

STUDY AIDS

Story 46 Saul Becomes A Follower Of Jesus

A Bible Story from the Book Acts

46 - SAUL BECOMES A FOLLOWER OF JESUS

OPEN BIBLE STORIES



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A Guide to Using the Stories in the Open Bible Stories

The Reason For The Stories

The stories in the OBS tell about things that happened in the Bible. However, the stories are shorter than the Bible accounts, and the language is often easier to understand. The stories can help people learn about who God is and about what he has done. Also, each paragraph of a story has an image that can help people understand what happened in Bible times when clothing, houses, and culture were very different than they are today.

How to Use The Stories

- **Choose a story to read.** The stories will be easier to understand if you read the stories in order, beginning with the first story
- **Read the story.** In a group, one person may read the story aloud, or the people may take turns reading portions.
- **Look at the images.** Use the images to help you understand what happened in the time of the story. Try to identify the people in the images.
- **Refer to the Notes.** Read the study notes whenever there is a word or something else that you do not understand in the story.
- **Discuss the Questions.** Read each question and think about the answer. The first set of questions help you see what the story says. The next set of questions help you think about what the story means to you. If you are in a group, allow different people to offer answers to the questions. Look at the answer to each question and see how it is the same as your answer, or different from it.
- **Read the Summary.** Read the story summary at the end of the questions. Think about what you have learned about God in the story. If you are in a group, ask the group what they have learned from the story.

The Parts of The Stories

- The text of the stories
- The images in the stories
- The study notes in the stories
- The questions for the stories

Study Notes

Slide 1

There was a man named **Saul** who did not believe in Jesus. As a young man, he **guarded the robes of the men who killed Stephen**. Later he persecuted the believers. He went from house to house in Jerusalem to arrest both men and women and to put them in prison. Then the high priest permitted Saul to go to the city of **Damascus**. He told Saul to arrest followers of Jesus there and bring them back to Jerusalem.

Saul - This was not the same man as King Saul in the Old Testament. Saul would later change his name to Paul.

guarded the robes of the men who killed Stephen - The Jewish leaders who dragged Stephen out of the city and threw stones at him removed their outer robes before throwing stones at Stephen. Saul was the young man who stood watch over these robes.

Damascus - Damascus is now the capital of the country of Syria. During Saul's time, it was a city belonging to the Roman Empire. Most of the people there were not Jewish, but there were some Jews and some followers of Jesus living there.



Slide 2

So Saul began to travel to Damascus. Just before he reached the city, a bright light in the sky shone all around him, and he fell to the ground. Saul heard someone say, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?" Saul asked, "Who are you, Master?" Jesus replied to him, "I am Jesus. You are persecuting me!"

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