



Trek Parent Resources

June 13 & 14, 2020

Paul Becomes a Believer

Our Bible story this week comes from Acts 9:1-9.

Can You Do the Impossible?

- **Challenge your kid(s) to do something that seems impossible:**

Hold one end of a three-foot piece of ribbon or yarn in each hand, and then tie a knot without letting go.

Solution: Lay the ribbon or yarn on the table. Cross your arms across your chest. Lean forward and pick up each end of the ribbon with your arms still crossed. Uncross your arms, making sure to pass your hands through the ribbon or yarn. Voila!

For a visual of this, head to <http://bit.ly/2U0XX24>

- **Ask them what else they can do that seems impossible, allowing your kid(s) to share stories or tricks.**

Game Changers

- **Discuss as a family how you might see things differently if your lives changed in the following ways:**

Dogs could talk.

The floor in our room was made of chocolate cake.

The Bible didn't exist.

You were blind.

You actually saw Jesus as you walked down the street.

You were a millionaire.

You were homeless.

You could turn yourself invisible.

Discussion suggestion after activity:

A floor made of cake or a world where people could randomly turn themselves invisible would be a total game-changer. In our Bible story this week, we saw how someone experienced the GAME-CHANGER of all game-changers—Jesus!

Verse to Take With You

Supplies: Bible, AA batteries, button or disc magnets, foil

What You Do:

- Spread a long, smooth piece of foil in a straight line on the floor or on a table.
- Give each family member one AA battery and two magnets.
- Instruct them to attach a magnet to each end of the battery.
- Take turns placing the batteries (with magnets attached) at one end of the strip of foil.
- When you let go, the batteries will roll unaided to the other end of the foil.

If the battery moves slowly or not at all, add additional magnets to the ends.

Optional: To make the batteries move in a circle, use a different size magnet at one end of the battery. You might have to place additional sheets of foil to make an area wide enough for the circle.

- Ask your kid(s) the following questions:

What could you see happening as the battery and magnets interacted?

What could you NOT see?

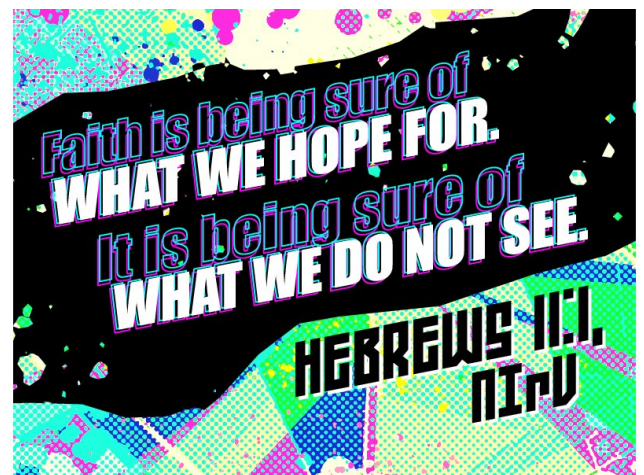
In what ways are the battery and magnet an illustration of faith? *(Possible answers are: We can't see the invisible force working through the magnet and battery, but we believe it's there because we see the batteries move. In the same way, we can't see Jesus, but we believe in Him because we see the evidence of Him in nature, answered prayers, the Bible, and in the ways He works in our lives.)*

- Open the Bible to John 20.

Remind the kids that after Jesus died on the cross He came back to life. He appeared to many people. Thomas, one of Jesus' disciples, had not seen Jesus and doubted that He'd really come back to life even though others said it was true.

- Read aloud John 20:26-29 and talk about the verses.
- What do you think Jesus meant when He told Thomas that those who believe in Him even though they haven't seen Him are blessed?
- What are some ways people change when they come to know Jesus?

Don't forget to review your
memory verse at home this
week!



Discussion Questions

- If God tries to get someone's attention but they continue to ignore Him, does He ever give up? Explain.
- In what ways might a follower of Jesus view the following areas of life differently than those who don't follow Him?

Money

People

Sickness or death

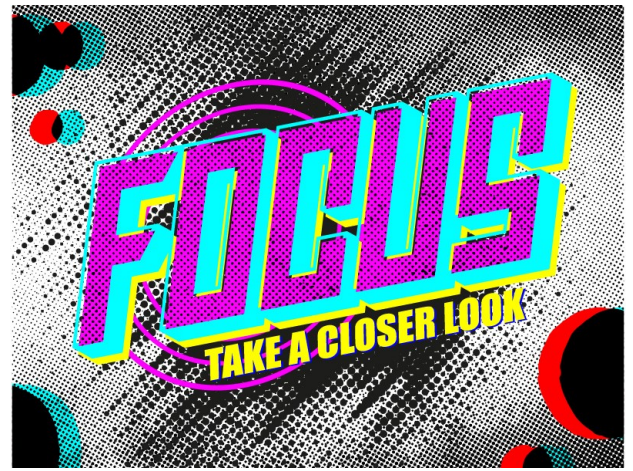
Time

Creation

Happiness

The Bible

- If you could meet Jesus the way Saul did, how do you think it would impact your faith? We probably won't have a "Damascus" experience like Saul did, but what are some ways God might get our attention?



Pray as a Family

Brainstorm ways God might get your attention and help their your grow stronger.

Some examples: wise friends and leaders, appreciation of God's amazing creation, in the ups and downs of life, worshipping with others, prayers, and learning about God



Pray and ask for God's help to know Jesus better through each of the ways you came up with as a family.

Dear God, we want to know Jesus better. When we follow You in faith it changes us from the inside out. Our attitude, words, and actions are not like those who don't follow You. Help us to see things the way You see them. Help us grow in our love for You and others this week as we remember the things we learned today. In Jesus' name, amen.