

SAUL on the road to Damascus

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Paul, the great teacher,
wrote many things in the Bible,
but he didn't always know Jesus.
His name used to be Saul.



Saul loved God, but he was mad at people
who loved and followed Jesus.
Saul didn't understand that
Jesus was God's son.



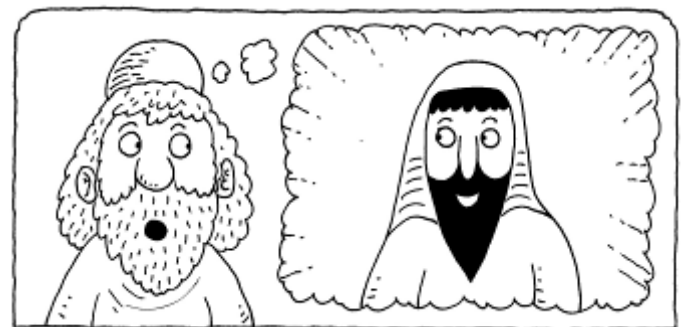
He asked the most important leader at the Temple,
for permission to go to Damascus
and catch Jesus' followers.
Saul thought God would be pleased with him.



As he was going along the road,
to Damascus, all of a sudden,
a very bright light shone down from heaven.
Saul got such a fright that he fell over.



Then he heard a voice
from heaven saying,
"Saul, Saul, why are you
working so hard to stop my plans."



And Jesus himself spoke to Saul.
"I am Jesus. You hurt yourself
by trying to hurt me," He said gently.
"Go into the city. I have work for you to do."



When the light had gone,
Saul couldn't see anything.
The people with him didn't know
what had happened.



But, Saul was a changed man.
Love for Jesus filled his heart.
He wanted everyone to know about Jesus.
And later, God changed his name to Paul.