



Life Changer – Lesson 2

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

Key Point: Only God can change our hearts and lives.

Bible Verse: Acts 14:8–23

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

God changed Saul's heart and life, and **Saul was now telling people that Jesus was God's Son** (1). **After Saul became a follower of Jesus, people began calling him Paul** (2). Some people were very angry at what Paul was saying and were trying to catch him, but God helped him escape. His friends helped him escape by lowering him down in a basket on the other side of the city wall.

Paul is glad that God changed his heart and life. Paul's old friends, the Pharisees, are not happy and neither are some of the leaders in the cities Paul visits. **There are still rules that say you cannot talk about Jesus** in many of these places, **but Paul knows he has to tell others about God** (3). God has changed his life, and he wants to share that Good News with others.

God chooses **Paul and** a man named **Barnabas** to be set apart and **travel to preach the Good News about Jesus** (4). **When they go to** a town called **Lystra, they come across a man who** cannot walk. He **has not been able to use his feet since the day he was born** (5). Paul sees that the man has faith and believes that he can be healed. So **Paul calls out, "Stand up on your feet!"** (6) Then **the man jumps up and begins to walk** (7). God changed this man's life. Only God has the power to heal and change someone's life.

The crowd sees what Paul has done by God's power (8). Paul and Barnabas then share the Good News with the crowd. They continue to travel around, teaching people that Jesus can change their hearts and lives like he had changed theirs. **Many people believe and their lives are changed** (9). There are still many who do not want to hear about Jesus, but **Paul continues to do what God wants him to do** (10).

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Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Who changed Saul's heart and life? (God)	What was the man who couldn't walk doing while Paul told the people about Jesus? (He had faith and believed that he could be healed.)
Did people start calling Saul Paul after his life change? (Yes)	What happened when Paul told the man to stand up on his feet? (He was healed and jumped up and began to walk.)
Who was traveling with Paul in the town called Lystra when they met the man that couldn't walk? (Barnabas)	Why did Paul want to tell everyone about God even if it was against the rules to talk about God? (Because God had changed his life. God changed him to love others and he wanted others to know that God can change their life too!)
Who heals the man who can't walk? (God)	
Who continues to do what God wants him to do? (Paul)	