

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL (JANUARY 25)

The color for the Conversion of St. Paul is white.

- 1 (cont.) Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 Praise for the light from heaven
And for the voice of awe;
Praise for the glorious vision
The persecutor saw.
O Lord, for Paul's conversion,
We bless Your name today;
Come shine within our darkness,
And guide us on our way.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

WORD SCRAMBLE

- invcoornse _____
- saDacums _____
- uPla _____
- anaAsni _____
- grsencputie _____
- lghith _____
- nldib _____



What to listen for during the service?

After Paul's conversion, he proclaimed Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God. Listen for when we proclaim Jesus as the Christ and the Son of God during the service. What do we sing about the Son of God?

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Reading: Acts 9:1-22

1 But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. 4 And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" 5 And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, 12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." 17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; 19 and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. 20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." 21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in

Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" 22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What is "the Way" that's talked about in verse 2? What was Paul doing to followers of Jesus?
- 2) What happened to Paul on the way to Damascus?
- 3) Who was talking to Paul on the way to Damascus? What did Paul hear? What happened to Paul's eyes?
- 4) What did the Lord say to Ananias?
- 5) Paul was persecuting Christians, but what did he do after his experience on the road to Damascus?

People of the Bible: Paul

Today we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul. But who was Paul? Paul was a Christian apostle and wrote several of the epistles (meaning letters) of the Bible, including those in your Bible from Romans all the way to Philemon. Paul was not always a Christian though. He was trained as a rabbi of the Jewish law and followed the law very strictly. Because of this he greatly opposed the Christian Church and followers of Jesus. He wanted to destroy the Church. Then, as we read in Acts 9 (read verses 1-20), one day on the way to the city of Damascus, a light from heaven flashed around Paul and he fell to the ground. He heard the voice of the Lord asking him, "why are you persecuting me?" Paul became blind for three days after this. When he was baptized, he received his sight and became a follower and preacher of Christ as the Son of God. Paul who once preached about the law as a rabbi, now preached about salvation by grace alone apart from the works of the law—salvation through Christ alone through His work on the cross.

HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,