Journey Kids Club

JKTV Episode 41

This episode's Bible story is from Acts 9. The Big
Idea is: **Jesus reveals himself to people who don't
know him.** Saul thought he knew who God was and what God wanted him to do but a
dramatic meeting with Jesus changes all of that. Saul was doing really bad things to the
disciples of Jesus but that didn't stop God from turning things around.

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*The following activities can be done as a family or with some 'bubble' friends. Each activity will
take around 5 minutes. If you would like to print off more pages for an activity, go to our website,
www.onthejourney.ca, and click on the links for this episode to find downloadable pages.*

Activity 1: Blinded By The Light
Supplies: Flashlight or smart phone with flashlight (from home)

Instructions:
- If it is day time, go into a room where you can make it dark.
- Give your child the flashlight and let them turn the light on and off. As they play, point out
  how bright the light is.
- Explain that in today's Bible story they'll hear about a man named Saul. He was blinded
  by a light that was much brighter than these flashlights! Say "I wonder what happened
  to Saul?"
- Explain that "reveal" means show. Jesus needed to show Saul who he is.
- Say the Big Idea together: **Jesus reveals himself to people who don't know him!**

Activity 2: Bible story
Supplies: Saul on the Road to Damascus booklet (provided)

Instructions:
- Explain that today's story is from the Bible.
- Read from the booklet, showing your child the pictures as you read.
- Ask:
  • Who was blinded by the bright light? (Saul)
  • Who spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus? (Jesus)
  • What terrible thing had Saul been doing before Jesus spoke to him? (hurting Jesus'
  followers)
  • What happened to Saul's eyes after Ananias prayed for him? (Saul could see again!)
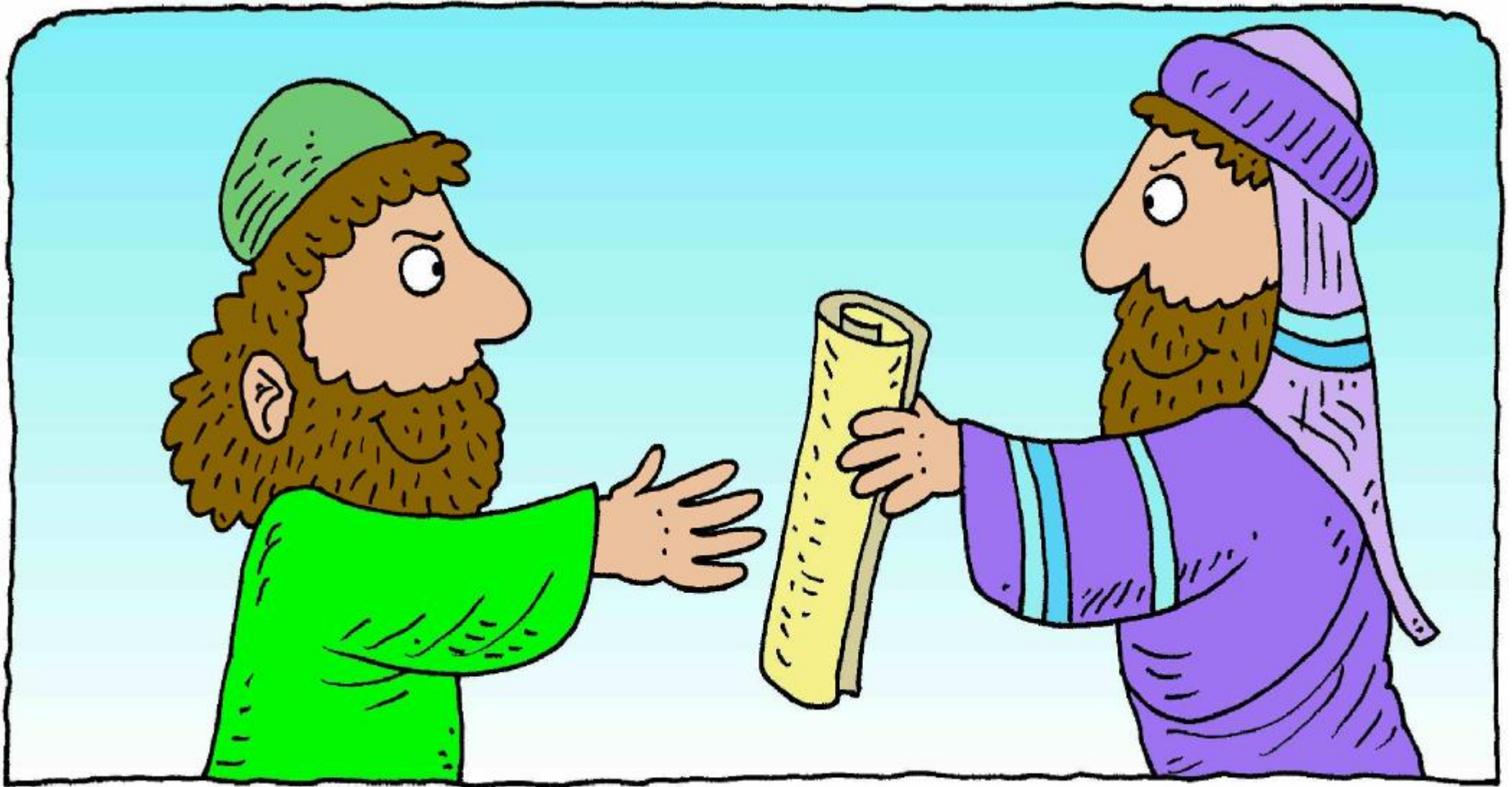
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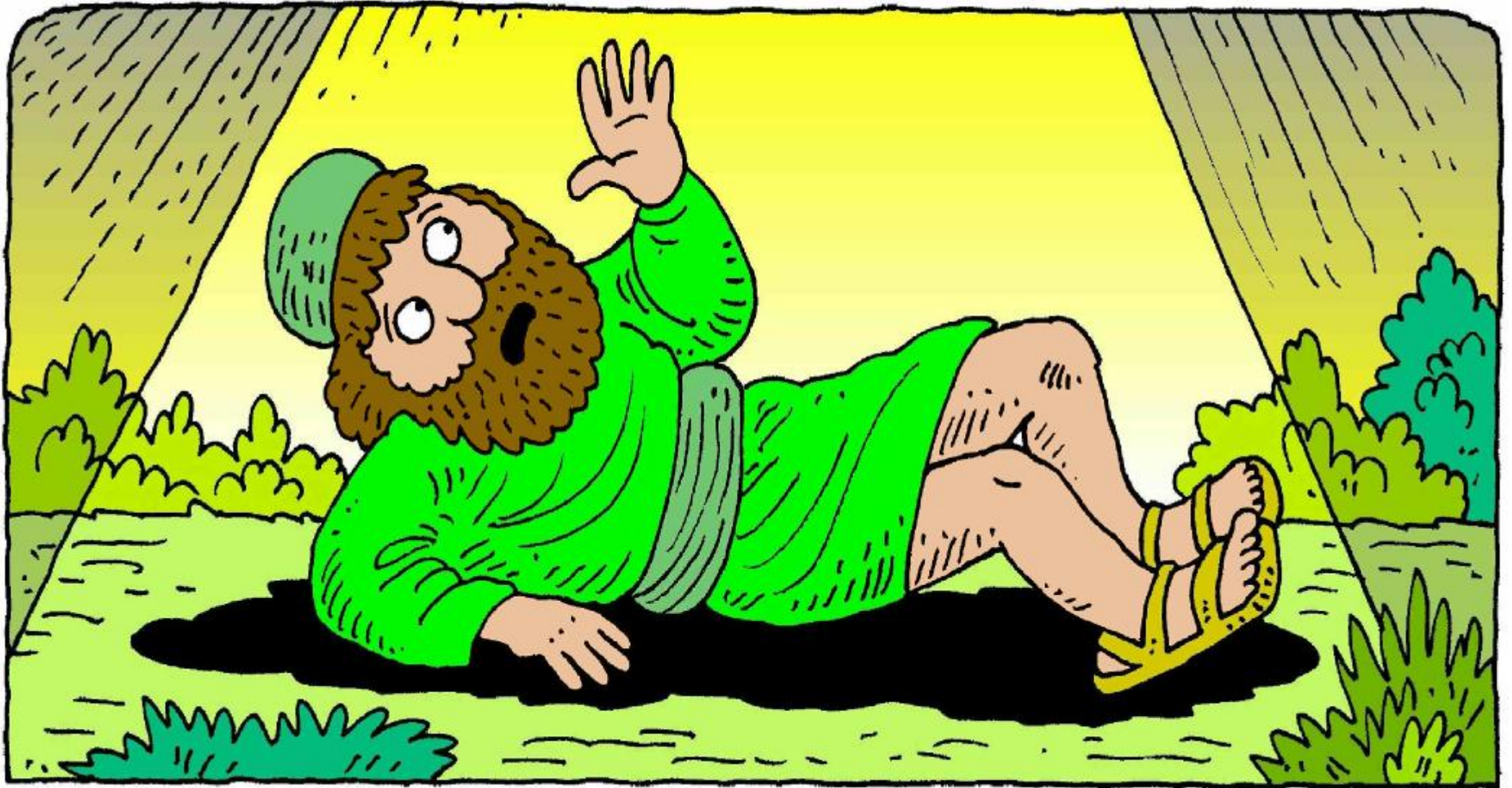
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Acts 9:1-8

Saul loved God, but he was mad at people
who loved and followed Jesus.
Saul didn't understand that
Jesus was God's son.

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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.

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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.

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"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Romans 10:15b

- Note that Jesus wanted to know Saul and loved Saul very much so he revealed himself to Saul. Say the Big Idea together: **Jesus reveals himself to people who don't know him!**
- Pray and thank Jesus that he knows and loves each one of us!

<u>Activity 2:</u> Memory Verse Activity
Supplies: Key verse card (provided) "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15b, memory verse colouring sheet (provided)

Instructions:
- Make up a silly sounding song with the memory verse. Add some actions and repeat the song as many times as your child is interested. If your child is willing, make a short video and send it to pastor Sarah for use on JKTV! (sarah@onthejourney.ca)
- Allow your child to use the memory verse colouring sheet as another way to practice the memory verse.

<u>Activity 4:</u> Sing & Dance together
Supplies: (from home) smart device to play song from YouTube: "On the Road to Damascus" by Jacob Barr
- Play 'Freeze Dance' together. Let your child know that when the music is paused they have to 'freeze' until the music comes on again.
- Play as long as they are interested.
- Say the Big Idea together: **Jesus reveals himself to people who don't know him!**