

## BIBLE STORY

Fearless

(Ananias Helps Paul) • Acts 9:10-31

## 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 can help you face your fears.

## BIBLE STORY LINK

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

## STORY OVERVIEW

In Acts 9:10-31 we see what happens after Jesus meets Paul on the road to Damascus. God came to Ananias, a follower of Jesus living in Damascus. Ananias knew Paul's reputation, but he trusted that God would take care of him. He might have been scared, but he trusted that Jesus could change anyone, including a man like Saul (aka Paul). He even helped Paul escape Damascus when some of the religious leaders plotted to kill Paul. **Bottom Line: Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.** When we believe that Jesus conquered death itself, we can believe that Jesus can do anything. Knowing Jesus gives us a peace that passes all understanding. We might fear something from time to time, but we can put our trust in Jesus and know that we can face anything when He's with us.

## FEAR FACTOR GUESSING GAME

**What You Need:** Large sheet of paper, markers, timer

**What You Do:**

- Each person in your family takes a turn drawing something people might fear, while the remaining others in the family guess what the drawing is.
- Some suggestions: thunder, spiders, dark, small spaces, reading or speaking in front of a crowd, different animals, heights, water, clowns, storms.

**What You Say:**

“We all have fears! The Bible is full of stories of people who faced situations that scared them. **Let's watch our video to hear a story of two people who did something even though they were probably very scared.**”

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## WATCH THE ELEMENTARY VIDEO

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# IN CAHOOTS

**What You Need:** “Multiple Choices” Activity Page, index cards, and pencils

**What You Do:**

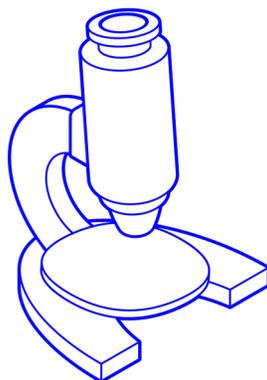
- Give each person three index cards and a pencil.
- Ask them to write ‘A’ on one card, ‘B’ on the next, and ‘C’ on the last one.
- Tell them that you will ask a multiple-choice question and give them three possible answers.
- They must decide on the correct answer (either a, b, or c) and hold up the corresponding index card before the timer goes off.
- Award one point for every person that answers the question correctly.
- The goal is for all teams to answer the questions correctly so the group, as a whole, wins.
- There are ten questions total, so before the game starts, determine what qualifies as a “win”
- For instance, if you have three people, that means there are 30 total points that the group could earn. So, a “win” would be 23 combined points, or about 75% correct answers.

**What You Say:**

“Everyone is afraid at times. At some point, we will face situations that cause us to fear. Even people who believe in Jesus and have a lot of faith in Him struggle with fears. God helped Ananias face his fears just like He wants to help us face our fears. He’s been helping people through impossible situations from the very beginning, and He’ll help us, too. We can trust Him to be with us because we have proof through real-life stories that He has been—and continues to be—faithful to those who trust Him. **Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.**”

**Prayer:**

“Heavenly Father, You know everything about us. You knew what our fears were even before we voiced them. You know when we face situations that make us nervous or when we’re scared how things will turn out. Help us to believe that Jesus is with us, just as He was with Ananias and Barnabas. Grow our faith so we can trust that the Holy Spirit is our helper and is always with us, helping us face whatever we fear. We love You. In Jesus’ name, amen.”



# FEARS IN A HAT

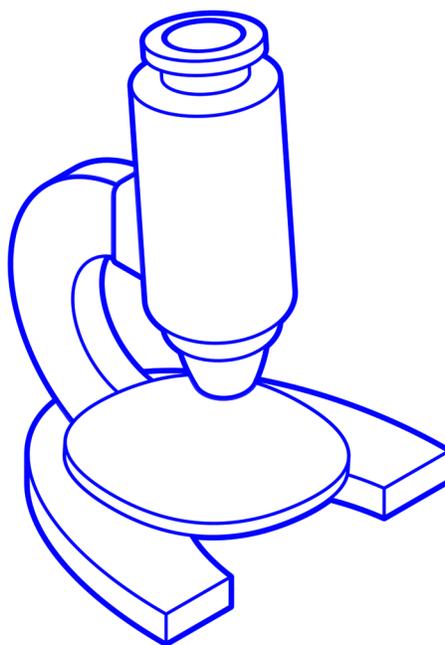
**What You Need:** Hat, index card, pencils, music

**What You Do:**

- Give each person an index card and a pencil.
- Ask the kids to write down one fear that they have. These can be things that were shared in previous activities.
- Fold the paper and place it in a hat.
- Pass the hat around as you play music.
- When the music stops, the person holding the hat pulls out a fear and reads it to the group.
- The group responds by saying the verse.
- Then the music and hat-passing start again.
- Continue until you've gotten through most of the fears.

**What You Say:**

"This activity was a great reminder that all of us struggle with fears. Some of us even have the same fears. Today's story, as well as this month's verse, are great reminders to put our hope in Jesus when we're scared. We may not understand it or see immediate results, but faith in Jesus produces strength and courage to face any situation. **Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.**"



- 1) Ananias heard a voice instructing him to go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for Saul.  
Whose voice was it?
  - a) Darth Vader's
  - b) His mom's
  - c) The Lord's**
- 2) Ananias was shocked and scared because the Lord wanted him to go see . . .
  - a) His best friend
  - b) His enemy**
  - c) A movie
- 3) God told Ananias to go see Saul and help him . . .
  - a) Get his sight back**
  - b) Get arrested
  - c) Plan a party
- 4) As soon as Saul could see again, he . . .
  - a) Took a bath
  - b) Started screaming
  - c) Got baptized**
- 5) Saul started teaching people in Damascus about . . .
  - a) How to build perfect houses
  - b) How to make cupcakes
  - c) How Jesus was real**
- 6) After he'd been in Damascus several days, the Jewish leaders met and decided to find Saul . . .
  - a) To have him killed**
  - b) To give him a chance to defend himself
  - c) To have him go to space
- 7) Saul escaped Damascus at night by . . .
  - a) Being kidnapped by aliens in a spaceship
  - b) Being lowered through a window in a basket**
  - c) Being packed in a suitcase and carried out the front door
- 8) When Saul came to Jerusalem the believers . . .
  - a) Welcomed him with open arms
  - b) Threw a party
  - c) Did nothing because they were afraid of him**
- 9) Who took Saul to see the apostles and told them about Saul's journey?
  - a) Barnabas**
  - b) Batman
  - c) Moses
- 10) After leaving Damascus, Saul traveled to Jerusalem to continue teaching about . . .
  - a) The Law
  - b) Jesus**
  - c) Christmas

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**What to Do:**

Print one for each small group.

**Multiple Choices**

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