Game Instructions:

- The first player on Team 1 is Saul, who sits blindfolded in the chair. The first player on Team 2 is Ananias, who stands just past the mark on the floor that is farthest from Saul.
- The object of the game is for Ananias to try to tap Saul's shoulder before Saul shouts, "Is that you, Ananias?"!

Teaching: Conformed or Transformed? (15 minutes)

Objective: Present an object lesson with dough or clay.

- God does not want us to behave and think like the world—people who don't follow Jesus or God's Word. Many of the world's teachings and standards do not agree with God's Word. The world will try to shape us and squeeze us into something outside of God's will for us.
- Use dough or clay to discuss the difference between being conformed and transformed.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Children will continue to use their New Name Tags to remind them to pray about how their chosen qualities can grow and be displayed in their lives.

SuperVerse: Superbook Animation (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- Christians need to allow the Spirit of God to renew their minds so they think and act more like Christ.
- Divide children into four groups to create motions for the SuperVerse.

Prayer: Praise Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- Paul wrote many books of the Bible, including Romans. In this book, he prays a prayer for fellow believers to be like-minded and to grow in Christ so others would be attracted to Him.
- Let's go around the circle and each one thank God for something. After each person prays a sentence, we'll all agree by saying Amen.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Guessing Game: Guess who is speaking. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Matching Game: Play a matching game of opposing characteristics. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Demonstration: Learn to tune out the world. | **Grades 1–3** | 5 min

Bible Study: Dig deeper into the SuperTruth. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Chair
- Blindfold
- Optional: masking tape
- Timer—stopwatch, watch with second hand, or timer app
- Chalkboard and chalk or whiteboard and marker to keep score
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Table
- Cookie cutter or plastic cup
- Play dough, clay, or pie/cookie dough
- Optional: flour to roll the dough in
- Rolling pin or cylinder—such as a bottle
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard/poster board and markers; or chalkboard and chalk
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App