

Saul Learns about Jesus

Story based on Acts 9:1–6, (7–20)

Long, long ago, there lived a man named Saul. Saul did not love Jesus. Saul was angry that so many people loved and followed Jesus. One day, Saul heard that some of these followers of Jesus lived in a faraway city. "That makes me angry," Saul said. "I will go to that city. I will stop them from talking about Jesus. When I find people who love Jesus, I'll put them in jail." Saul was very, very angry.

Soon Saul and his friends travelled to the city. But on the way, something amazing happened. Suddenly, Saul saw a bright, dazzling light. The light was so bright, Saul stumbled and fell to the ground. Saul put his hands up to hide his face. The light hurt his eyes. He could not see. Saul couldn't see anything! But Saul heard a voice, "Saul, Saul, why are you hurting me?"

Saul began to tremble. "Who are you?" Saul asked. "I can't see anything."

"I am Jesus," answered the voice. "Get up, Saul,

and go to the city. I will tell you what to do when you are in the city." (Pause.) And then the voice was gone. Saul still could not see. His friends took his hands and led him to the city. For three days, Saul waited in the city and prayed.

After three days, someone called Ananias came to help Saul. Ananias put his hands on Saul's eyes. Then Ananias prayed for him. Suddenly, Saul could see again! Saul was very happy.

Ananias and Saul sat down and talked about Jesus for a long, long time. Now Saul loved Jesus, too, and wanted to be his friend. Saul was not angry anymore. Instead, Saul was happy. Saul's life changed. Eventually, Saul decided to change his name. Saul wanted people to call him Paul. "I want to go out and tell everyone about Jesus." And that's exactly what he did. Paul went to many places and started many churches. And everywhere Paul went, he told people about Jesus and God's love. Paul was very, very happy.

Butterflies

Just like a caterpillar that transforms into a butterfly, Saul changed from angry to happy when Ananias taught him about Jesus' love.

You will need

- brightly coloured card stock or heavy paper
- spring clothes pegs/clothespins
- markers
- stickers
- white glue

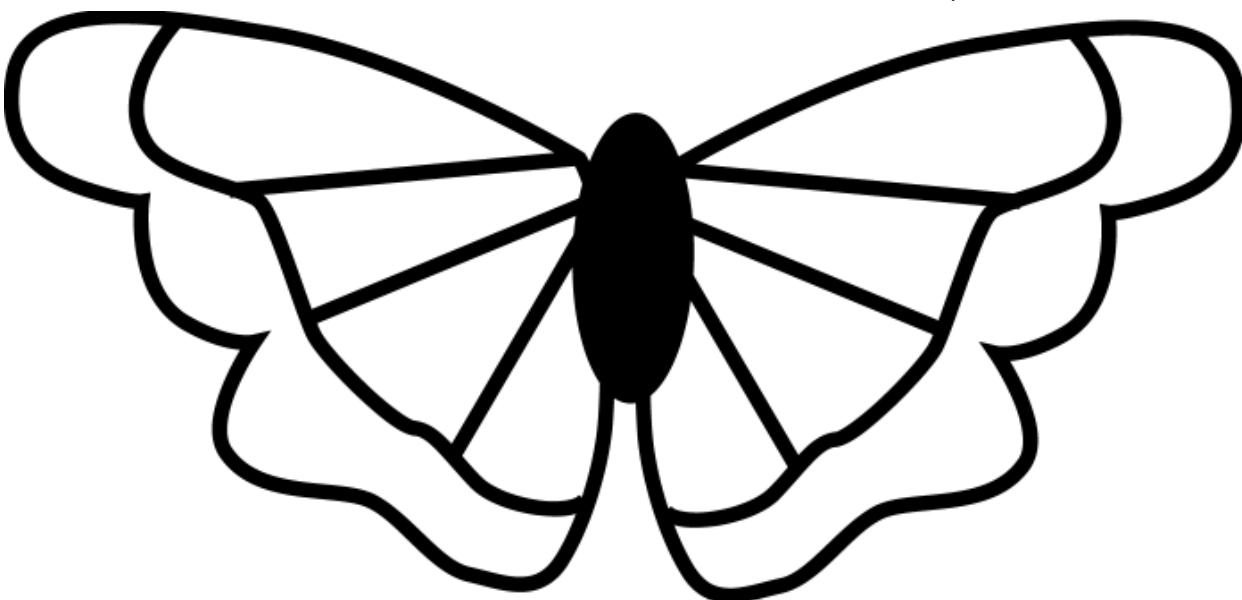
Instructions

Cut butterfly shapes out of brightly coloured card stock or heavy paper. You might trace around the butterfly shape on this page.

Decorate with markers and stickers.

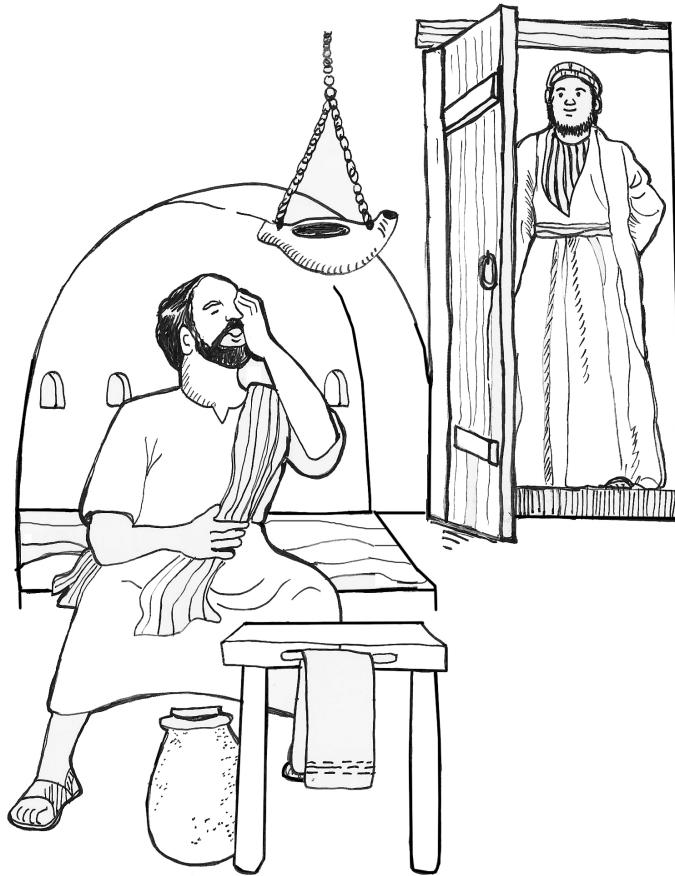
Glue your butterfly shape to spring clothes peg/clothespin.

Make several and clip them onto curtains, place-mats, clothes, or other places.



Saul Tells the Story of Jesus

After a bright light blinded Saul, he could not see for three days. Ananias came to visit Saul and helped him to see again. Then Saul understood that he was to go out and share the story of Jesus with everyone.



Draw Saul and Ananias after Saul could see again.