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The next time you are feeling mean and cranky, close your eyes and say a quick prayer asking God to change your heart. Then, open your eyes and see God's blessings all around you!



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Whenever you hear the name Paul, think of this week's story and remember that God changes hard hearts into soft hearts.



Talk About It

1. What is a bully? Have you ever known one? What is something you can do to treat a bully kindly?
2. Share a story about a time you had to change your plans.
3. Saul prayed while he waited to learn about Jesus' plan for his future. What are some things you like to do while you wait?
4. How was Paul's new job the opposite of Saul's old job? Make a list of other things that are opposites. How can you make an "opposite" choice when you feel like being mean?



Live It

For families to do together: Pray for bullies — specific ones — together. This will give you opportunities to hear about relationship troubles in each other's lives and you will learn from one another how to handle such instances. You will also be following Jesus' command to "pray for your enemies."

For preschool kids: Saul had to depend on his friends when he suddenly could not see. Close your eyes and try some everyday tasks like eating and getting dressed. What gets harder when you can't see? Is anything easier when you can't see?



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