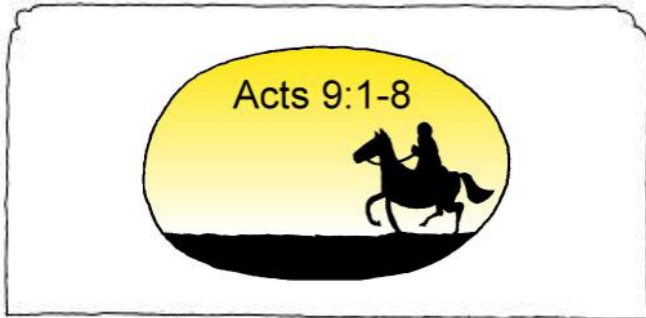


SAUL on the road to Damascus

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Saul thought that he was doing God's work when he was trying to stop people from following Jesus. His life changed when Jesus spoke to him.



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.



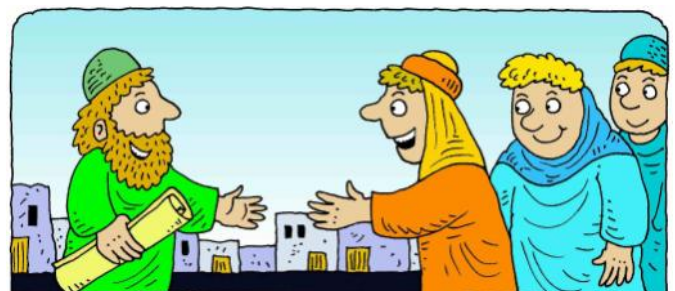
Then he heard a voice from heaven saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you working so hard to stop my plans."



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.