

GO DEEPER**SPECIAL WORDS**

**GOD CAN
(POINT UP)**
**USE ANYONE
(OPEN ARMS WIDE)**
**AS HIS DISCIPLE
(MARCH IN PLACE)**

MEMORY VERSE

Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." **Luke 9:23 (NLT)**

DAILY DEVOTIONS**DAY 1: GOD CAN USE ANYONE**

READ - Acts 8:1-3, Acts 9:1-2

Ask your child this question a few different times, filling in the blank with something different each time. If they answer, "no," remind them the answer is, "yes," because you will always love them. "If you [insert bad choice] would I still love you?" Did you know God will always love you, even when you make bad choices! Saul made a lot of bad choices! But even Saul was not too bad to be used by God. You will make mistakes and bad choices at times in your life, but God can still use you! **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**

DAY 2: WOW

READ - Acts 9:3-8, 15-18

Play a game of "Quick Change." Have your child look at you very closely. Then tell them to close their eyes. While their eyes are closed change something about your appearance. When they open their eyes see if they can guess what changed. We can change how we look on the outside, but God can change our hearts. After Saul met Jesus he stopped being mean to anyone who followed Jesus. Saul was changed! He even began to tell others about Jesus himself! Wow! What a change. **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**

DAY 3: CELEBRATE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

READ- Acts 9:10-18

If you were going to celebrate someone for loving Jesus, what kind of party would you have? Take some time to plan a pretend party. Ananias was not wanting to go and visit Saul. In fact, he thought he needed to remind God that Saul was not a good guy. But God reminded Ananias that He can use anyone! When people choose to follow Jesus, no matter how mean they were before, we should celebrate! **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**

DAY 4: VISIBLE CHANGE

READ - Acts 9:19-22

After meeting Jesus, Saul changed from unkind to kind. People noticed that he was different and didn't act like he used to. When we love Jesus people should be able to see it through our actions. I'm going to share some things that could happen to you. Then I want you to tell me how someone who loves Jesus would act. Examples: A friend grabbed your toy. You wanted a piece of candy, but were told no. Someone spills a box of blocks on the floor. **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**

DAY 5: GOD CAN USE YOU

READ - John 3:16, 1 John 1:9, Luke 9:23

God forgave Paul and used him to tell others about Jesus. Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross taking the punishment for our sins, and then He came back to life because He is God! God promises to forgive us when we tell Him we are sorry and ask for His forgiveness. It's God's forgiveness that cleans our hearts! God can use you to tell others about His love. Who will you tell today? **Remember: God Can Use Anyone as His Disciple!**



ATTRACTING PEOPLE FOR JESUS

Materials: comb, foil

Jesus performed a miracle and Saul's heart changed. As different as night is to day, the old Saul was gone, and the new Paul shone bright. We can also shine the light of Jesus by the way we live. When we do, we attract people for Jesus. They notice how our actions look different from others around us. Perform a fun science experiment that reminds us to attract people to Jesus.

Directions: Tear your foil into ten tiny pieces. Lay them on a flat surface in front of you. Next, rub your comb quickly through your hair ten times or more. (Note: Your hair needs to be clean and dry for this experiment to work.) Finally, hold the comb slightly above the foil pieces and watch what happens. The foil pieces "jump" toward the comb. Repeat the experiment a number of times. Notice that different bits of foil jump with each try.

Think about it: What actions do others notice in you? Do these actions help attract others to Jesus?



TRANSFORMED!

Materials: wooden spoon, colorful paper, markers, glue or glue dots, googly eyes, scissors

On Banana News Walkabout Wilson explored creatures that transform. Probably the most commonly known are caterpillars that transform into butterflies or moths. Create your own butterfly as a reminder that God can transform anyone into a disciple of Jesus!

Directions:

- Color your wooden spoon however you would like.
- Trace and cut out your hand print (twice) as well as some antennas from the card stock paper.
- Glue the hand print cutouts to the back of the wooden spoon to create wings.
- Then glue on the antennas & googly eyes.
- Finally, add any other embellishments you would like (glitter, rhinestones, stickers, etc.) to finish it off and really give it some flair!



CUDDLE CLOSE

Materials: None

Before bed pull your child close beside you and say, "God can use me to share about Him!" As you tuck them into bed sing, "Jesus Finds Helpers" (www.tinyurl.com/tellaboutme). Then pray together, pausing after each phrase, to let your child repeat after you:

Dear God,

Thank you for wanting to use me. Help me to learn more about You so I can share the good news of Jesus. Thank you for your love.

In Jesus' name, Amen.