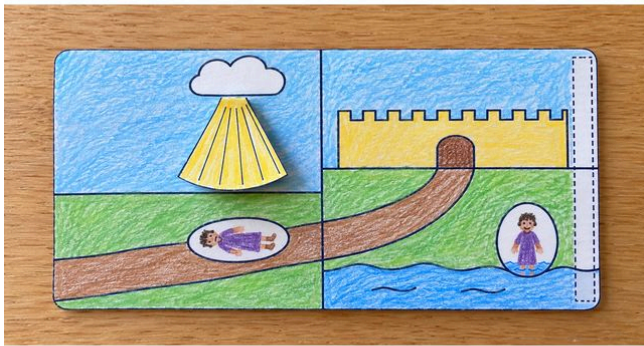


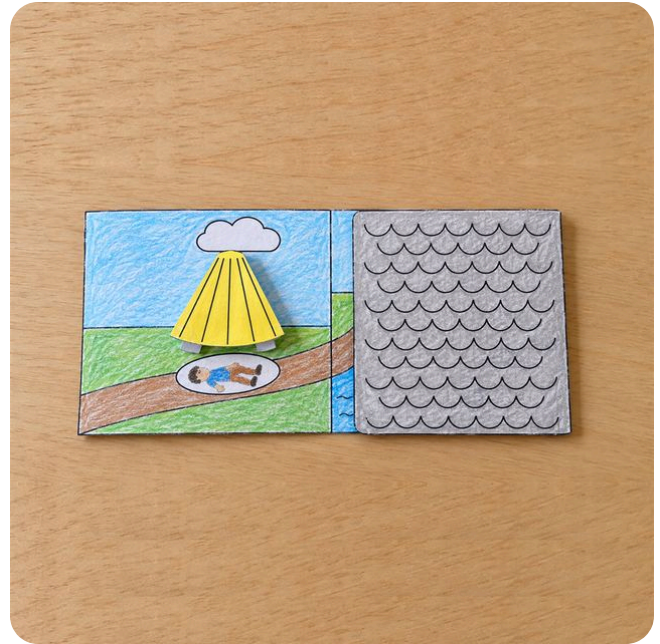
Saul to Paul Craft

He is a new creature · Acts 9:1–19 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium

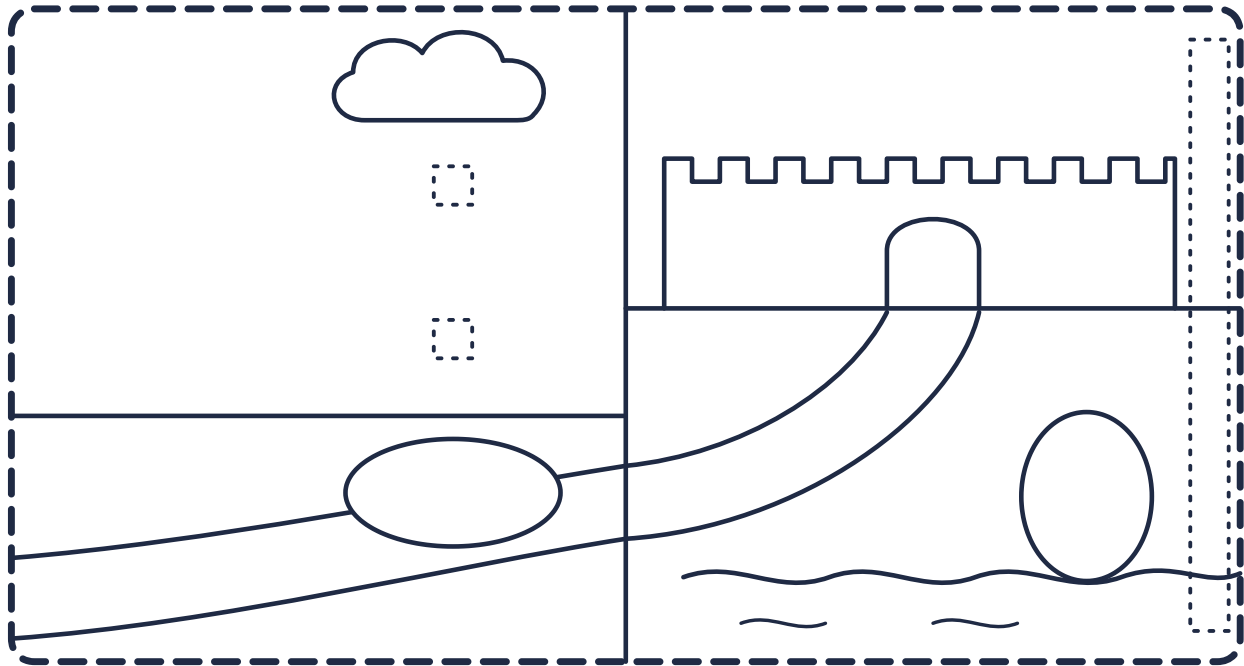


Harder

Both levels are a wide card with two scenes. On the left is the road near Damascus: a light blue sky, a white cloud, green grass and a brown road, with Saul drawn in the oval on the road, because "he fell to the earth" (Acts 9:4). A yellow light from heaven stands up off the card on paper springs (9:3). On the right is Damascus: a yellow wall with a brown gate, and blue water with Saul drawn in the oval, because he "arose, and was baptized" (9:18). Medium (left): the card and the light. Harder (right): the same, with a gray scales cover closed over Damascus, for the three days Saul was without sight (9:9).

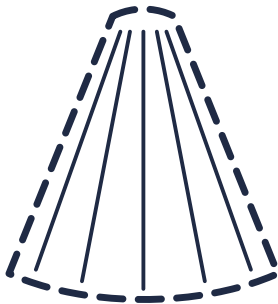
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✂ Cut on the dashed lines

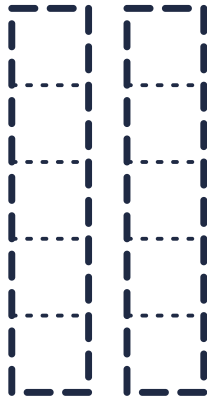


card: sky light blue, cloud white, grass green, road brown, wall yellow, gate brown, water blue.

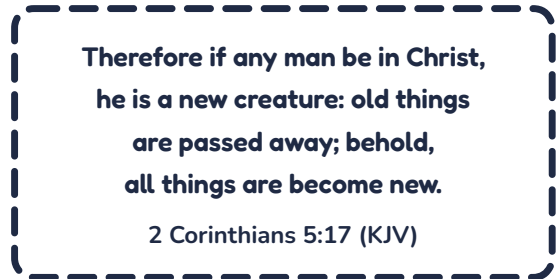
Draw Saul fallen on the road (left oval) and Saul baptized in the water (right oval).



light from heaven:
color it yellow



2 springs: fold on the dotted lines



verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

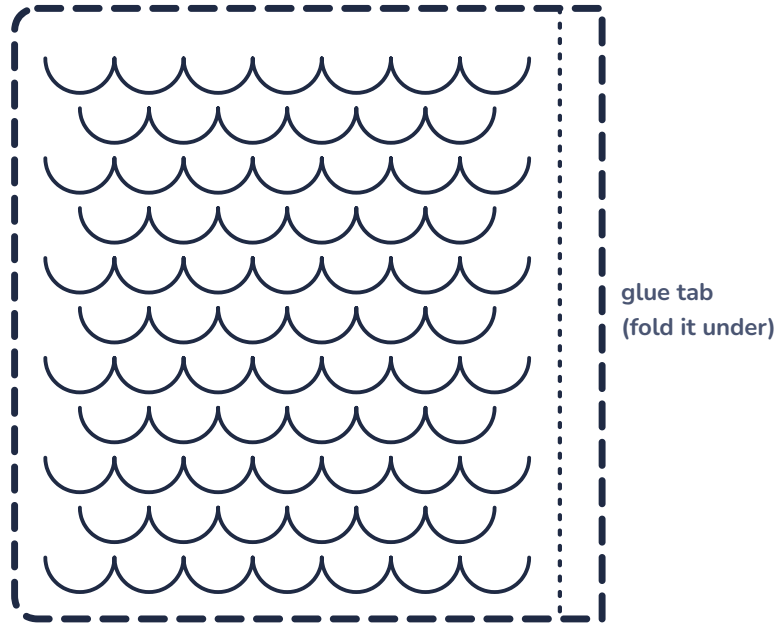
Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the light, the two springs and the verse strip. The dotted strip at the right edge of the card is for the harder level.

Name: _____

✂ Harder level

Scales cover (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines. Fold on the dotted line.



scales cover: color it gray

How to add the scales cover

1. Make the card with the light from page 2 first.
2. Color the scales cover gray. Cut it out on the dashed lines.
3. Fold the glue tab under on the dotted line.
4. Put glue on the bottom of the tab only. Press the tab on the dotted strip at the right edge of the card, so the cover closes over Damascus and the water.
5. Tell it: the light shines (Acts 9:3), and Saul gets up but cannot see. "He was three days without sight" (9:9). Then Ananias comes and puts his hands on him (9:17). Lift the cover open to the right: "there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized" (9:18).

For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/saul-to-paul-craft

Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels

You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue, yellow, green, brown and blue crayons or markers, crayons for drawing Saul, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a gray crayon.

Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the card, the light, the two springs and the verse strip, and fold the springs.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and fold the springs. Kids color and draw Saul in the two ovals. Help them glue the light on the springs and the verse strip on the back. Then they press the light and let it pop up.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut out and fold the pieces themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level. Then add the gray scales cover from page 3, which closes over Damascus for the three days without sight and lifts open when "there fell from his eyes as it had been scales" (Acts 9:18). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the grass green, the road brown, the wall of Damascus yellow with a brown gate, and the water blue. Leave the cloud and the two ovals white.
2. **Draw:** in the oval on the road, draw Saul fallen to the earth (Acts 9:4). In the oval in the water, draw Saul being baptized (9:18).
3. **Color the light** from heaven yellow.
4. **Cut:** cut out the card, the light, the two springs and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
5. **Fold the springs:** fold each spring back and forth on the dotted lines, like a paper fan, so it is springy.
6. **Glue the light:** glue the bottom end of one spring on each dotted square under the cloud. Put glue on the top ends of the springs and press the light on them, narrow end up under the cloud, so the light shines down toward Saul and stands up off the card.
7. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the card. Read it together.
8. **Tell it:** walk your finger along the road toward Damascus. Press the light down and let it pop up: "suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven" (Acts 9:3). Then point to the city: Saul was three days without sight (9:9), Ananias came, and Saul "arose, and was baptized" (9:18).

Questions to ask while kids work

- Point to the road. Where was Saul going, and why? (*To Damascus, to find people who followed Jesus and bring them bound to Jerusalem, Acts 9:1–2*)
- Press the light. What shined round about Saul? (*A light from heaven, 9:3*)
- What did the voice say? (*"Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?" 9:4*)
- Who was speaking? (*"I am Jesus whom thou persecutest," 9:5*)
- How long was Saul without sight? (*Three days, and he did not eat or drink, 9:9*)
- Who did the Lord send to Saul? (*A disciple named Ananias, 9:10–17*)
- Point to the water. What happened when Ananias put his hands on Saul? (*Something like scales fell from his eyes, he received sight, and he arose, and was baptized, 9:18*)
- Turn the card over and read the verse. What does Jesus do for anyone who is in Christ? (*He makes them a new creature, 2 Corinthians 5:17*)

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** **persecutest** means you are hurting Me and My people; **journeyed** means traveled; **without sight** means he could not see; **a vision** is something God showed Ananias; **as it had been scales** means something like the thin flakes on a fish; **forthwith** means at once; **arose** means got up; **in Christ** means belonging to Jesus; **a new creature** means a brand-new person; **behold** means look.
- **Tell the hard part gently:** Saul was hurting the people who loved Jesus (Acts 9:1–2). For young children, that is enough.
- **What the Bible says:** Acts 9 names no horse. Saul "fell to the earth" (9:4), and the Bible doesn't say how he traveled. It also doesn't say where Saul was baptized or what Damascus looked like. The road, the wall, the water and the colors are the craft's simple picture of the story.
- **No one is drawn on the template, and never Jesus:** each child draws Saul in the two ovals. The light is only yellow rays. Jesus is not drawn; Saul heard His voice (Acts 9:4–5).
- **Saul or Paul?** Acts 9 calls him Saul. The Bible first calls him Paul in Acts 13:9: "Saul, (who also is called Paul.)."
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and fold the springs. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. If the springs are too fiddly, glue the light flat on the card.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Saul to Paul lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/saul-to-paul.