

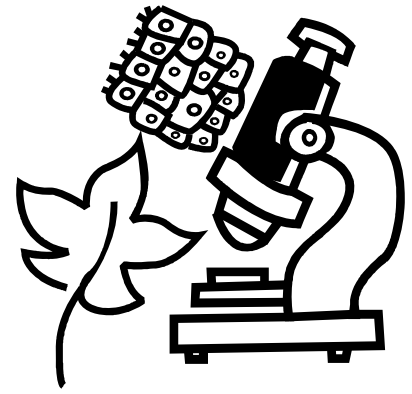
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Paul: Caring and Sharing 2 1/2 yr - Kindergarten

Science

Key verse

All who believe are made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ.
Romans 3:22



Gathering-10 minutes

As children arrive, greet them and welcome them. Have them collect their offering in their group baskets. Invite them to sit with you and play until the clean up song starts. When the clean up song starts, gather the toys and put the bin back against the wall.

Opening -10 minutes

Song: "Knock-Knock"

Offering: Have a child from each group bring the offering forward. Say offering prayer.

"Theme Song": Choose a song from the unit's lesson CD or another song that is fun.

Telling the story-10 minutes

Before you tell the story, give each child a paper towel and one small piece of ice. Ask them to change the ice into something else. Tell them not to put the ice in their mouths. What did the ice change into? An elephant? A beautiful flower? A new car? No, of course not. The ice changed into water. Tell them that ice can change into other things, too. If you add a lot of heat to the ice, you may get steam. If you add a certain powder, the ice will melt and mix with the powder and change into Kool-aid. Make a pitcher of Kool-aid and serve half of a small cup to each child.

Read the story about a man who was changed. The name of the man was Saul. And it was Jesus who changed Saul. This story is found in the Bible, but you are going to read it from a Bible story book. Read *Jesus Changes Saul*.

Responding to the story-15 minutes

Ask the following questions:

- Was Saul nice or mean at the beginning of the story? (mean)
- What did Saul see in the heavens? (a bright light)
- Saul fell down and who called to him? (Jesus)
- Jesus wanted to know why Saul was being so mean to people who believed in Jesus. When Saul opened his eyes, what happened? (he couldn't see)
- Saul was blind for 3 days. Then something changed! After a Christian named Ananias put his hands on Saul, what changed? (he could see again)
- Saul started to love Jesus. He got a new name to go with his new love of Jesus. What was Saul's new name? (Paul)
- Paul changed into a good man. He told lots and lots of people that Jesus loved them. He wrote lots of letters to people, telling them about God's love. These letters are found in which book? (the Bible)
- Do you ever do anything that is bad? Sure you do. We all do. Jesus can change people from bad to good. Jesus forgives us. That's called grace. No matter how bad we are, God will always love us.

Talk about other things that change. Seasons, popcorn, cake batter, baby teeth, our bodies, etc.

Change the color of water.

Do this as a demo. Food coloring will stain and children should not handle it. Change clear water to yellow with a few drops of food coloring. Change it again by adding a few drops of red to make orange **or** add blue to make green.

Talk about how trees change. They get buds in the spring, leaves in summer and drop leaves in the fall and winter. Remember the evergreen trees? They do not change much, but they do grow taller and produce berries or pinecones.



Ask children if they know anything about caterpillars. Do they change? What do they change into? Yes, butterflies and moths. You will make a butterfly today to remind you that God can change us. God will forgive all the bad things we do. Saul was a very bad man and God forgave him. Saul even got a new name, Paul. God forgave all of the terrible things that Paul did. Paul still did some bad things in his life, but he asked God to forgive him-and God always did! God will always forgive the bad things we do, too.

Gather each coffee filter in the middle. Have children twist a chenille stem around the middle to make a caterpillar body. Use your water-color markers to decorate the coffee filter wings. We'll change the wings by spraying a very fine mist of water on them. The colors on the wings will blend.

Please do not let children soak the wings.

Reflection-5 minutes

Talk about changes. Things that are bad can change into things that are good. Rain on a picnic day may seem bad, but it is good for the grass and flowers. It helps them grow and live. It can be hard to read the paper outside on a windy day, but it sure is fun to fly a kite.

God can change even the naughtiest person, like Saul, into a good person, Paul. First Saul hurt people who believed in Jesus. After God changed him, he became Paul and he shared God's love with people all over the world. God can change you, too! Let's ask God to help us change. Let's pray.

Pray the following prayer two times. Show the actions the first time and challenge children to remember them and do them on their own the second time through.

Lord, help me use my voice to say (touch lips)
Kind words to people every day. (Gently pat someone else's back)

Lord, use my hands-although they're small (hold out hands)
To show your love to one and all. (Gently hug someone-if they're willing, otherwise hug yourself)

Lord, use my feet to take your word (walk in place)
To people who might not have heard. (put hand to ear)

Use all of me to share the news (outstretch arms)
So others can love you as I do! (point to others and then to your own heart)