

On Sunday, we added our last key Bible word in our **"What is Salvation?"** study. We've learned that God wants to **redeem** (set us free), **reconcile** (bring us home), **sanctify** (make us holy), and **TRANSFORM** us to be more and more like Jesus.

When it comes to great stories of salvation, Saul of Tarsus is a great example to study. Let's use the book of Acts in our New Testaments to learn about this man who was transformed by Jesus.

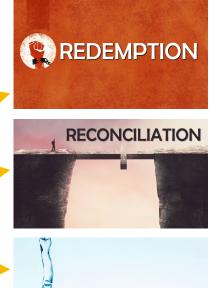
Saul didn't always love Jesus. Acts 7:58-8:3 tells us about how he "approved" of the hurting of a disciple named Stephen. Soon, Saul began "ravaging" the church, doing everything he could to keep people from becoming disciples. Saul DID NOT LIKE Jesus or Christians!

But in Acts 26:9-20, Saul is telling the story of how Jesus began to transform his life. On his way to hurt more Christians, Jesus appeared to Saul and gave him a new, special mission. "I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness ... to open their eyes..."

- "so that they may ______
 from darkness to light"
- * "from the power of Satan _____ God"
- * "that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are <u>sanctified</u> by faith in me"

Did Saul obey? He DID! And Jesus began to **TRANSFORM** his life. We know him today as the apostle **Paul**. By the end of his life, this transformed man wrote, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Tim 4:6-8)

Jesus can change ANYBODY's life into something better!





SANCTIFICATION

FOUNDATION STONES

This month, we're working on:

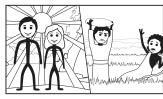
TIMELINE Building Blocks:

The first four periods of the Creation to Revelation timeline

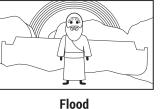
- **BIBLE** Building Blocks: Our Old Testament books of the Bible
- CHARACTER Building Blocks: The Israelite family tree
- EVENT Building Blocks: The IO plagues on Egypt
- KEY WORD Building Blocks: What's a patriarch? A covenant? A parable?

TIMELINE Building Blocks: Creation to Revelation (Periods 1-4)

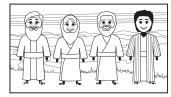
Are you learning our Timeline Building Blocks? There's 17 all together and we've introduced the first 4 this month. Do you remember all 4? What book of the Bible have they all come from so far?



Before the Flood







Scattering of the People

Patriarchs

CHARACTER Building Blocks

We learned on Sunday that a patriarch is a father of a family, <u>tribe, or nation</u>. God made a GREAT nation through the patriarch Abraham. Do you know his family tree? Let's work on it!

KEY WORD Building Blocks

God made a covenant with this family. What's a covenant? A covenant is <u>a relationship based on promises</u>. Can you think of any GREAT PROMISES God made in the Bible?

