

Assembly (5th and 6th Class)

Based on Term 3 Lesson 2 Working Out

A changed life - Saul

Songs: What a friend we have in Jesus, Will you come and follow me, Seek ye first,

You need: to have taught the lesson Term 3 Lesson 2

To have prepared the drama

To have prepared prayers

Narrator 1	Last week in R.E. we thought about choices and decisions
Narrator 2	We thought about some things in life we agreed with (see yellow box p. 122 and pick examples)
Narrator 3	And some things we disagreed with (see yellow box p. 122 and pick examples)
Narrator 4	And some things we were undecided about (see yellow box p. 122 and pick examples)
Narrator 1	Then we thought about changing our opinions
Narrator 2	I used to think..... but now I think..... <i>(give an example - it could be as simple as a soccer team or a food you hated but now like)</i>
Narrator 3	We practised getting our friends to change their minds. Sometimes it was easy but other times they wouldn't change their mind at all.
Narrator 1	Then in our Follow Me books we looked at a story of someone from the Bible who changed his mind
Narrator 2	And his name too.
Narrator 3	His name was Saul.
Storyteller 1	Saul knew he was right. He had studied the Jewish scriptures since he was very young.
Storyteller 2	So what were these mad people doing, spreading false stories about a man called Jesus? Jesus had been killed.
Saul	What are these lies about Jesus being the Saviour and being alive? All us Jewish people know the Saviour hasn't come yet. These people spreading lies deserve prison or worse....
Storyteller 1	Saul was positive that Jesus was not God's Son or the Saviour. He worked hard getting rid of Jesus' followers. He organised

	raids on their homes. He had people arrested as they worshipped.
Storyteller 2	Some of Jesus' followers headed for Damascus to spread their good news there. Saul requested permission to follow them there and to stop them.
Storyteller 1	Saul was convinced he was right. He set off for Damascus.
Storyteller 2	As Saul got near to Damascus a light from the sky flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice.
The Lord	Saul! Saul! Why are you so cruel to me?
Saul	Who are you?
The Lord	I am Jesus. Why do you keep refusing to listen to me Saul? Get up now and go into Damascus where you will be told what to do next.
Storyteller 1	The men with Saul were speechless. They had heard the voice but they had not seen anything. Saul got up from the ground and when he opened his eyes he could not see anything. Carefully the men led him into Damascus. For three days Saul could not see and during that time he did not eat or drink.
Storyteller 2	There was a follower of Jesus in Damascus called Ananias. Ananias had a vision in which the Lord spoke to him.
The Lord	Ananias
Ananias	Here I am Lord
The Lord	Get ready Ananias. Go to Straight Street and ask for a man named Saul from Tarsus. He is at Judas's house. He is praying and in his dream he has seen a man named Ananias coming and placing his hands on him.
Ananias	Lord, I have heard of Saul. This could be a danger to me and the other believers in Damascus.
The Lord	Go. I have chosen Saul to serve me and to tell people about me.
Storyteller 1	So Ananias went and placed his hands on Saul
Ananias	Brother Saul, the Lord - Jesus , who appeared to you on your journey has sent me. He has sent me so you could see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Storyteller 2	Suddenly something like the scales of fish fell from Saul's eyes and he could see. He got up and was baptised.
Narrator 1	So Saul changed. He went from hating the followers of Jesus to being one of the greatest teachers about him.
Narrator 2	And his name changed from Saul.....to Paul
Narrator 3	And people can change too.

Prayer 1

Prayers written by children but do include the prayer p. 126 pupils' book about change.

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