

# Suddenly, I See

**Bible Story:** Suddenly, I See (Paul Becomes a Believer) • Acts 9:1-9

**Bottom Line:** Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.

**Memory Verse:** *Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see.*  
Hebrews 11:1, (NIRV)

**Life App:** Faith—Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

**Basic Truth:** I can trust God no matter what.

## **Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (Small Groups, 15 minutes)**

Welcome kids and spend time engaging in conversation and catching up. Get ready to experience today's story.

*Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help you see how knowing Jesus has changed the way you see the world. Pray that you can convey the awe and the comfort that has brought you during the time you've been following Jesus. Ask God for guidance as you help your few discover some of the ways God speaks to us and helps us interpret the world we live in.*

### **1. Early Arriver**

*Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** Paper, markers

#### **What You Do:**

- Hand out paper and ask kids to draw their favorite season and favorite thing during that season.
- When they're finished, ask kids to share what they drew.
- Lead them in a discussion about how they know that seasons change.
  - What do they see that indicates a season change?
  - What about smells or sounds of season change?

### **2. Change**

*Made to Explore: an activity that extends learning through hands on experimentation and discovery*

**What You Need:** Pie pan, whole milk, food coloring, cotton swab, liquid dish soap

#### **What You Do:**

- Ask the kids to gather around you.
- Invite one kid to pour milk into a pie pan.
- Lead kids as they take turns carefully adding two drops of the food coloring into the milk.
- Instruct kids to space out their drops of color, and ask them to be careful not to bump or shake the pie pan.

- When everyone has added some color, generously soak the end of a cotton swab with liquid dish soap.
- Dip the soaked cotton swab into the milk next to a drop of color.
- Repeat the process with all the drops of color. Let kids take turns dipping the swab themselves.
- End by swirling the soaked cotton swab through the colors.

**What You Say:**

“Adding soap to the milk completely changed how the milk looked. It was something simple changed into beautiful art. **[Transition] Lets go discover how someone’s life was completely changed.**”

**Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (Small Groups, 25 minutes)**

Create a safe place to connect and learn how the Bible story applies to real life experiences, through interactive activities and discussion questions.

**\*1. The Right Size?****[Live for God | Application Activity]**

*Made to Explore: an activity that encourages learning through hands on experimentation and discovery*

**What You Need:** “Hole in the Middle” Activity Page, index cards, scissor [I recommend YouTubing this beforehand](#)

**What You Do:**

- Give each kid an index card and a pair of scissors.
- Let them know that you have a challenge for them: to cut a hole in the index card big enough for their entire body to fit through!
- Allow time for kids to attempt the challenge and maybe even get a little frustrated with it.
- Next, give each kid a new index card.
- Tell the group that you know how to create a big enough hole to fit their bodies. Ask them to follow along as you demonstrate the steps.
  - Refer to the “Hole in the Middle” diagram and start by having the kids fold the index card in half lengthwise.
  - Next, cut a slit on each side near the left and right edges. *(The slits should be vertical and go down from the fold, NOT from the unfolded edges. Do not cut the ends; leave a little space.)*
  - Now, cut off the folded edge. *(Be careful to not cut the ends, and stop when you reach the slits.)*
  - Make more cuts by alternating each cut, one from the unfolded edge and the other from the folded edge.
  - Continue cutting back and forth until you fill the card with cuts.
  - Remind the kids to keep the correct pattern of back and forth.
  - Once the kids are done cutting, have them gently open the index card.
  - Encourage the kids to carefully step through the card!

**What You Say:**

*(Modify this if your kids have already seen this experiment before.)* “Saul was convinced that Jesus wasn’t who He said He was, just like you were convinced that you couldn’t cut a big enough hole to fit your bodies through the center of the index card. Once Saul met Jesus, his idea about who Jesus was completely changed! He learned an amazing truth—that Jesus was alive and had a plan for Saul’s life! It changed how Saul saw himself and others. Now, instead of hurting people who followed Jesus, Saul wanted others to know God by believing in who Jesus said He was! That was a pretty dramatic change! **[Bottom Line] Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.**”

**2. Center of the Eye****[Talk about God] Bible Story Review]**

*Made to Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** “Center of the Eye Questions” Activity Page, fake magnifying glass or eye glasses

**What You Do:**

- Encourage the kids to sit in a circle to create the shape of an eye.
- Tell them that you will randomly pick one kid to answer a review question.
- Hand that kid the magnifying glass.
- As soon as you ask the chosen kid a question, the group should start passing the magnifying glass to their right.
- The object of the game is for the kid to answer the question before the magnifying glass arrives back.
- If the kid is unable to answer the question before the magnifying glass comes back, they can ask someone to help.
- As soon as the question is answered, the kid gets to go to the center of the circle to become the “center of the eye.”
- When the next kid answers the question, they swap places with the kid in the center.
- Continue playing until everyone has had a chance to answer a question and be the center of the eye.

**What You Say:**

“You guys were really paying attention during the Bible story, today! One BIG thing I want you to remember this month is that the events we read about in the Bible are all TRUE. These things happened to real people. Saul was blinded by a light and heard Jesus speak to him. Saul really was completely changed that day. He went from being a person who arrested believers of Jesus to having faith in Jesus, following Him, and even teaching others to believe in Jesus! Talk about a complete change! Once Saul learned the truth, it changed him. He saw Jesus in a completely new way. Because **[Bottom Line] Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.**”

**[Make It Personal] (Share a story about a time when you started to see things differently because Jesus changed your perspective of how you saw something. How did you respond to Jesus’ story? How did it change you?)**

### 3. Secret Decoder

#### [Hear from God | Memory Verse Activity]

*Made to Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing*

**What You Need:** “Bottom Wheel” Activity Page, “Top Wheel” Activity Page, “What Does It Say” Activity Page, brads, pencils

#### What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Bottom Wheel”, a “Top Wheel”, and a brad.
- Instruct kids to follow you as you demonstrate how to assemble the “Secret Decoder.”
  - Carefully cut each wheel out, making sure to create a small window in the top wheel by following the lines.
  - Lay the “Top Wheel” on top of the “Bottom Wheel” and match them up in the center.
  - Use the brad to attach the two circles together.
  - The window should reveal a number and a letter.
- Then, pass out a “What Does it Say?” Activity page to each kid and instruct them to decode it using their decoder.
- After they finish, say the verse aloud a few times together as a group.

#### What You Say:

“The Secret Decoder changed what you saw! Instead of a bunch of numbers, you saw this month’s verse! Once Saul met Jesus, it completely changed how he saw his own life. It changed how he saw others, too. Do you know that Jesus wants to do that for you, too? Just like Jesus got Saul’s attention and talked to him, He wants to talk to you, too. He can speak to you when you take a walk or talk to a friend. He can talk to you when you experience something great like winning a game or when you feel sad because someone you know is sick. Once you experience Jesus, it changes how you live and see your life because **[Bottom Line] Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.**”

#### Pray and Dismiss

#### [Pray to God | Prayer Activity]

*Made to Connect: an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding*

**What You Need:** Secret Decoder from previous activity, index cards, pencils

#### What You Do:

- Make sure kids have their decoder from the earlier activity.
- Give each kid an index card and a pencil.
- Encourage kids to use their decoder to write a short prayer request using just numbers. (As they work, go around to each kid and offer help to shorten their sentences so they don’t have to write out so many numbers.)
- When everyone is finished, instruct kids to exchange index cards with someone.
- If time allows, let them decode their prayer requests.
- Either way, allow kids to pray silently for their prayer partner, then close the group in prayer yourself.

#### What You Say:

“Dear God, thank You for showing us through Saul’s story how You pursue us and want to speak to us. Help us to get to know You more through your Son, Jesus, so we can see our lives through Your eyes. Speak to us and show us areas of our lives that You want to change because **[Bottom Line] Knowing Jesus changes the way you see everything.**”