LESSON 10:  PAUL

AIM:  To show how God changed Paul’s life and used him to bring the Good News to the world.

MEMORY VERSE:  *When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside.*  
(Psalm 31v23)

GAME:  STEP-BY-STEP WITH JESUS

You will need: cards, chalk.

Preparation:
1. Prepare a set of direction cards with words like these on them: one giant step, three baby steps, two scissor steps, three slides, one hope, two skips, etc.
2. Write Bible questions on another set of cards, preferably questions relating to Heroes of the Bible lessons. This will provide a review/reinforcement of the series.
3. Draw a straight line on the floor.

How to play:
1. The children stand way behind the line on the floor.
2. The teacher takes a card from each set and reads the question.
3. If the child answers correctly, he may take the number of steps indicated on the card.
4. The first child who reaches the finish line wins the game.

STORY: An Overview of Paul in the New Testament

Teachers note: Paul’s life covers such a wide scope of events that it is hard to do justice in just one lesson. However, it is probably good that the children get an overview of his life so they can gain some appreciation of the man and his impact under the power of the Holy Spirit, on the world in the past as well as the present.

Suggested Presentation: You may like to use the idea of a tree of life for this lesson. The trunk represents the life of Paul and each branch added represents the events in his life. You can select children to add the branches onto the trunk as the story progresses. A large Bible map could also be useful for this presentation to reinforce the authenticity of the Word of God.
Young Man (first branch) Acts 9:1-3, 26:5
Saul hated the Christians so much that he spent a lot of time rounding them up and sending them to jail. He did this because he did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God and thought everyone should believe in the Jewish Law just like him.

His Conversion (second branch) Acts 9:3-18, 22:6, 22:11
One day when Saul was travelling to Damascus to persecute the Christian believers there, he saw a great light that was so strong he fell blinded from his horse. A voice from heaven said, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?' Saul asked the voice, 'Who are you?' The voice answered, 'I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting.' Saul was terrified, but immediately knew that Jesus was the Son of God and what he had been doing to the Christians was wrong. Saul asked Jesus what he should do. Jesus sent a man to Saul in Damascus who prayed with him and baptized him in water. Saul received his sight back again and began to live for Jesus.

A New Man (third branch) Acts 13:9, 13
Not only was Saul's life changed but his name was changed to Paul. He was a totally different man. The people he had previously hated, he now loved and the Lord Jesus whom he had despised, he now served with all his might.

His Work (fourth branch) Acts 13:2,3
Up until this time, the Good News about Jesus remained in the country of Israel within the towns and cities where the Christians lived. But God did not want it to stay there, He wanted all the world to know about Jesus. And Paul was the man he had chosen for the important job of being the first Christian missionary.

Dangers Experienced (fifth branch) 2 Corinthians 11:23-33
Paul was fearless for God and was determined to live for Him no matter what happened. As he went from city to city, he encountered many dangers and hardships because he preached and lived for Jesus. He was whipped five times with 39 lashes, three times beaten with rods, one he was stoned and left to die, three times he was shipwrecked, often he was cold and hungry, once he escaped death by being lowered over a wall in a basket at night, and he lived for many years in imprisonment where he probably finally ended his life.

A True Hero
Paul was a true Christian hero. He was brave, loyal, loving and obedient. He did outstanding things by spreading the Gospel around the world and he also wrote most of the books in the New Testament while he was in prison. God was able to use his life in a wonderful way because Paul trusted and believed in God with all his heart and lived for God with all his might.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES:
1. Puzzles
2. Worksheet
SAUL'S CONVERSION
Acts chapter 9

Saul was on his way to Damascus to kill more Christians. Suddenly there was a bright light and a voice. Saul fell to the ground. The Lord spoke to Saul. Saul was blind for three days. Saul became a Christian.

Find as many words as you can in the letters below. Go from left to right. The first one is done for you.

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1 ______ BLIND
2 __________
3 __________
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10 __________

Super Word Finder!
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One day Saul was travelling to D_______ to persecute the Christians. He saw a great l______. It blinded him and he fell off his h______. A voice from h______ said, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” Saul asked, “Who are you?” The voice said, “I am J______, the One you are persecuting.” Saul was terrified, but immediately knew that Jesus was the S______ of G______, and what he had been doing was wrong. Saul asked Jesus what he should do. Jesus sent a man to Saul in Damascus who p______ with him and baptized him in water. Saul received back his eyesight and began to l______ for Jesus.  

(Acts 9:3-18, 22:6, 11)
PAUL SHIPWRECKED

Paul was a prisoner on a ship bound for Rome. A storm wrecked the ship and everyone floated to an island. While everyone was drying off by a fire a poisonous snake bit Paul. To find out what happened to Paul read the story in Acts 27 and 28:1-16.

Unscramble the words taken from this story. Place the circled letters on the lines at the bottom to find out what Paul told the guards.

1. PHIS          __ __ __
2. ELBW          __ __ __
3. ESA           __ __
4. AYTIL         __ __ __ __
5. DWSIN         __ __ __
6. AMITEL        __ __ __ __ __
7. EVPRI         __ __ __ __ __
8. REIF          __ __ __ __
9. DRAGU         __ __ __ __
10. PREOS         __ __ __
11. LIDSSORE      __ __ __ __

Acts 27:25
Paul's Life of Great Faith

Paul went on four long, hard journeys to preach the Gospel to the world. He was often hungry, tired and cold; he was beaten, shipwrecked, bitten by a snake and jailed for preaching the Gospel, but he lived for God with all his might.

Paul was a true Christian hero. He was brave, loyal, loving and obedient to God.

Paul did outstanding acts of Christian service by spreading the Gospel around the world, and he also wrote most of the books in the New Testament while he was in prison.
Saul was traveling to Damascus to persecute Christians. He hated them so much that he spent a lot of time sending them to jail. As Saul, he did not believe that Jesus was the Son of God and thought everyone should believe in the Jewish Law just like him. He was blinded by a brilliant light and fell off his horse.

He heard the voice of Jesus and was instantly changed. He became a believer, had his sight restored and his name was changed to Paul.

He spent the rest of his life telling people to become followers of Christ.
Paul was often in danger. Once he even escaped death by being lowered down a wall in a basket at night.

Paul was imprisoned many times for preaching the Gospel, but he spent the time writing letters to the churches. He probably died in prison.

This says to me that ....

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