



## BIBLE STORY

Suddenly, I See

(Paul Becomes a Believer)

*Acts 9:1-9*

## 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

## BOTTOM LINE

Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.

## BIBLE STORY LINK

## ELEMENTARY VIDEO

## STORY OVERVIEW

In June 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 His rescue plan for the world. Jesus really lived and died and rose again. Believing in that, impacts our entire life.

## FAVORITES

### What You Do:

- Hand out paper and each person draws their favorite season and favorite thing during that season.
- When finished, share what each person drew.
- Lead a discussion about how we know that seasons change.
  - What do they see that indicates a season change?
  - What about smells or sounds of season change?

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WATCH THE ELEMENTARY VIDEO

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## THE RIGHT SIZE?

**What You Need:** “Hole in the Middle” Activity Page, index cards, scissors,

**What You Do:**

- Give each person an index card and a pair of scissors.
- The challenge is to cut a hole in the index card big enough for their entire body to fit through!
- Allow time to attempt the challenge and maybe even get a little frustrated with it.
- Next, give each person a new index card.
- Tell the group that you know how to create a big enough hole to fit their bodies. Ask them to follow along as you demonstrate the steps.
- Refer to the “Hole in the Middle” diagram and start by having each person fold the index card in half lengthwise.
- Next, cut a slit on each side near the left and right edges. (*The slits should be vertical and go down from the fold, NOT from the unfolded edges. Do not cut the ends; leave a little space.*)
- Now, cut off the folded edge. (*Be careful to not cut the ends, and stop when you reach the slits.*)
- Make more cuts by alternating each cut, one from the unfolded edge and the other from the folded edge.
- Continue cutting back and forth until you fill the card with cuts.
- Remind the kids to keep the correct pattern of back and forth.
- Once the kids are done cutting, have them gently open the index card.
- Encourage the kids to carefully step through the card!

**What You Say:**

“Saul was convinced that Jesus wasn’t who He said He was, just like you were convinced that you couldn’t cut a big enough hole to fit your bodies through the center of the index card. Once Saul met Jesus, his idea about who Jesus was completely changed! He learned an amazing truth—that Jesus was alive and had a plan for Saul’s life! It changed how Saul saw himself and others. Now, instead of hurting people who followed Jesus, Saul wanted others to know God by believing in who Jesus said He was! That was a pretty dramatic change! **Knowing Jesus changes the way we see everything.**”

**Prayer**

“Dear God, thank You for showing us through Saul’s story how You pursue us and want to speak to us. Help us to get to know You more through your Son, Jesus, so we can see our lives through Your eyes. Speak to us and show us areas of our lives that You want to change because **Knowing Jesus changes the way we see everything.**”

# SECRET DECODER

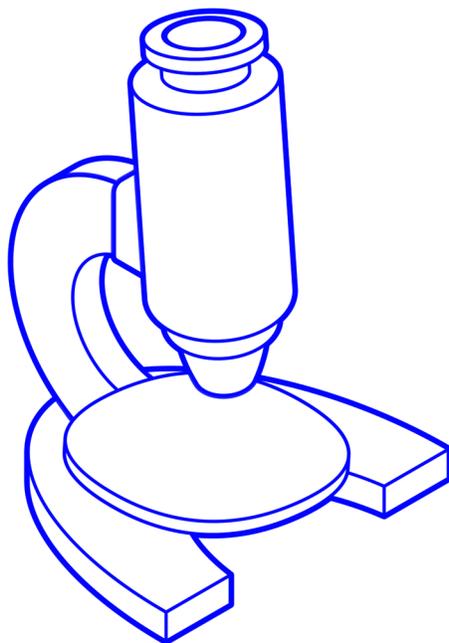
**What You Need:** “Bottom Wheel” Activity Page, “Top Wheel” Activity Page, “What Does It Say” Activity Page, brads, pencils

**What You Do:**

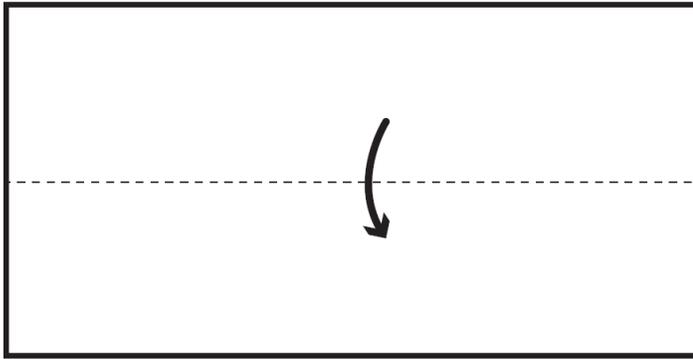
- Work together as a family to assemble the “Secret Decoder.”
- Carefully cut the wheel out, making sure to create a small window in the top wheel by following the lines.
- Lay the “Top Wheel” on top of the “Bottom Wheel” and match them up in the center.
- Use the brad to attach the two circles together.
- The window should reveal a number and a letter.
- Then, use the decoder to decode the “What Does it Say?” Activity page.
- After you finish, say the verse aloud a few times together as a group.

**What You Say:**

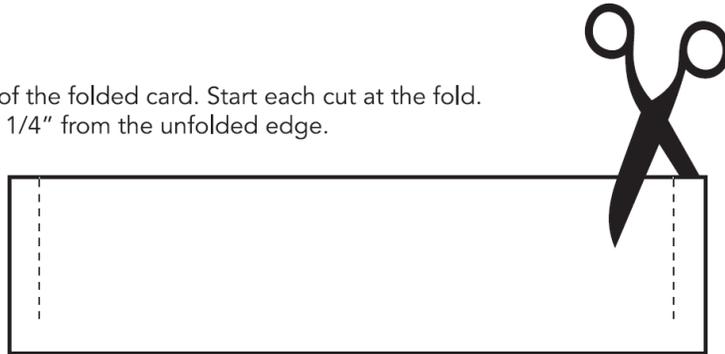
“The Secret Decoder changed what we saw! Instead of a bunch of numbers, we saw this month’s verse! Once Saul met Jesus, it completely changed how he saw his own life. It changed how he saw others, too. Do you know that Jesus wants to do that for us, too? Just like Jesus got Saul’s attention and talked to him, He wants to talk to us, too. He can speak to us when we take a walk or talk to a friend. He can talk to us when we experience something great like winning a game or when we feel sad because someone we know is sick. Once we experience Jesus, it changes how we live and see our life because **Knowing Jesus changes the way we see everything.**”



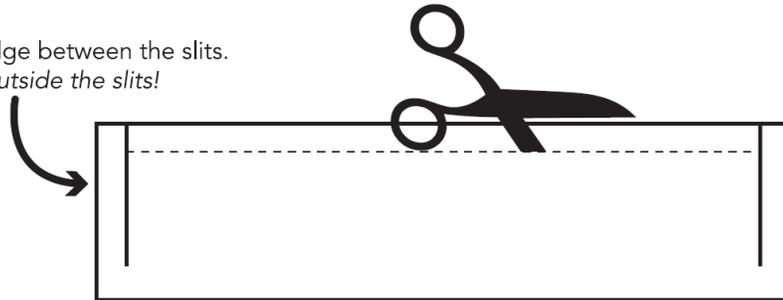
- 1** Fold card in half lengthwise.



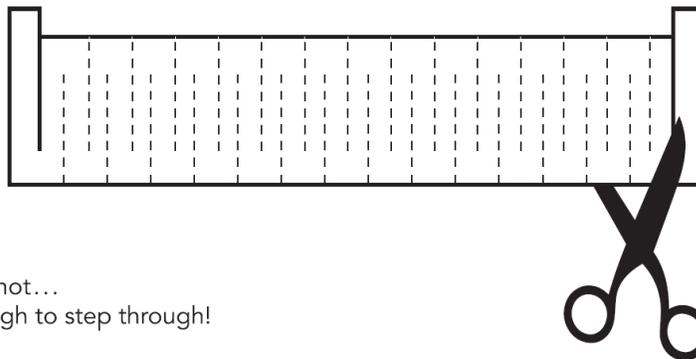
- 2** Cut two slits near the edges of the folded card. Start each cut at the fold. Each cut should end at least 1/4" from the unfolded edge.



- 3** Cut off the folded edge between the slits. *Don't cut the ends outside the slits!*



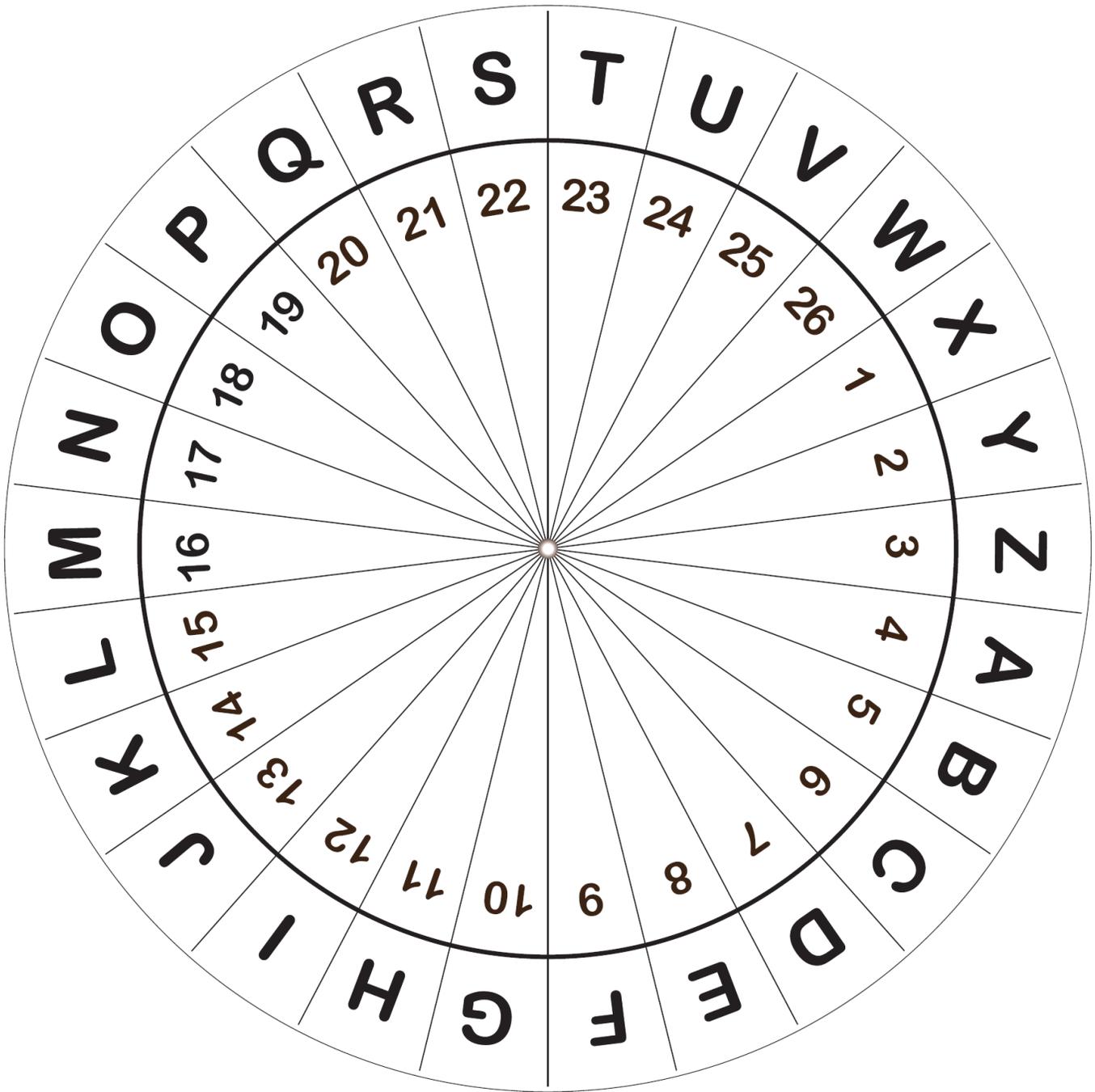
- 4** Cut alternating slits in the middle of the card (up/down from the folded edge as shown). As before, end each cut at least 1/4" from the edge.



- 5** Open the card. Believe it or not... you'll have a hole large enough to step through!

**What to Do:**  
Print one copy for each small group.

**Hole in the Middle**  
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**What to Do:**  
Print on cardstock and cut out one for each kid.

**Bottom Wheel**  
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**What to Do:**

Print on cardstock and cut out one circle for each kid.

**Top Wheel**

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**What to Do:**  
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**What Does It Say, NlrV**  
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