

# FRIENDS HELP PAUL GET AWAY

## *Acts 9:19-31*

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<sup>19</sup>after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup>At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. <sup>21</sup>All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup>Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.

<sup>23</sup>After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him, <sup>24</sup>but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. <sup>25</sup>But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.

<sup>26</sup>When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but

they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. <sup>27</sup>But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. <sup>28</sup>So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. <sup>29</sup>He talked and debated with the Grecian Jews, but they tried to kill him. <sup>30</sup>When the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

<sup>31</sup>Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.

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5		1.) What was Saul doing that upset the Jews?
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5		3.) What did the Jews want to do to Saul?
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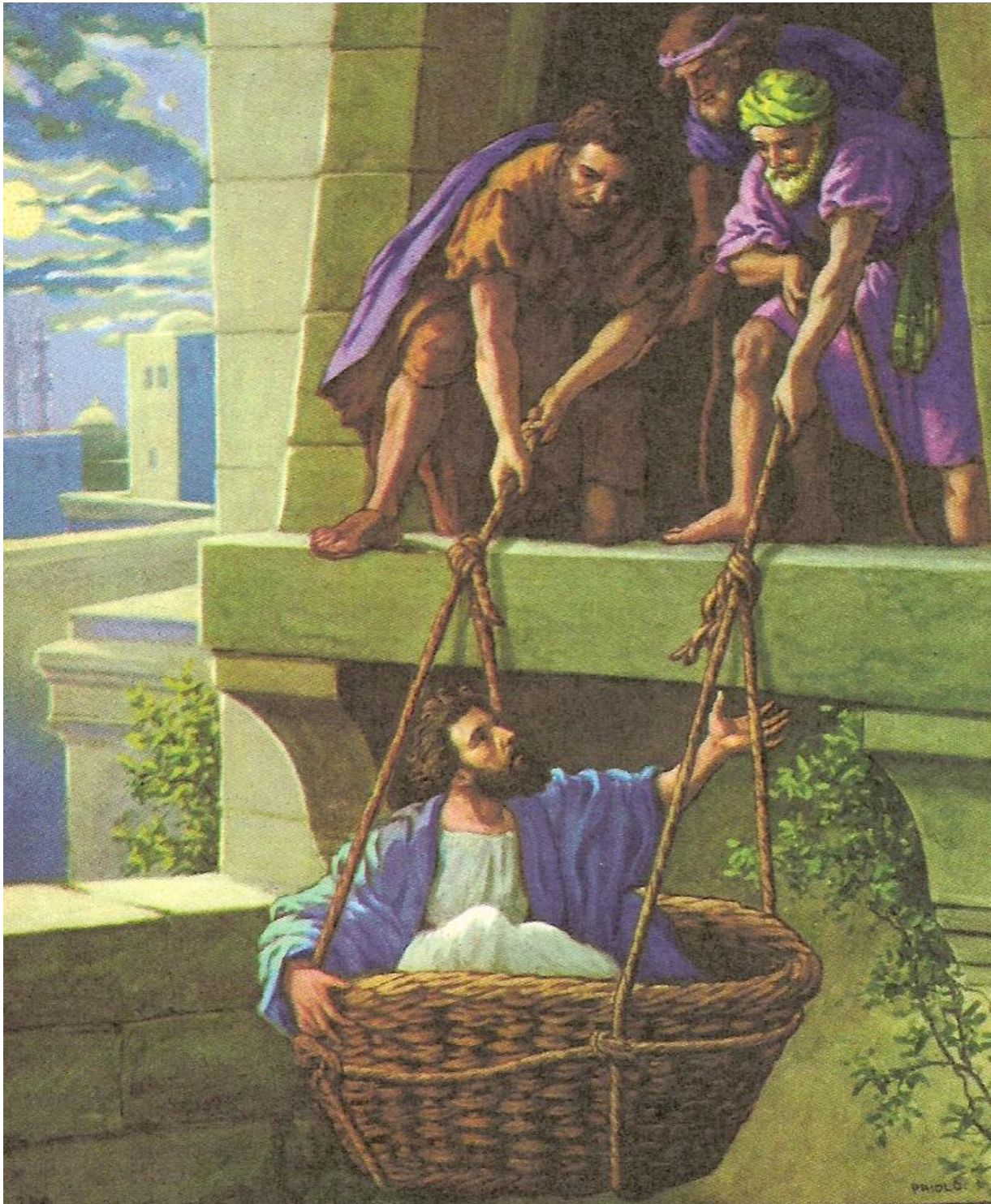
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER’S SIGNATURE _____ DATE __/__/__

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*Paul's friends lower him in a basket through an opening in the city wall*

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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: PAUL IN A BASKET

Students will make a basket to remind them of how Paul's friends helped him get away by lowering him in a basket through a hole in the wall.

### MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Basket Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Crayons
5. Tape or Glue
6. Paper Towels
7. Yarn (10" pieces)
8. Hole Punch



### DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a "Basket Pattern" onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the basket (front and back) and the Paul figure.
3. Cut out the basket and Paul figure on the solid black lines.
4. Have students fold on the dotted lines.
5. Tape or glue the tabs to construct the basket.
6. Glue Paul to the bottom of the basket.
7. Lay a piece of paper towel (blanket) over Paul to hide him in the basket.
8. Punch four holes in the basket and tie two pieces of yarn to the basket to represent ropes.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their baskets, remind them of how Paul's friends helped him escape so that he could continue to spread the good news of Christ to the world. Ask students what they would do to further God's kingdom.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

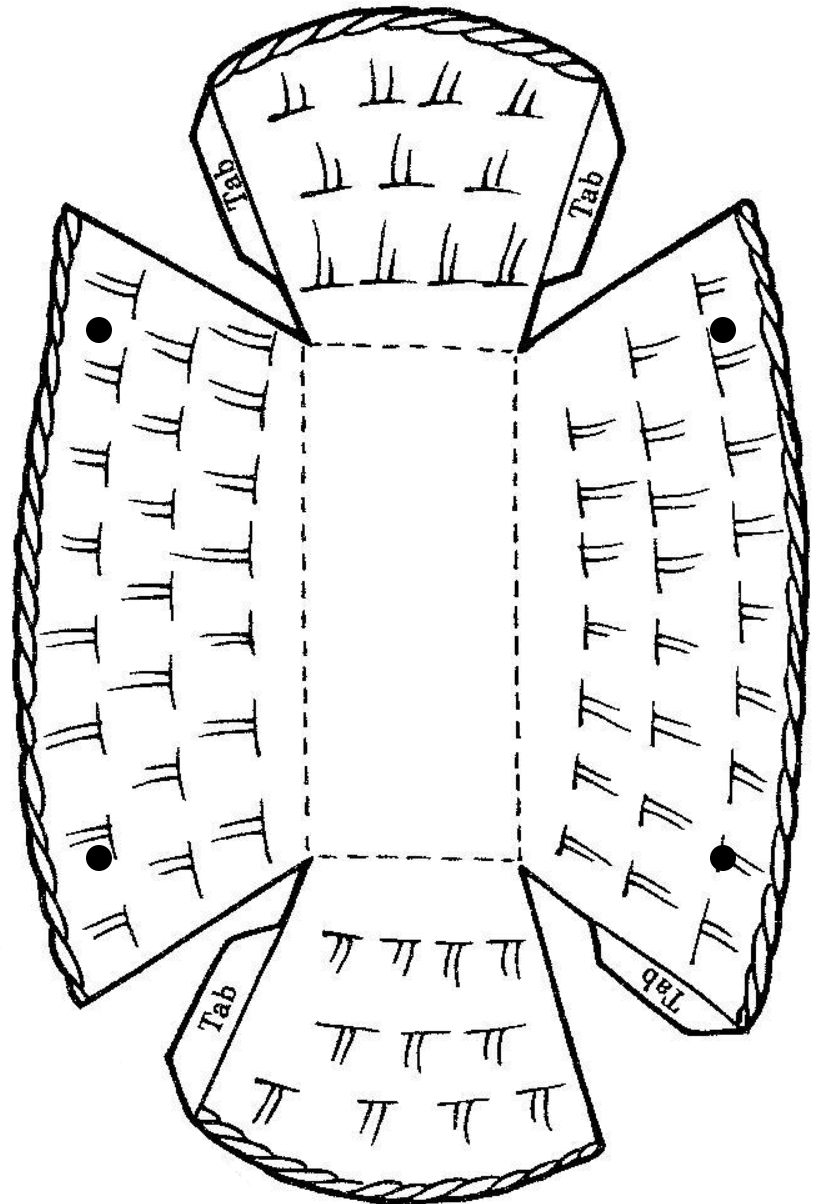
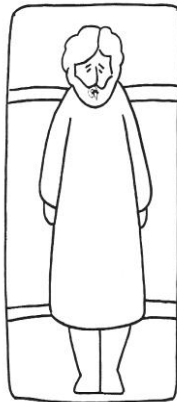
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**Directions:** In box #1, draw a picture of something that happened at the *beginning* of the story. In box #2 and #3, draw a picture of something that happened in the *middle* of the story. In box #4, draw a picture of something that happened at the *end* of the story. Then write a sentence for each picture to describe what you have drawn.

**1.**

**2.**

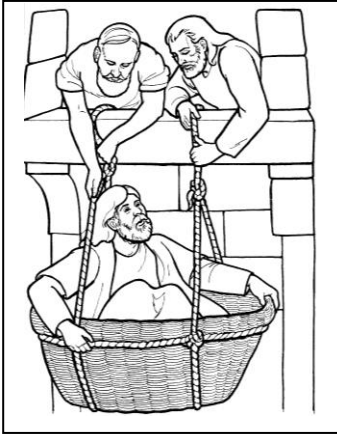
**3.**

**4.**

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the man who caused trouble in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?"

Many days later, the Jews planned to kill Saul. The Jews kept close watch on the city gates, so his followers came up with a plan to help Saul escape. The disciples lowered Saul in a basket through an opening in the city wall.

Then Saul went to Jerusalem, but some of the disciples were afraid. They didn't know that God had changed Saul's heart. But Barnabas told the disciples what God had done on the road to Damascus.

Saul preached boldly in the name of the Lord until the Jews in Jerusalem tried to kill him. Then Saul went off to Tarsus.

For additional details about this story, please read Acts 9:19-31 in your Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What was Saul doing that upset the Jews?
2. Why were people surprised by the way Saul was acting now?
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## MEMORY VERSE

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## FINISH THE PICTURE

