



## RADICAL LOVE – “GOD GIVES HIS RADICAL LOVE”

### LESSON OVERVIEW

**Revelation:** God Gives His Radical Love

**Bible Lesson:** Acts 9:1-18

**Heart:** Saul did not have God’s heart, but one encounter with Jesus changed everything. Saul began to see people the way God did: Saul carried God’s heart.

**Memory Verse:** “He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”  
– Micah 6:8

### GAME

- Musical Chairs
- 4-Corners
- Playground

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Page Team Lead for all communication of needs (supplies, parent assistance, medical, restroom breaks)
- NEVER leave the classroom without paging Team Lead
- NEVER be alone with a child – this includes one on one conversations
- NO pictures or video recording is allowed in the classroom
- Every child and serve team member MUST wear their name tag

### RULES

- Respect

### DECLARATION

“I am a child of God, full of His Holy Spirit. I am learning His ways. I am made to encounter and connect with Him daily. I am walking in His favor and carrying His presence wherever I go.”

### CONNECT WITH GOD FOCUS

- Creation



## REVELATION

**SAY** | Radical love is when you love God for no reason. If He never did anything for you ever again, you would still love Him. Radical love is when you love God because He is God!

Jesus tells us in Matthew 22:37-38 that the most important commandment is “...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your mind.”

In this series we are diving into what it means to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind. Today, you will find a man, who loved God with everything, but did not have God’s heart. This man’s name was Saul, he was later known by Paul, and he thought he was doing what God wanted by hurting Christians, until he had one encounter with Jesus where Jesus changed his heart to love rightly and to love radically.

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**Let’s pray**, Holy Spirit, we welcome you here, we don’t make room for you, but we give you the entire room. We ask you to teach us your ways so that we may know you and find your favor. Speak Lord, your servants are listening. Amen.

## BIBLE LESSON

**TEACHER PROMPT** | If you memorize this story and this lesson, it will help you teach it in excellence and allow Holy Spirit to speak to you and through you.

**BIBLE LESSON INTRO** | Our Bible lesson today is found in Acts 9:1-18

Saul was a passionate follower of God, he knew all the law, yet he was missing God’s heart. After Jesus died and rose from the dead, and went to heaven, Saul began to hurt people who claimed to follow this “Jesus”. Because he did not have God’s heart and mind, to him, he was doing what was right because he loved God. When Saul was met with Jesus’ radical love for him, it opened his heart and mind to see God’s radical love for all His people, not just the Jews.



One day, Saul and some men were on a road to a city called Damascus with a letter saying that he had the authority to arrest anyone who claimed to follow Jesus. As Saul was walking on this road, suddenly a light from heaven flashed all around him and he fell to the ground. He heard a voice say, 'Saul! Saul! Why are you hurting me?', but Saul did not know this voice, so he replied, 'Who are you, Lord?'

Who knows who he was talking to? (allow for response)

'I am Jesus, He replied. I am the one you are hurting. Now get up and go into the city. There you will be told what you must do.' But the men who were with him did not see anyone, they only heard the sound. As Saul got up from the ground, he opened his eyes, but he could not see, so the men led him the rest of the way to Damascus. For 3 days, Saul didn't eat or drink anything. (You can pause and talk about fasting).

"In Damascus there was a believer named Ananias. The Lord called out to him in a vision. "Ananias!" he said. "Yes, Lord," he answered. The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street. Ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying. In a vision Saul has seen a man come and place his hands on him. That man's name is Ananias. In the vision, Ananias placed his hands on Saul so he could see again."

"Lord... I've heard many reports about this man. They say he has done great harm to your holy people in Jerusalem. Now he has come here to arrest all those who worship you. The chief priests have given him authority to do this." But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! I have chosen this man to work for Me. He will announce My name to the Gentiles and to their kings. He will also announce My name to the people of Israel..."

So, Ananias went and found Saul, he put His hands on him and said, "Brother Saul... you saw the Lord, Jesus. He appeared to you on the road as you were coming here. He has sent me so that you will be able to see again. You will be filled with the Holy Spirit." Right away something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again, then he got up and was baptized. Saul stayed with Ananias for several days and right away began to tell everyone about Jesus. God gave Saul His Radical love!



Jesus had such Radical love for Saul, even though Saul was treating His people wrong, Jesus did not give up on him. He met him where he was and gave him a new heart and mind. He gave Saul His very own Radical love. Jesus had no “reason” to continue to love Saul after the way he was treating His followers, but Radical love loves for no reason. It is God’s perfect love.

**Our revelation today is, God Gives His Radical Love.**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Ask Holy Spirit what He wants to do in this next moment. This can look like asking children to repent for not seeing people with God’s heart and mind. Take a moment and ask the Lord to impart His radical love to them so they would have radical love for others.

## **SALVATION + DISCUSSION**

**TEACHER PROMPT** | This invitation to an eternity with Jesus is huge! Be sensitive to what Holy Spirit wants to do in this time. Ask Him to think through your thoughts and speak through your mouth!

**SAY** | God loves YOU so much that He gave his only Son that anyone who believes, in Jesus, might be saved and have everlasting life, John 3:16. God wants to be close to you. He has taken every step to be close to you. If you have never accepted Jesus into your heart, you can today! (You can invite children to raise hands, come forward, etc. have everyone repeat prayer together)

**PRAYER** | Father God you are Holy. Holy Spirit, we thank you for all that you teach us and that we get to know you Jesus, we thank you for laying down your life so that we can be close to you. Jesus, would you forgive us from our sins. Would you come live in our heart forever. Amen.

**CELEBRATION** | At TLC one of our values is Celebration. If you made this amazing decision to give your life to Jesus today, please stand up so we can CELEBRATE YOU! Let’s Celebrate our friends who gave their life to Jesus today! WOOHOO!!

**NOTE** | List names of any child that received Jesus today on the Feedback Sheet



**ASK** | Encourage children to participate by answering the below questions:

- + What did Holy Spirit highlight to you in this story today?
- + How do you think you would react in this situation if you were there?
- + What is our memory verse?
- + What was our revelation?
- + What was our Bible Lesson about?

## **BENEDICTION PRAYER**

“Teach us your ways that we may know you and find your favor.” – Exodus 33:13

## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

### **1. What was our memory verse?**

(“He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8)

### **2. What was our revelation?**

(God gives His radical love)

### **3. What was our Bible Story about?**

(Saul on the road to Damascus and is given Jesus’ radical love for others)

### **4. What is the verse we have repeated every week about Radical love?**

(Matthew 22:37-38 “...Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your mind.”)

### **5. How many days did Saul not eat or drink (fast) after he met Jesus?**

(3 days)

### **6. What did Saul do after the scales fell off his eyes?**

(He accepted Jesus and was baptized, he also began to preach the gospel everywhere.)

**TEACHER PROMPT** | Fill in the blank with the number of salvations: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and classroom name: \_\_\_\_\_

Feedback: \_\_\_\_\_

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Celebrations: \_\_\_\_\_

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