



Parent Guide

Elementary: June 21

BIBLE STORY:

Ananias Helps Paul

Acts 9:10-31

BOTTOM LINE:

Knowing Jesus can help you face your fears.

ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY

What you need:

<https://vimeo.com/430039360/255b481a40>

FAMILY CONNECT QUESTION:

Share a time that you were afraid to do something but you overcame your fear and did it anyway.

Say • The next time you are afraid to take a test, tell the truth or give a speech, remember that Jesus is with you and wants to help you face your fears.

ACTIVITY: What you need: paper, markers, word list

Take turns drawing words for others to guess: thunder, spiders, the dark, storms, snakes, high places

Say • We all have fears! The Bible is full of stories of people who faced situations that scared them just like in this week's story.

ACTIVITY: BIBLE STORY RETELL

There was a follower of Jesus in Damascus named Ananias. God called out to Ananias in a vision. He said: "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street. Ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul."

Ananias had heard about how terrible Saul was. He told God how he had heard reports about Saul. God said, "Go! I have chosen this man to work for me."

Ananias must have been afraid but he did what God said. He went to the house and found Saul. Ananias placed his hand on Saul and told him that God had sent him there to help him. Something like scales dropped from Saul's eyes and he could see again!

Now, Saul wanted to tell everyone about Jesus! He started preaching and teaching in the synagogues. There were some people who weren't happy about Saul's change of heart. They made plans to capture and kill him.

Saul's friend helped him to escape at night. They lowered him in a basket through an opening in the city wall. He headed back to Jerusalem.

Saul tried to join the other followers but they were afraid of them. One man, Barnabas, had already heard Saul's story. He took Saul to visit Peter, James and the other leaders of the early church. He helped them see that Saul had changed and they welcomed Saul into the family.

Pray: God, thanks for giving Saul another chance to follow you. Give us the kind of faith we need to face our fears. We pray these things in Jesus' name, amen.

