

## **OVERVIEW**

Nail: He builds his church

Week 1: The Story of Paul Week 2: The Story of James Week 3: The Story of Peter

# **HOW THIS CHANGES ME:**

# What does this mean to me?

- God uses even really sinful people to build His Church.
- God uses even really religious people to build His Church.
- God uses even really ordinary people to build His Church.

### **MEMORY VERSE**

Matthew 28:19a (ESV)

### Go therefore

Action: Walk in place.

## and make disciples

Action: Point one finger and sweep it across the room, pointing at everyone.

### of all nations

Action: Make a circle with your hands, joining your fingers at top and your thumbs at the bottom.

### **MEMORY METHOD**

TAKE TURNS!

Partner with another family member, and alternate saying each word of the verse one at a time in order. How fast can you go?

Coloring pages, word puzzles, video links, and weekly devotionals can be found at

https://www.harvestbible.org/ harvest-kids-at-home/

### **PRAY**

Thank you Father for being powerful. You created the whole world and You created each of us. Thank you that You have a purpose for our lives and can use even us to build Your church. Change us so we can be well used for You. We love you. In Jesus name, Amen

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The Story of Paul (Various Scriptures in Acts)

- Paul, called Saul, was a Jew. He was highly educated and followed religious laws carefully, but his heart was far from God. He hurt Christians by using his power to put them in jail and even took part in having Christians killed just for following Jesus.
- Paul was traveling on the road to Damascus where he
  was going to look for believers to put in prison. It was
  on this trip that he met the powerful God who created
  the universe. God, the creator of light, used a bright
  light to blind Paul.
- Paul heard a voice from heaven. It was the voice of Jesus. Jesus said, "Why are you persecuting me?" Jesus is God and Jesus is the head of the Church. Paul would be used by God to build His Church, even though Paul had been destroying it.
- Jesus changed Paul's life. He sent a man named Ananias to go to Paul and give him back his sight.
- Paul saw that God was at work and now he wanted to work for God and His kingdom. He loved Jesus now and he began telling others about Him.
- Paul traveled all over, telling everyone he met about Jesus and baptizing many people. During his travels, God used Paul to start many churches. God was building His church and He was using Paul.
- Sometimes Paul would be beaten and put in prison just for being a follower of Jesus. Even in prison, Paul preached about Jesus. God wrote many letters through Paul that are part of the Bible.
- Paul was martyred. He died because of his faith in Jesus.
- God is powerful. He changed a man who hated followers of Jesus into a follower of Jesus. God can change and use even the most sinful people to build His church.

### **ACTIVITY**

Draw A Church

Supplies: paper, something to color with

Instructions: Talk with your family and draw what you think a church should look like. Does it have a steeple, cross, stained glass, etc? Is it a brick building or old warehouse? What about a church in another part of the world? What about a church in a big city or out in the country?

Discuss: The most important thing about a church is that it teaches that the bible is true and only worship's Jesus.