



JUNE 2020 • WEEK TWO

PRETEEN PARENT GUIDE

BIBLE STORY

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 (NIV)

LIFE APP

Faith
Trusting in what you
can't see because of
what you can see

KEY QUESTION

How does God try to
get your attention?

BASIC TRUTH

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matter what.

ACTIVITY:

WHAT YOU NEED: paper, pens, timer

WHAT YOU DO:

Make sure everyone has a sheet of paper and something to write with. Spread out so no one can see anyone else's paper. Set a timer for five minutes. During that time, everyone should write down as many things as they can think of that would get someone's attention. For example: an air horn, waving your hands, flashing the lights in the room, etc. Encourage everyone to get creative and even a bit off-the-wall with their responses. Anything goes—as long as it's something that could get someone's attention to shift from one thing to another.

When the timer goes off, have everyone compare their lists. Ask everyone to cross out anything that someone else also has on their list. Whoever ends up with the most items on their list is the winner!

What You Say:

Sometimes the things people do to get the attention of others can be annoying or obnoxious. Ever been around a little kid who throws a tantrum to get attention? Most often, that kind of attention doesn't end well. The way Jesus got Paul's attention was a one-of-a-kind way. Just like Jesus got Saul's attention and talked to him, He wants to talk to you, too. He can speak to you when you take a walk or talk to a friend. He can talk to you when you experience something great like winning a game or when you feel sad because someone you know is sick. Once you experience Jesus, it changes how you live and see your life because knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.



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GOSPEL MOMENT

If you think about it, God has been helping people see Him all throughout His Story. From the very beginning, He's been helping people see the world in a new way. A way that will allow them to **make the wise choice**. A way that will help them **treat others the way they want to be treated**. He's been helping people understand who He is, and what His purpose for their life might be. It's still true today. God may not show Himself to us in a blinding light. But there are lots of times when He shows us something new about Him.

Sometimes God can speak to you through something that you experience—like when you spend time in nature and see what a beautiful world He made. Or you listen to a song that reminds you how much He loves you. Sometimes, when you go through something really tough in life, you realize how important it is that God is always with You. You might even see how God can use something that seems bad to do something you never expected. Or, maybe something really great happens, and you're just so happy and excited, but most of all, you're grateful to God!

Let's look for ways that we can keep FOCUS-ing on Jesus. Let's take a closer look and see how we can discover NEW things about Him every day!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) If God tries to get someone's attention but they continue to ignore Him, does He ever give up? Explain.
- 2) If you could meet Jesus the way Saul did, how do you think it would impact your faith?
- 3) We probably won't have a "Damascus" experience like Saul did, but what are some ways God might get our attention?

PRAYER

Dear God, we want to know Jesus better. When we follow You in faith it, changes us from the inside out. Our attitude, words, and actions are not like those who don't follow You. Help us to see things the way You see them. Help us grow in our love for You and others this week as we remember the things we learned today. In Jesus' name, amen.