

# “Alien Kids” - LESSON 1

## “Not Of This World”

### Main Focus:

God wants us to live lives that are set apart for Him!



### Power Verse:

“But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives...” - Philippians 3:20



### Watt’s Up:

“We Are Aliens In This World!”

## LEADER’S INFO

Children have always been curious about space, aliens, and the unknown. What they don’t realize, however, is that aliens are already here among us.

The aliens we are talking about are Christians. God has called us, as aliens in this world, to live a life that is set apart and different. We are not to act, talk, and be like the rest of the world.

Our home is different...our eternal home is Heaven. Our language is different...we only speak what’s good and helpful to others. Our actions are different...we live and act the way Jesus would.

In this lesson, the children will learn through the story of Saul’s conversion, our goal is to live a life so set apart for God that the people in this world see Jesus through the life we live. We are ALIENS who are not of this world!



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“Aliens Have Landed!”



### “Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video

Skittles teaches “Watt’s Up?”



### Character Skit

“Andromeda Starr”



### Offering Time



### Game On!

“Flying Saucer Target Shoot”



### Bible Story

“Saul Becomes An Alien”



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## CHARACTER SKIT

**Character: “Andromeda Starr”** (*Andromeda is an aspiring astronomer and is obsessed with everything to do with stars, planets, galaxies, and outer space in general. She dresses like she spends most of her time in a science lab. She is very intelligent, but her ways are quite “spacey.”*)

**ANDROMEDA:** (*comes out with a hula hoop and begins playing with it, hula-hooping around the stage*)  
Greetings, fellow star-gazers! You all look out of this WORLD today!

**Leader:** Um, alright! I’ll go ahead and ask what everybody here is thinking – who are you?

**ANDROMEDA:** Oh does my name TRULY matter? We’re all from the same planet, aren’t we? (*leaps over to the leader and puts the hula-hoop around the leader’s waist, yanking them forward*) My name is Andromeda – Andromeda Starr! Did you know that I’m even NAMED after a star? What star are YOU named after?

**Leader:** I’m actually not.

**ANDROMEDA:** (*yanks the leader closer*) What a STRANGE name you have! “I’m-actually-not.” I’ll call you ACTUAL for short...NO! ACT! Hello, Act, nice to meet you! Isn’t the sky BEAUTIFUL tonight? (*makes a grand gesture towards the ceiling*)

**Leader:** Um, we’re inside. And it’s daytime. And my name isn’t “Act.”

**ANDROMEDA:** I know, that, Act! But isn’t it just BEAUTIFUL to IMAGINE the sky at night? All of those planets, stars just TWINKLING away like...like...(*thinks for a moment, then snaps her fingers like she has an “AHA!” moment*) SPRINKLES! Yes, galactic SPRINKLES!!

**Leader:** Sprinkles?? What is wrong with you? Why are you going on and on about planets and stars, and WHY do you have a HULA-HOOP??

**ANDROMEDA:** I’m an ASTRONOMER, Act! I’m a SCIENTIST who studies things in outer space for a living! I’m currently studying the planet SATURN – the RINGED planet! In order to understand the ringed planet, I must BECOME a ringed planet! WHEEEEE!!! (*goes back to hula-hooping*)

**Leader:** That’s interesting, I guess.

**ANDROMEDA:** It’s MORE than interesting, Act! The heavens are a WONDERFUL place! Why, don’t you know that the BIBLE says we are citizens of the HEAVENS?

**Leader:** Well, it says we are “citizens of HEAVEN,” but it’s not saying we’re from outer space.

**ANDROMEDA:** Oh come on, you’re doing a series called “ALIEN KIDS!” These children MUST be from  
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# CHARACTER SKIT

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outer space. *(turns to the kids)* Hello, children, SHOW ME YOUR TENTACLES!

**Leader:** They don't HAVE tentacles! And the Bible isn't saying we're from outer space, it's saying we're citizens of HEAVEN – as in where God is! So we're saying that being a Christian is LIKE being an alien here on Earth!

**ANDROMEDA:** Are you saying that Christians have TENTACLES??

**Leader:** Nooooo – we're not saying that at all! Okay, listen – being a Christian is LIKE being an alien. Aliens have a different home – just like us. Our home isn't here on Earth, at least not for eternity! We are just visiting this planet. Our eternal home is in Heaven!

**ANDROMEDA:** True, but Aliens often speak a different language! *(starts speaking in a strange voice)* Glub-Cheebea-Carb-ZEEBO!

**Leader:** Say what?

**ANDROMEDA:** HA! I was testing you. You don't SPEAK alien! I just said “Your guinea pig owes me 10 dollars.” You can't be an alien if you don't speak an alien language!

**Leader:** Well, Christians kind of DO speak a different language than the rest of the world! We're supposed to speak in love and peace, using God's word!

**ANDROMEDA:** Hmmm...*(thinks for a moment)* I'm STILL not convinced! You're not ACTING all different like an alien! Aliens often float in the air, or they shake hands with their ears, or...

**Leader:** Well, Christians are SUPPOSED to act differently than the rest of the world as well. As Christians, you have a different home, you speak differently, and you ACT differently. So it's like being an alien here on earth! How about you hang out backstage and listen to the rest of today's lesson? You just might learn something about aliens that you never knew before.

**ANDROMEDA:** I can CERTAINLY do that! I've got some STAR CHARTS to examine, anyway. I can do BOTH at the same time! I do have TWO hands you know. Do YOU have two hands?

**Leader:** Um, yeah? *(holds up both hands)*

**ANDROMEDA:** *(sighs, disappointed)* I was hoping for tentacles. Oh well. I'll see you later, boys and girls! I'm Andromeda, reminding you to SHOOT FOR THE STARS! Bye bye! WHEEEEE! *(begins hula-hooping all over the stage as her theme music plays, then exits)*



# **GAME ON!**

## **“Flying Saucer Target Shoot”**

### **Items Needed For Game:**

2 hula hoops (*hang from ceiling or have someone hold them up in the air about 10-15 feet away from the stage*), six Frisbees

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### **Preparation:**

none needed

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### **How To Play:**

Choose several participants to compete against each other. Each side should have three Frisbees and one hula hoop. Explain that the hula hoops are the “ring around Saturn,” and the Frisbees are flying saucers. Choose one person to throw the Frisbees, one person to hold the hula hoop, and one person to retrieve the Frisbees and return them to the thrower.

Give each team ONE minute to throw the “flying saucers” (Frisbees) through the “rings of Saturn” (hula hoop). The team that gets the most flying saucers through the ring in ONE minute wins.



## Bible Story

### “Saul Becomes An Alien”

#### Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 1; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

#### Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story of Saul in Acts 9:1-21; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

#### The Story:

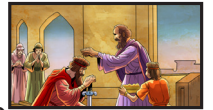
Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Acts, chapter 9. It’s about a young man named Saul. Saul was a very mean man. (*show pic*) Saul was the enemy to a lot of Christians. He traveled from city to city, arresting Christians and putting them into prison. He even had some Christians put to death. He was full of anger and hatred for God’s people.



One day, Saul was traveling down the road towards a city called Damascus, when suddenly a bright light shone in front of him. (*show pic*) It startled him so much, it knocked him to the ground. A voice began to speak to him from inside the bright light. It said, “Saul, I am Jesus. I am the one you are persecuting. Get up and go to Jerusalem, and I will tell you what to do.”



Saul got up, but he realized he was blind. He couldn’t see a thing. He had some men help him to Jerusalem, where he met a man named Ananias. God had told Ananias to go find Saul and lay hands on him so he could be healed. God told Ananias that Saul was going to become one of the biggest preachers in the world.



Ananias went to Saul, (*show pic*) laid his hands on him, and healed him. Saul could now see. Eventually, Saul changed his name to Paul. He stopped sinning and persecuting Christians. (*show pic*) Instead, he began to preach and teach about Jesus ALL OVER THE WORLD.



The truth is, Saul became an ALIEN for God on that day. His whole life changed. How could someone like Saul have such a radical change? How could Saul go from killing Christians to eventually becoming a preacher who helped others become Christians? There’s only ONE way something like that can happen: God! God loved Saul so much that He was willing to forgive him of every sin he had committed. He changed Saul’s life! God changed Saul into an Alien! His home was no longer on Earth, Saul’s eternal home would now be Heaven. God changed the way Saul talked and acted. He was totally different! He was an Alien!

Today, we are going to learn how God can do the same thing for everyone. If God can forgive Saul and change his life in such an amazing way, there is no doubt He can do the same thing for you and me. We are going to learn just how DIFFERENT an Alien for God can be! It’s going to be amazing.



## Call To Action “Not Of This World”

### Materials Needed:

The Data CD; three children to help with the motions for each point

### Preparation:

Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Not Of This World”

### The Message: *(title slide)*



Today we have learned that we are aliens in this world. When we talk about the fact that we are aliens, we are not saying we are all three-headed people from Mars who fly around in flying saucers. We are talking about the fact that we are different from the people in the world who are not followers of Jesus. Today, we are going to learn three things that make aliens different from everyone else. If you are an alien, then these three things apply to YOU!

### Aliens Have A Different Home *(slide)*



*(Choose a child to come up and do the “motion” for this point: Make an invisible outline of a house with both hands, starting at the point of the roof, working down the roof and the sides of the house. The child will stay up on the stage the entire “Call To Action” and help with the motion every time you refer to the point. Have the entire group of kids do the motion along with you.)*

An alien is anybody who is living in a particular place, but they are not from there. For instance, anyone who is living in The United States, but their home is actually in another country - those people are called “aliens.” Just like that person, we are from another place as well. This Earth is not our home. We have a different Home. Does anyone know where our home is? *(allow response)* That’s right - Heaven.

Jesus told us that He was preparing a place for all of us to go and spend eternity with Him. That place is going to be our home forever. It is a beautiful place with golden streets, beautiful gates, and best of all it is filled with all of the Christians who will spend forever worshipping Jesus.

The only way to get to Heaven is to ask Jesus to forgive you of your sins and be your Lord and Savior. It is the ONLY way to become an alien and make sure that YOUR eternal home is Heaven. God wants EVERYONE to be forgiven of their sins and become an “alien” for Him. That’s why He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and pay the price for our sins. God loves us THAT much!

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## Call To Action (Continued)



### Aliens Have A Different Language (slide)

(choose another child to come up and demonstrate the motions: Make your hand a talking mouth, move it up and down like it is talking)

Aliens have a different language - a different way of speaking - than everyone else. We should talk differently from the people in the world. We shouldn't say mean things to people. We shouldn't lie. We shouldn't use bad words. We shouldn't tell dirty jokes.

Our mouths and our language should only be used for good, to help those who hear our words. *Ephesians 4:29* says, “Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” We should talk in a way so that others can know we are different. When we hear others cutting someone down, we should choose to build them up by saying good things about them. When others are lying to stay out of trouble, we should tell the truth even if it means we might get in trouble. If others are using bad words, we should use kind words and show God's love to them.

Aliens have a different home, a different language, and...



### Aliens Have Different Actions (slide)

(choose another child to come up and demonstrate the motions: Move your arms and body in a stiff motion like a robot)

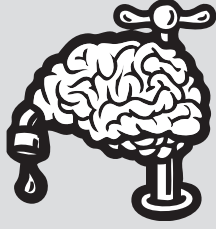
Aliens for God have different actions than the rest of the world. The things we do, the places we go, the way we treat others should all be different from other people in the world. When others are picking on someone, we should be their friend. When others are cheating on a test, we should be the ones doing right. When others are smoking, drinking, doing drugs, stealing...we should be the ones setting the good example.

Why? Because everything we do is a chance to show others the love of Jesus. What people see us do and say will make them think that's what Jesus would do and say. We represent Jesus to the world. Everything we do must show them that Jesus loves them, cares for them, and wants to make their lives the best they can be.

### ALTAR RESPONSE: (play soft music)

Pray for the children who have never accepted Christ as their Savior. Give them a chance to “become an alien” by asking God to forgive their sins and change their lives. Then, celebrate that some new aliens have landed on Earth today! Their home is HEAVEN! We can't wait to spend eternity with God one day!





# **BRAIN DRAIN**

## **Materials Needed:**

The Data Disc; The DVD

## **Preparation:**

Play the “Brain Drain” Video Intro off the DVD; Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data Disc titled “Lesson One,” begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

### **1. Watt’s Up today?**

**Answer:** “We Are Aliens In This World!”

### **2. Who became an “alien” in today’s Bible Story?**

**Answer:** Saul

### **3. What was Saul doing BEFORE he became a Christian?**

**Answer:** persecuting Christians

### **4. What happened when Jesus appeared to Saul?**

**Answer:** he became blind

### **5. What did Ananias do to help Saul see again?**

**Answer:** he prayed for him

### **6. What is the name of the guy who taught our Power Verse today?**

**Answer:** Captain Cork

### **7. According to our lesson today, “Aliens Have A Different \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Home

### **8. According to our lesson today, “Aliens Have A Different \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Language

### **9. According to our lesson today, “Aliens Have Different \_\_\_\_\_.”**

**Answer:** Actions

### **10. Where was our Power Verse found?**

**Answer:** Philippians 3:20

# Small Group Experience

## LESSON 1 - "Not Of This World"



### Watt's Up:

"We Are Aliens In This World!"



### Power Verse:

"But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives..."

- **Philippians 3:20**

## Retelling The Bible Story

### SUPPLY LIST:

- \* "Angry Saul" Print Piece (*provided; print one*)
- \* "Changed Saul" Print Piece (*provided; print one*)
- \* Bibles (*several for the group to share*)
- \* Glue

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

Before small group begins, print the "Angry Saul" and "Changed Saul" Print Pieces. Cut out the "Changed Saul" Print Piece. Once small group begins, divide the group into three teams, and give each team a Bible and one piece of the "Changed Saul" Print Piece. The groups will take turns reading the Bible verses on their print piece aloud to the rest of the group. Once a group completes their verses, they should glue their piece of Changed Saul over the matching portion of Angry Saul. Continue on until all of the verses are read and the picture of Saul is completely changed.

**Say** - "Welcome Aliens! I can't wait to get started and learn together. We are going to explore Alien life and what it's all about. It's going to be great. I am dividing you all into three groups. Each group will have a Bible and a piece of an alien. You heard me correctly; I said a piece of an alien."

**-Pass out the Bibles and Changed Saul print pieces and allow the teams time to look up their verses-**

**Say** - "The alien in our story is Saul, but he wasn't always an alien. To find out how God changed Saul, we will read some verses together. Each group will take turns reading their set of verses out loud. Once a group has finished reading, they will glue their piece of alien Saul over the matching party of angry Saul. Let's get started!"

**Ask** - Would the group that has the alien feet please read their verses aloud?

**-Allow time for the group to read their verses and then glue their piece to angry Saul-**

**Ask** - Would the group that has the alien torso please read their verses aloud?

**-Allow time for the group to read their verses and then glue their piece to angry Saul-**

**Ask** - Would the group that has the alien shoulders and head please read their verses aloud?

**-Allow time for the group to read their verses and then glue their piece to angry Saul-**

**Say** - "And there you have it! God changed Saul. He took him from angry to alien and gave him a new life."

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**Ask** - Why are we calling the new Saul an “alien?”

**Ask** - How do you think Saul felt when his life was changed?

## Game/Activity

### SUPPLY LIST:

- \* “Planes of Change” Print Piece (*provided; print one per kid*)
- \* “Out of this World” Print Piece (*provided; print one*)
- \* Blank Paper
- \* Tape
- \* Pencils or Markers

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

*This activity is every man for himself! Pass out the “Planes of Change” Print Pieces. Instruct the kids to fold their print piece into a paper airplane. Help with this process as needed. Once everyone has their airplane made, they should write their names on the plane somewhere visible. Tape the “Out of this World” Print Piece a good distance away. This will be the “target” for the paper airplanes. Allow the kids to take turns sailing their Saul planes towards the target. You can choose to make this a contest, closest to the target wins, or simply use this as a fun concept reinforcing activity. Once God changes us, it completely changes our course to a new home that is OUT OF THIS WORLD! Keep the blank paper on hand in case anyone has a plane-tastrophe and needs a spare.*

**Say** - “Saul went through a major change, so why do our pieces of paper still have angry Saul on them? We need to fix that right away. I know how we can change this paper! Paper airplanes! I will give you a few minutes to fold your piece of paper into a paper airplane. Let me know if you need any help. Once you have finished your paper airplane, please write your name on the outside of the plane.”

**-Allow kids time to fold their angry Saul pages into paper airplanes-**

**Say** - “Now that we have our changed Saul planes we need to do something with them. When God changed Saul he also changed the course of his life. Before he met God Saul’s life was on a course for destruction. God changed Saul and his new path in life would lead him to heaven. Saul was now headed out of this world! We will take turns throwing our changed Saul planes at the out of this world target. Is everyone ready to fly? Let’s go!”

**-Allow the kids to take turns throwing their planes at the target. This game can be played for as many rounds as you would like, or as time allows.-**

## Group Sharing

### SUPPLY LIST:

- \* “I Am New” Print Piece (*provided; print one per kid*)
- \* Bibles (*several for the group to share*)
- \* Pencils or Markers

### TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS:

*Before small group begins, print and cut the “I Am New” Print Pieces. Once group sharing begins, give each kid a print piece and something to write with.*

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**Say** - “Saul had done some horrible things. He was not a nice guy. He was the guy that everyone was afraid of. Saul was a bully, he was mean, and if you were a Christian you feared Saul. Then God showed up and changed Saul!”

**Ask** - How do you think that made people feel?

**-Allow the kids time to respond. Discuss their responses with the group-**

**Ask** - Is there anyone who is too bad for God to change? Why?

**-Allow the kids time to respond. Discuss their responses with the group-**

**Say** - “I gave you each a piece of paper with a scripture reference listed on the page. I am dividing you all into smaller groups. Each group will have a Bible. Look up the verse and read it together with your group. Discuss the verse together and write your thoughts about the verse on the blank spaces of your page.”

**-Divide the kids into small groups and allow them time to complete the task-**

**Ask** - Would anyone like to share what they wrote?

**Say** - “You all had great thoughts on the verse in Corinthians. I love how the scripture says, “anyone.” Anyone can be changed. Even the worst of the worst of the worst sinners can be changed by God. His power and love are greater than any sin.”

## **Prayer Time**

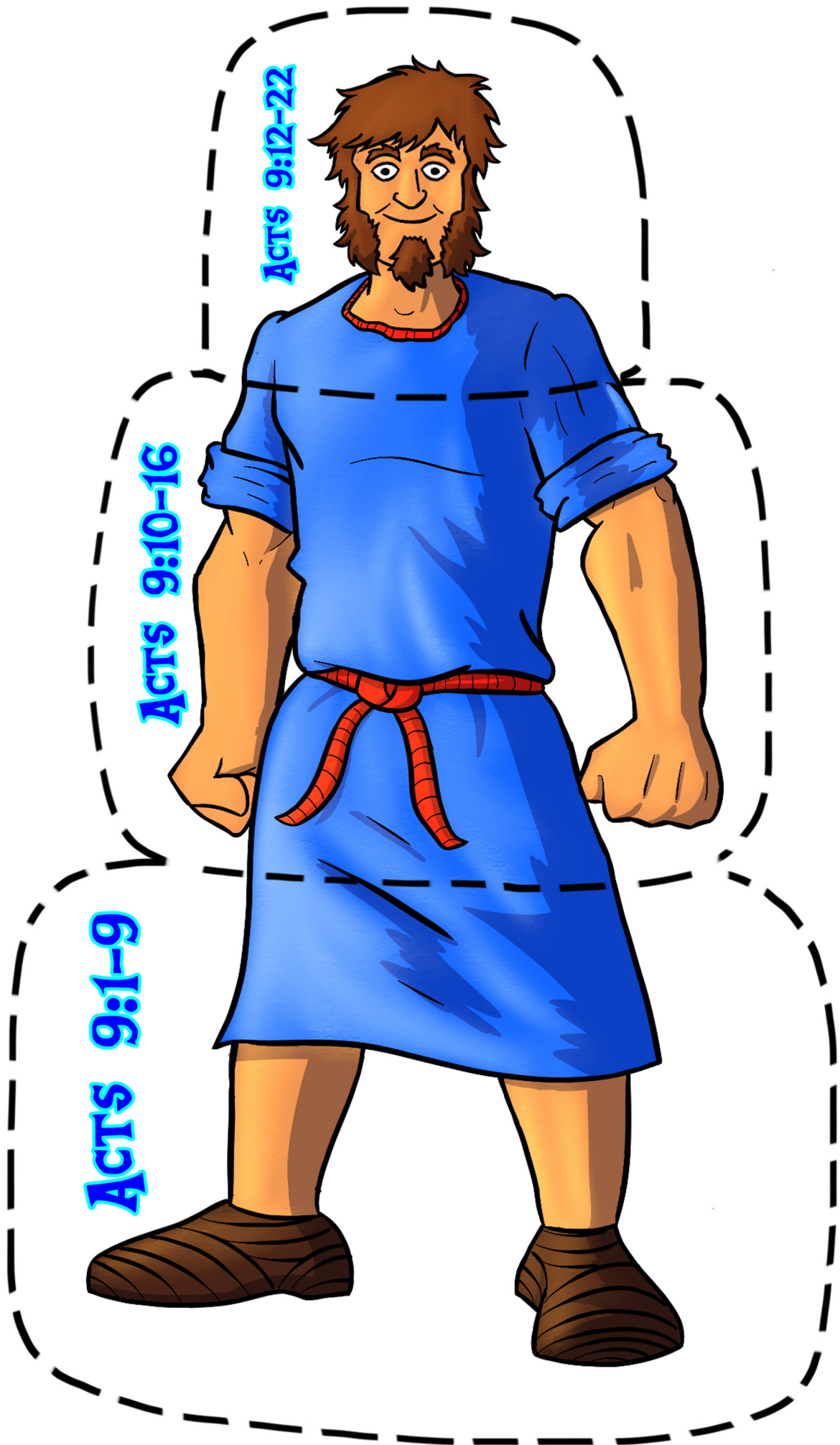
**Say** - “We have all sinned and we all need God’s grace and love to change us from the inside out. As we pray, let’s thank God together for his awesome life changing grace and love.” (PRAY)

## **Closing**

**Say** - “Saul was the worst! It’s true! Saul was living his life full of anger and hate. He was heading toward destruction and trying to take as many people with him as he could along the way. If you were watching the life of Saul, you would definitely think it was hopeless. “He’s TOO BAD.” “He’s TOO MEAN.” “He’s NEVER going to change.” People might have looked at Saul and thought those things, but not God. God looked at Saul and saw a man he could change. God looked at Saul and saw the potential for a great leader. God met with Saul and helped him. He offered him a chance to change and thankfully Saul accepted! There is not a person in this world who is TOO BAD for God. God’s awesome love and power can change any heart in an instant!!! God can take a life that is headed for destruction and completely change its course. Once God changes a life, it’s new direction is out of this world! Thank you for showing up and doing great today! I will see you next time.”



Angry Saul



Changed Saul



OUT OF THIS WORLD

