

## Blessing others when things are tricky!



This week, Kay shares about how Jesus met with Saul and dramatically transformed his life. **\*\*POP OVER AND HAVE A WATCH NOW**\*\*

#### READ Acts Chapter 9 together. What do you think is going on here? We're focussing on verses 10-20 today.

In this reading, we see how God met incredibly with a man called Saul who was actually one of the nastiest people the disciples and early leaders of the Church knew about. If there was anyone that they thought would never come to understand who Jesus was, or even follow Him, it was Saul.

For Ananias, Saul was someone pretty scary who he'd probably try and avoid, an enemy. How do you think he must have felt when God told him to go and bless Saul by placing his hands on him to make him see again? Rightly worried I would have thought – but God explained that he wanted to use Saul for great things. Ananias loved God so much and loved to do what he said. God helped Ananias to be brave and share God's blessing with Saul.

Have a chat: is there anyone you know who doesn't know who Jesus is, that you could talk to this week? Or perhaps pray that God shows them his love to transform their lives too?



#### **Worship Time**

Pop on some worship songs and as you listen and sing together, perhaps you could draw a picture of what you think God's love looks like in todays story.



Almighty Father God, We thank you, that even though you sometimes ask us to share your love with others who are a bit scary, that you make us brave and remind us of the love you have for EVERYONE. Amen.



# **Blessings in difficult situations....**

**Recap:** Did God show you any stumbling blocks in your life this week? Did anything change in your thinking? More positive?



The BIG Q



### Have a read of Acts 9 - The Message Version is here

Ananias: How brave are you in sharing your faith or love of Jesus? Have a think about how Ananias must have felt in this passage. Have you ever felt God asking you to do something for him that was a bit frightening?

**How about Saul?:** Have you ever felt out of God's reach? Too 'bad' or sinful? Saul is the perfect example of how incredible God's love is and plans for us are.

When God meets with us, he transforms. He reaches us where we're at and welcomes us to worship him just as we are. His love for us is mindblowing.



Pray for 4 people who have not been very kind to you in the past. People who might have even made fun of you for believing in Jesus. Let's stretch our trust in God that he can transform their lives and bring unity and peace.



#### You Make Me Brave – Bethel Music



### God, please show......

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......your love so that their lives can be changed amazingly, just like Sauls!



# **Blindfold Taste Test**

- Ask your grown up to choose 3 edible things from your kitchen and cut them into small bitesize pieces.
- Find a soft scarf/eye mask or something similar to act as a blindfold.
- Ask your grown up to carefully tie the blindfold around your eyes so that you cannot see.
- Then, one at a time, eat one of the chosen items and see if you can guess what it is, just by the taste of it.
- Take your blindfold off does it feel good to be able to see again? Full of colour and knowledge of everything around you!

Imagine how Saul felt when he could see again and realised how much God loved him, despite all the horrible things he'd done and that He planned to use him to spread the news of His love to many others too!

