

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: THE CALL OF SAUL

Acts 7:58—8:1; 9:1-30



KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

CONVERSION

REDEMPTION

DELIVERANCE

Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Have one family member lead the family in prayer.

Lord God, you always want what is best for us. Even when things look dark and uphill, you are working in ways that we do not even know about. Just like Saul, you want us to always listen and trust in you. Help us see the good in others and be a champion for you. We love you. Amen

TALK TIME

- Many Lutherans are baptized as infants and do not have dramatic conversion stories like Saul. When have you made a decision based on your relationship with Christ?
- Why do we sometimes single out certain groups of people to make fun of or hurt them? Saul went after the Christians and approved when Stephen was stoned for being a follower of Jesus. How can we make sure we do not fall into the trap of making fun of someone because of his or her relationship within a certain group or type of people (such as those who are Muslim, Iraqi, overweight, mentally challenged)?
- Jesus hung out with a crowd that included tax collectors and other undesirable members of society. Are there certain individuals at work or school who need somebody to just be a friend? What is stopping you from being that friend?

It's Paul, Mother. Saul doesn't exist anymore. Call me Paul.



WEB TIME

Use an Internet search engine to find individuals who have had a life-changing conversion for God. Examples to look up would be John Newton, C. S. Lewis, Lee Strobel, and Constantine.

RITUAL TIME

Put a piece of paper on the refrigerator that reads: "I follow Jesus because..." For each day of a single week, everyone in the family should try to write one reason she or he loves Jesus. Try not to repeat answers, and at the end of the week, review what was written and take time to thank God for sending Jesus to us.