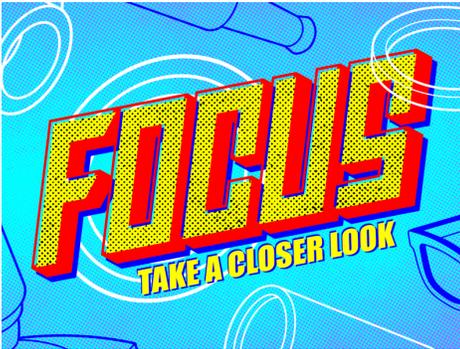




**JULY THEME**



**BIBLE STORY**

**Acts 9:1-9**

Suddenly I See | Paul Becomes a Believer  
**Spark Story Bible, pg. 514-515**  
Saul to Paul, part 1

**BOTTOM LINE**

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything

**MEMORY VERSE**

“Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.”  
Hebrews 11:1, NIRV

**LIFE APP**

**Faith** | Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

**BASIC TRUTH**

I can trust God no matter what

**●● THEME OVERVIEW**

**Key Question: How does God try to get your attention?** God might not use a blinding light on the road to get our attention, but God does try to help us know God still has a plan for us. We hope through this question, we will realize the ways that God tries to get our attention. From the people God has put in our lives to the passages we read in our Bible, God uses all sorts of ways to help us have faith.

In week two, we head to **Acts 9:1-9** and meet a man named Saul, also known as Paul. Paul was on his way to arrest and persecute followers of Jesus. But Jesus had other plans for him. Jesus stopped Paul on his journey and told him about his new mission. In a moment, Paul went from believing that Jesus was a false teacher to believing that Jesus was the Son of God and Savior of the world.

**Bottom Line: Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.** When we put our faith in Jesus, it changes everything. We'll see people as God sees them. We'll discover a personal mission to join God in God's rescue plan for the world. Jesus really lived and died and rose again. Believing in that impacts our entire life.

**●● THEME VIDEO**

**What You Do:** Watch this week's video in the comfort of your family's @home prayer + worship spot. The video can be found on [popmn.org/cm](http://popmn.org/cm) or [facebook.com/popchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/popchildrens). Then use this Family Guide, GodTime, ParentCue cards, and FAITH5 daily devos to keep the conversation going...

**●● CHANGE**

**What You Need:** Pie pan, milk, food coloring, Q-tip, liquid dish soap

**What You Do:**

- Invite someone to pour milk into a pie pan.
- Take turns carefully adding two drops of food coloring into the milk. Use a variety of colors if possible.
- Make sure to space out the drops of color. Be careful not to bump or shake the pie pan.
- When everyone has added some color, generously soak the end of a cotton swab with liquid dish soap.
- Dip the soaked cotton swab into the milk next to a drop of color.
- Repeat the process with all the drops of color. Take turns dipping the swab.
- End by swirling the soaked cotton swab through the colors.

**What You Say:** “Adding soap to the milk completely changed how the milk looked. What started as something simple was changed into beautiful art. Our Bible story for today talks about someone who was completely changed, too!”

## •• BEFORE AND AFTER

**What You Need:** Spark Story Bible (or any Bible/children's Bible), blank paper (1 per person), crayons/markers

### What You Do:

- Hand out a piece of paper to each person and instruct them to write "BEFORE" at the top of one side and "AFTER" at the top of the other side.
- Read the first part of "Saul to Paul," pg. 514-515, from the Spark Story Bible (or Acts 9:1-9 in any Bible/children's Bible) aloud to your family.
- As you read, invite your family to draw what they hear about Paul before he met Jesus on the road on the "BEFORE" side and then how they would picture Paul after he met Jesus on the "AFTER" side. How did he change? How was he different after meeting Jesus?
- Give everyone the chance to share their "BEFORE" and "AFTER" pictures.

**What You Say:** "Whoa. Can you imagine? Saul was blinded by a light and heard Jesus speak to him. And he was never the same again! He went from being a person who arrested believers of Jesus to having faith in Jesus, following him, and even teaching others to believe in Jesus! Talk about a complete change! Once Saul learned the truth, it changed him. He saw Jesus in a completely new way. Because **[Bottom Line] Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.**"

## •• NOW YOU SEE IT

**What You Need:** White cardstock or heavy paper, white crayon, watercolor paints, small brushes, water

### What You Do:

- Read this month's memory verse (on the left column of the flip side of this Family Guide).
- Using the white crayon, write the word "Faith" in large print on the white paper.
- Let everyone see that, even though they saw you write a word, they can't see the word on the paper.
- Invite someone to paint over the entire paper to reveal this month's Life App.

**What You Say:** "Wow! Look at that! At first it looked like the word wasn't there...but then something changed and the word appeared! That's just like our story for today: Saul was one way and then, after he met Jesus, he changed. At first he saw that people who followed Jesus were making a bad choice...but once he got to know Jesus, he understood that it wasn't a bad choice to follow Jesus at all! **[Bottom Line] Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything!**"

### What You Do:

- Give everyone another piece of paper and help them use the white crayon to write "Jesus" in the middle.
- Give them time to gently paint over the entire paper to reveal "Jesus" to your family.

**What You Say:** "Just like Jesus changed how Paul saw things, the same is true for us: **[Bottom Line] Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything!**"

## •• PRAY

**What You Say:** "Let's pray. God, thank you that you love us so much. Help us see the world with your eyes: eyes that see when we can love, help, share and support. When we get in moments where we're feeling selfish or crabby or stubborn, change our hearts like you changed Paul's...help us to love you with our whole heart and love others with your love. Amen."

## •• ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Download the **GodTime Card**, **ParentCue Card**, and **FAITH5** at [popmn.org/cm](http://popmn.org/cm). Use them this week to continue the conversation around our bottom line: **[Bottom Line] You can know Jesus even though you've never seen him.**

## •• WHAT'S NEXT

Set a reminder to join us for WOW @home on Wednesday 07/22 at 6:00 pm live at [facebook.com/popchildrens](https://www.facebook.com/popchildrens) or on demand at [popmn.org/youtube](https://www.popmn.org/youtube) for a time of worship centered around the **[Bottom Line]: Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears!**