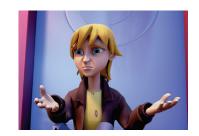
# The Road to Damascus Big Trouble





Following Jesus isn't always easy—but He is always there to help us! It's wonderful to be a Christian, yet sometimes we encounter hard times and difficult people. Why do you think people like Saul or Jason act the way they do? Read John 15:21.

## In the Morning

If anyone has ever teased you or been mean because you believe in Jesus—how did you feel and what did you do? Read Romans 1:16



The book of Acts describes how Christians were often in danger because of their faith. This is called persecution, and it still happens in some countries today. Amazingly, Jesus says that something good can come out of persecution. Can you guess what it is? Read Luke 21:13-15. How does Jesus promise to help us when we tell others about Him?

<u>PRAY</u>: Dear God, fill me with Your power so I can be a witness for You. Please strengthen all the believers who are persecuted for their faith in You. Amen

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### On the Go

Imagine if Ananias had not obeyed God's instruction to "Go!" Saul would not have become a believer, and the message of the Gospel would not have been taken to "the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel" (Acts 9:15). Saul, later called Paul, would not have written the many letters we have in the New Testament. Ananias heard – and obeyed. Because of that, history was changed. When God gives you an instruction, obey! What are some things God is telling you to do?

# The Road to Damascus Stop and Go





God will lead us if we listen and obey. List five things that mothers and fathers tell their children to do. Why do you think parents say all these things? God is our Father in heaven—and like any good parent, He wants us to know what to do and obey. Read what God says in Psalm 32:8.

### In the Morning

Sometimes, like with Saul, God commands us to STOP what we are doing. Other times, like with Ananias, God tells us to GO! Read Acts 9:10-19.



Can you think of some ways that God speaks to us? Read Psalm 17:6 and Psalm 119:105. Has He ever spoken to your heart? What did He say?

PRAY: Heavenly Father, speak to me as I read the Bible, worship and pray. Help me obey You, even if it's hard. And may I always be ready to "Go!" and do Your will. Amen.

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### On the Go

If the Lord told you to go pray for someone who was hurting Christians, how would you feel—and what would you do?

### The Road to Damascus **U-Turn**





No matter what you have done, God can help you change! What are some ways you can tell that Saul and Jason really changed? Can you think of some ways that the Lord can help you with this problem? God can do anything—all we need to do is ask and trust Him! Read Luke 1:37.

### In the Morning

God transformed Saul from someone who wanted to kill Christians into the Apostle Paul—a bold missionary and evangelist who wrote much of the New Testament and gave up His life for Jesus! Read what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17.



We may struggle with problems like getting too angry or not telling the truth, but God can change us, too! Read 2 Peter 1:3.

PRAY: Lord Jesus, You died on the cross so I could be changed into a new person. Please forgive me for all my sins, and help me become more like You every day. Amen.

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God wants you to follow Him and not go your own way. He can help you change direction. He can also help you change whatever needs to change for your life to bring honor to Him; that could be your beliefs, thoughts, attitudes, habits, or actions. Saul completely changed his life with the power of God. God can help you change, too! What are some things in your life that you want to change?