

Scriptures: Acts 9:1-31 and Acts 22:6-21

Key Verse: Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before the Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel.”

Key Points:

1. Saul was persecuting the Christians, asking the high priest to be able to throw them into jail in Jerusalem. As he journeyed to Damascus, a bright light shone down on him. He heard a voice, “Saul, why are you persecuting me?” Saul asked who it was talking to him and the voice said it was the Lord whom he was persecuting. He then asked what the Lord wanted him to do. The Lord told him to get up, go into the city and he would receive instructions. Saul arose from the ground and when he got up he was blind. Those who had journeyed with him saw no one but took him by the hand into Damascus.

2. Saul was without sight for 3 days. He neither ate nor drank. A disciple named Ananias had a vision from the Lord. He was told to go to Saul and put his hand on him so that he would regain his sight. Saul was at the home of Judas, on a street called Straight. Ananias was afraid to go there because he had heard how Saul persecuted the Christians. The Lord told him to go anyway, that Saul was his chosen vessel to do his work. So he went to Saul, as he laid hands on him, something like scales fell from his eyes.

3. After Saul received his sight, he immediately got up and was baptized. He ate, was strengthened and spent his days with the disciples in Damascus. He preached about Christ in the synagogues. All who heard were amazed that this could be the same man who had been persecuting the Christians. But Saul worked even harder preaching that Jesus was the Christ.

4. The Jews heard of this and conspired to kill Saul. The disciples took Saul and let him down in a large basket through the wall so he could escape the city. He went to Jerusalem, but they were all afraid of him and did not believe he was a disciple. But, Barnabas brought him to the disciples and told them Saul’s story of how he had spoken to the Lord on the road to Damascus. So he stayed there preaching but there were still threats on his life so he was sent on to Tarsus.

252. SAUL IS CONVERTED

(ACTS 8:1-4, 9:1-22)



"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

ACTS 9:3-4

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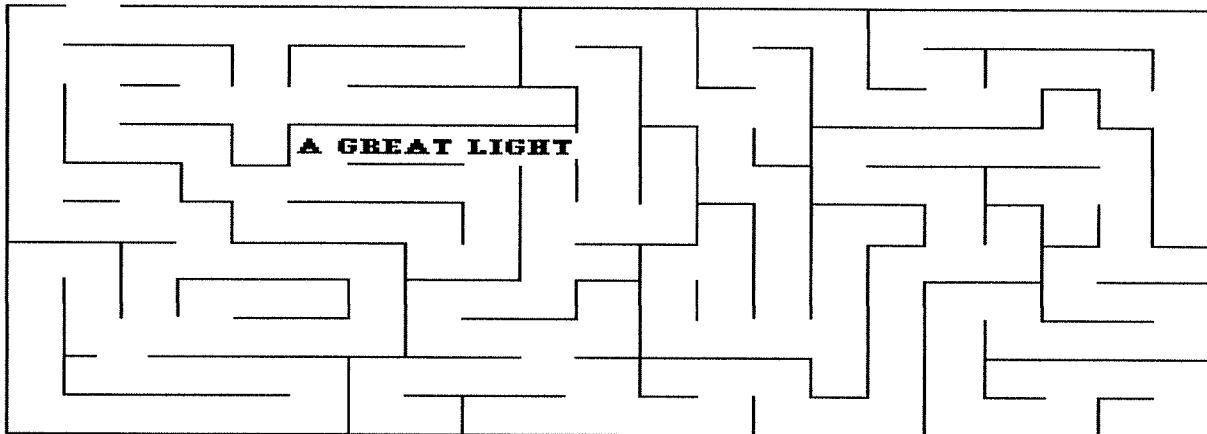
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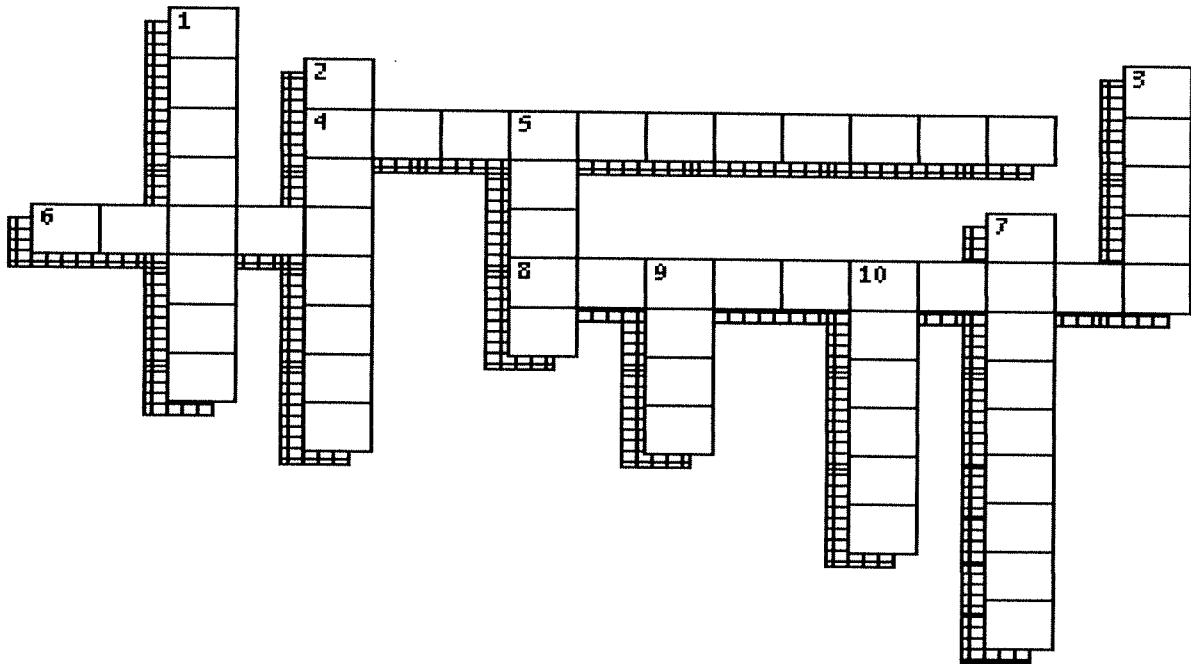
THE ROAD BEGINS HERE



DAMASCUS

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- 10 DOWN "As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to _____." **ACTS 8:3**
- 7 DOWN "Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere _____ the word." **ACTS 8:4**
- 3 DOWN "And as he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a _____ shone around him from heaven." **ACTS 9:3**
- 4 ACROSS "Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why are you _____ Me?' " **ACTS 9:4**
- 9 DOWN "So he, trembling and astonished, said, '_____, what do You want me to do?' And the Lord said to him, 'Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'" **ACTS 9:6**
- 1 DOWN "Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into _____." **ACTS 9:8**
- 5 DOWN "And he was three days without _____, and neither ate nor drank." **ACTS 9:9**
- 8 ACROSS "And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the _____ _____.'" **ACTS 9:17**
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TRUE OR FALSE:

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7. "Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days _____ sight, and neither ate nor drank." ACTS 9:8-9

TRUE OR FALSE:

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Discussion Questions – Saul's Conversion

Read Acts 9:1-22

- Who consented to Stephen's death?
- Where was Saul going and what was he going to do?
- What happened as he traveled?
- Who talked with Saul?
- Why was Saul blinded?
- Which disciple was told to go and heal Saul?
- Why didn't he want to see Saul?
- Would you have trusted God and visited Saul, a killer of those who followed Jesus?
- How did Ananias greet Saul?
- What did Saul do after his healing?
- Why was Saul so important to the Christian church?
- What name is he best known by?



**Paul Learns
About Jesus**

—Acts 9, 22

Saul Hears About Jesus

Saul (who later became known as Paul) was traveling to Damascus to arrest followers of Jesus. As he came near the city, a bright light from Heaven flashed around him. Saul heard someone speak to him. Then Saul said, "Who are you?"

To find out what the voice said, read the first column below. To find out who was speaking, cross out all the letters in the second column that are used in the words in the first column. For example, if there is one "a" in the first column, cross out one "a" in the second column.

When you are finished, copy the letters left onto the lines below.

"Saul,
Saul,
why do
you
persecute me?"

S l a u a l m
J S e a s u u s l
w h w y h o d m y o o u
y a o r u e
p p e e r s r s e c e c u u t e t i n g e m



Saul's Conversion

Remember Paul was called Saul before his conversion. Saul was blinded by a light during his conversion. Use the braille chart to decode the missing words. (See Acts 9:1-19.)

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Saul was a of

Christians. He became a when

Jesus came to him in a . The light

Saul. So, Jesus worked through

to restore Saul's .

and to let Saul know that he, Saul, had been

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Christ. Then Saul was .

Saul became a .



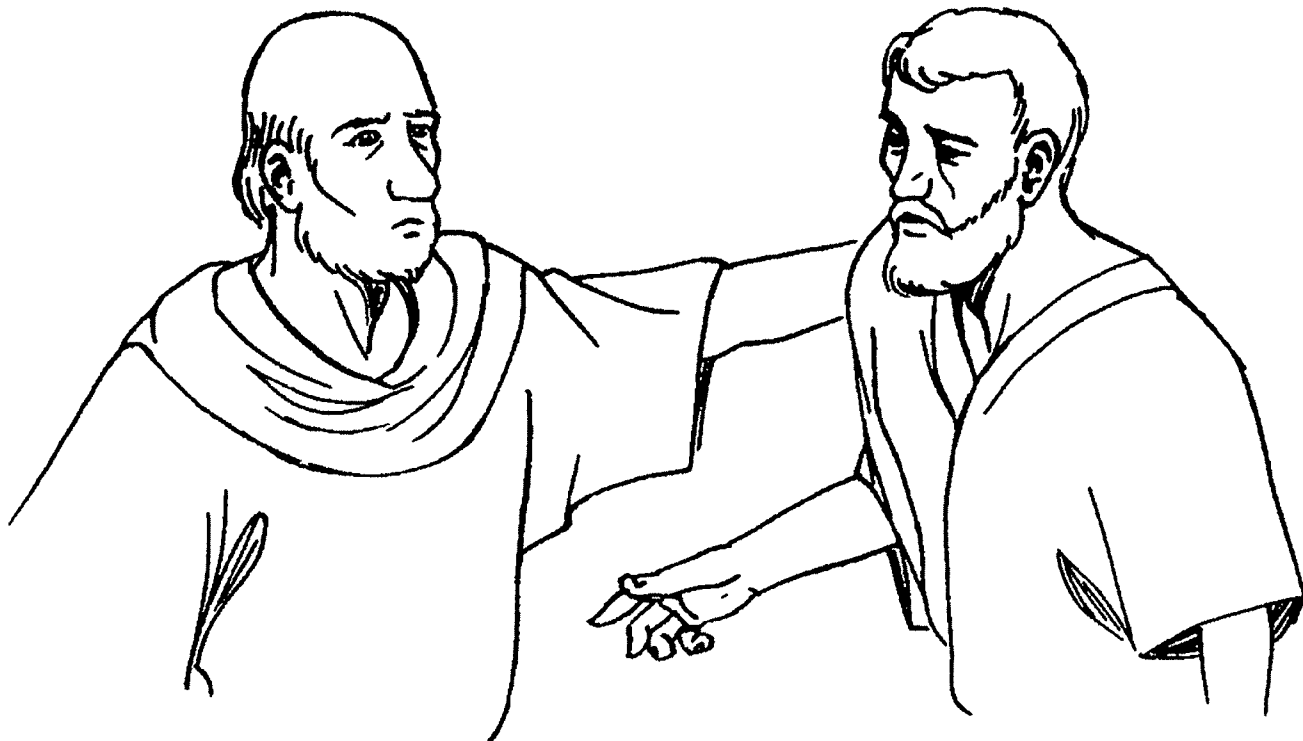
Paul went to the Street called Straight in Damascus where his eyes were healed by a disciple called Ananias. Paul then began to preach the gospel.

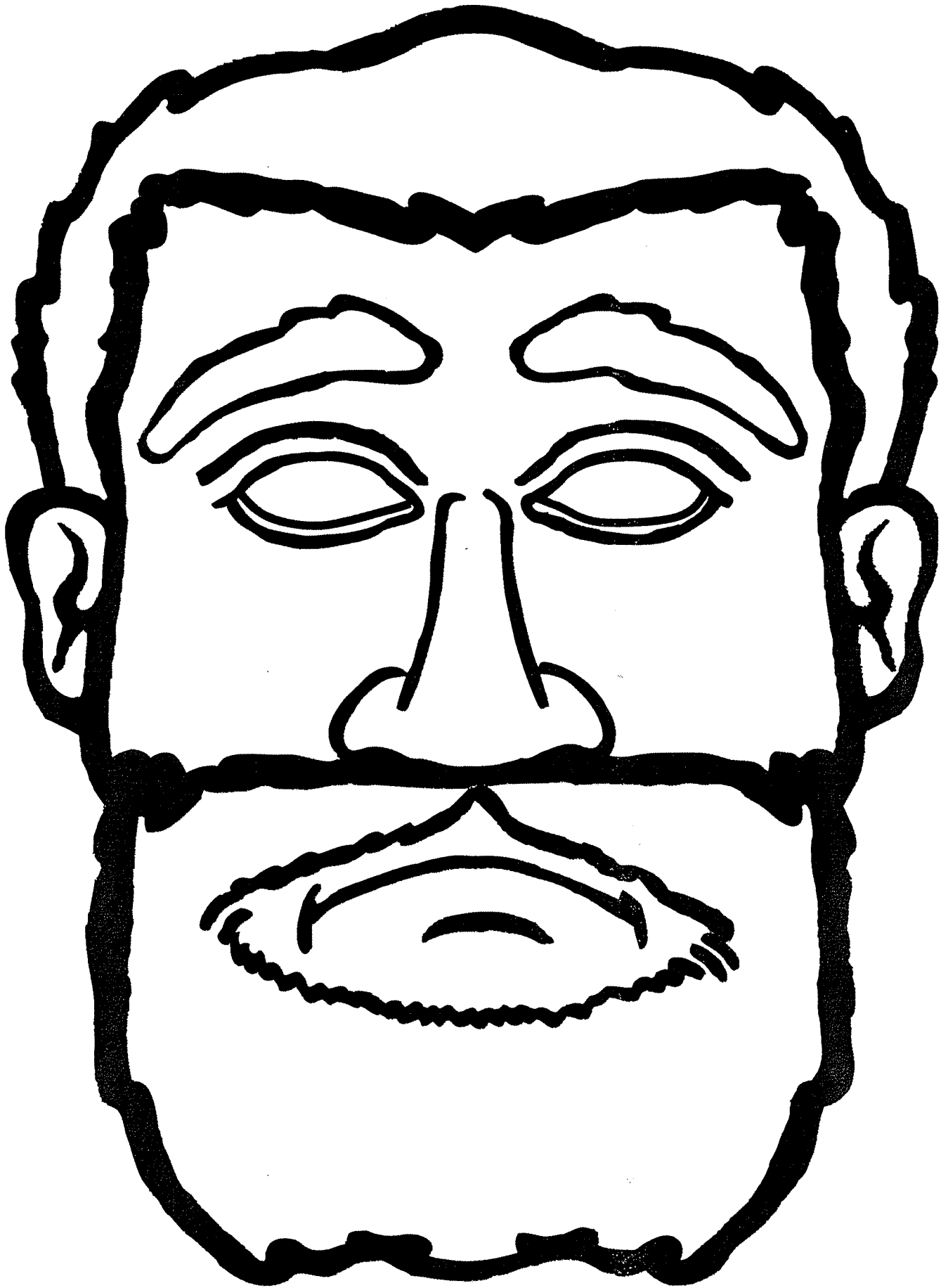
Follow That Trail

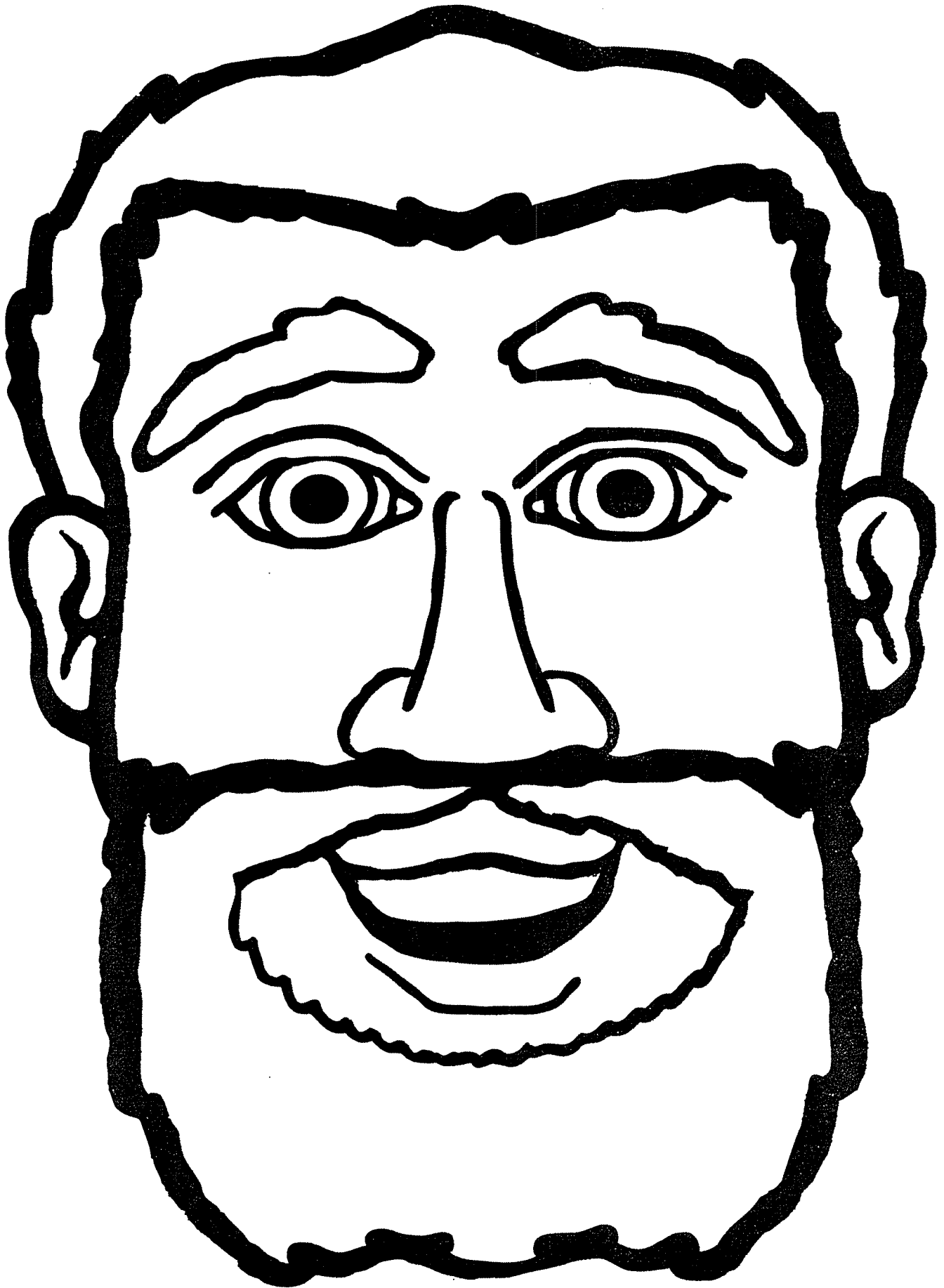
ACTS 9, 13 – PAUL'S CALL

Follow the trail to find out the answers to these facts about Saul's amazing conversion. (You can read the entire story about Saul's conversion in Acts 9:1-31.)

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| 1. Number of days Saul was blind (9:9) | Barnabas |
| 2. Name of the man who helped Saul see again (9:10-11, 17-18) | Straight |
| 3. Name of the street where the Lord sent Ananias (9:11) | three |
| 4. People to whom Saul was to "carry" the Lord's name (9:15) | Paul |
| 5. What Saul's followers used to help him escape from Damascus (9:25) | Tarsus |
| 6. The man who helped Saul join the disciples in Jerusalem (9:26-27) | Ananias |
| 7. Place where the disciples next sent Saul (9:30). | Gentiles |
| 8. Saul's other name (13:9) | basket |







Glitter beam of
light

Make a "blindfold" of
scales that can be
attached over his
eyes and moved up &
down.



Paul Begins to Tell About Jesus

Acts 9, 22