

Acts 9:1-19

**Scripture verse: “So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.” – Galatians 3:26**

**Main Truth: People who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ become children in God’s family**

Two! There are two kinds of people in the world; people who are members of God’s family and those who are not in God’s family. **The Bible calls people who are in God’s family God’s children. People are born into God’s family by faith**—by believing and trusting Jesus as their Savior.

All people born into the world are born the same way, everyone starts out the same. No one ever starts out as a member of God’s family. That is because of sin. Everyone starts out doing what *they* want to do instead of doing what God wants them to do. That is called sin. Sin is doing what we want instead of what God wants.

The Bible tells us of a man named Saul who was NOT a member of God’s family. Saul did not believe in Jesus. **God’s children believe what God says** and God says Jesus is the only way to be in God’s family.

Now, Saul was an angry man. Saul worked hard fighting against God’s children. Saul was very mean to God’s children.

But God had a plan to bring Saul into God’s family! It happened like this:

Saul and his helpers were traveling to the city of Damascus to find God’s children who believed Jesus as Savior and Jesus as the one way to God. Saul wanted to put God’s children in jail!

And then it happened! As they traveled along a bright light—brighter than the sun—shone in their eyes! Saul fell to the ground. Saul heard a voice calling, “Saul, Saul!”

Saul cried out, “Who are you?”

“I am Jesus” said the Voice.

“Now go into the city,” Jesus said, “and you will be told what to do.”

When Saul tried to get up and open his eyes he could not see anything. His eyes only saw black. Saul was blind! The men with Saul helped him get up and go into Damascus. Saul waited in the city just like Jesus told him. While Saul waited Saul did not eat or drink anything. As he waited Saul wondered how he had been so wrong about Jesus.

One, two, three days Saul waited. On the third day Jesus sent a man named Ananias to Saul with a message. Ananias said to Saul, “The Lord Jesus has sent me to you so you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit of God”.

Saul truly believed Jesus is God’s Son and Saul trusted that Jesus was God’s Savior for his sin.

**People who believe the Lord Jesus Christ are adopted into God's family.**

Saul was adopted into God's family when he trusted and believed in Jesus. God adopted Saul into His family as God's child.

When people are adopted into God's family they begin to change. God's Holy Spirit changes how God's children think and behave. God's children grow to be more and more like Jesus. And what a change happened to Saul! Saul was not angry any more. No! God gave Saul a new heart that was full of love for God and for all people. Saul began telling everyone that Jesus is God and their Savior. Saul was now a child of God.

Questions:

In the beginning of the story was Saul a nice guy or a mean guy? Mean

Did he believe in Jesus? No

Where was he going? Damascus to arrest believers

What happened? Light, heard Jesus's voice

Who came to help him? Ananias

Did Saul stay the same or did He change? He changed

At the end of the story who did Saul believe in? Jesus

What do you have to do to be God's child? Believe that God sent Jesus to pay for your sins