

The Search Session 4: Make a Choice

Zoom Meet Up Edition For Older Kids

When you can't meet together physically

Preparation:

- Download the Zoom app on your Desktop. Practice a zoom call with another adult to make sure you understand how it works.
- You will need to put any PowerPoint images on to a Powerpoint and then have it ready to show whilst you load Zoom.
- Don't forget that as the host you can share your screen with your kids for when you need to share the PowerPoint image or a song. You can learn how to screen share [here](#).
- For guidelines on how to use Zoom appropriately check out [this article](#).

BIG IDEA: I CAN CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS

AIM: The aim of the 'Make a Choice' Childrens Lesson is to help children to see that they are able to choose to follow Jesus and to allow them the opportunity to do so.

BIBLE STORY VIDEO AND SONG IDEAS: available via our dedicated [Pinterest Board](#).

GAME IDEAS:

The Search is On! ([regular/widescreen](#)) (another scavenger hunt with a twist) Children must search around the house for things beginning with a certain letter that you ask for. The person that brings back the item the quickest is the winner.

Go Bananas! ([regular/widescreen](#)) Invite the children to throw their craziest dance moves and 'go bananas!' The rest of the group vote on who they think threw the craziest moves.

BIG VERSE: "I love all who love me. Those who search will surely find me." Proverbs 8:17 (NLT)

([regular/widescreen](#))

INTRO QUESTION: What did you choose to have for breakfast today?

SET the Scene:

Remind the children of the first Despicable Me movie. Gru was an evil leader that didn't care about anyone else - especially not children! Yet by the end of the movie he had changed. He had invited three children into his home and had become their father. His heart was changed when he met the children! This story is all about a man that changes when he meets Jesus.

Read [Acts 9:1-19](#).

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. Where was the road leading that Saul was travelling on? (Damascus)
2. What was Saul doing to Christians at this time? (Threatening them with murder)
3. A light flashed around Saul, but what did he hear? (a voice)
4. Whose voice was it? (Jesus')
5. What did Jesus say to Saul? (Why are you persecuting me?)
6. What happened to Saul as a result of seeing the light? (he was blind)
7. Who did God send to heal Saul? (Ananias)

SPOT the Simple Meaning:

1) I CAN MAKE A CHOICE

You will need to print the object lesson pages and you will also need a vase that is round with some water.

If you don't have a vase or are unable to do this object lesson yourself, free to use [this very short video clip \(4 seconds long!\)](#) to show what happens. Explain that the water is like the Holy Spirit who enables us to turn our lives around when we are headed in the wrong direction.

Say: Did you see in the passage how Saul had a choice to make? [wait for feedback]

Jesus appeared to Saul, who is also called Paul (Acts 13:9), on the road to Damascus and told him to stop hurting his people. He showed Saul that He was God. Yet Saul could have simply walked away blind. He didn't have to follow Jesus. Saul chose to spend the rest of his life following Jesus and telling others about Him too.

You know, we have TONS of choices to make in life. We can make good choices [put the sign up that says 'Good Choices'] like choosing to help others, to obey our parents or guardians and to love others.

And we can make bad choices [put the sign up that says 'Bad Choices'] like being unkind and miserable, choosing not to listen to our teachers or those that care about us.

The minions had to choose whether to bully and pick on one another or not. Do you think bullying is a good choice to make? [wait for feedback]

No, it's really not good... You know, those kind of changes can be difficult on our own. When Saul met Jesus he was changed. He stopped being nasty and throwing Christians in jail. He started to realize how much Jesus loved him and that Jesus was God's Son - God - and it totally changed him!

You know, just like Saul, when we learn about Jesus we can choose to follow Him. The Bible says that God is 3 in 1. God the Father, God the Son, Jesus and God the Holy Spirit. When we ask Jesus to come into our lives and to be our Master the Holy Spirit is the one that helps us to make good choices.

The Holy Spirit comes and fills us up to be more like Jesus. He can help us live right. [add water to the vase] When we ask for His help and direction He can help us make the right kind of choices.

So... when a choice comes along and it looks like we are going to make a bad choice [get the arrow sign to travel towards the bad choices] God will remind us of who we are and how He is with us. And instead of making the wrong choice, Jesus can help us to make the right choice [show the arrow behind the vase pointing to the good choices.]

SEARCH the Scriptures:

Give the children a minute or two to think of as many people that were changed by Jesus as possible. Invite them to speak them out and see who could think of the most! How many did you get?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Who do you know that has chosen to follow Jesus?
2. Do you know what they were like before they followed Jesus?
3. Do you think it is good to follow Jesus? Why/why not?
4. Have you chosen to follow Jesus? Why/why not?
5. What does Paul's story tell us about Jesus?
6. What does it tell us about following Jesus?

SENSE How You Feel:

Challenge your kids to try and do one of the activities below this week. Get everyone to text, WhatsApp or uploading onto a site or page.

1. **For minion themed craft check out our [Pinterest board](#).**
2. **Fill in/Color** the activity sheets for 5-7s and 8-11s.
3. **Write** a poem or song about the time you met Jesus.
4. **Create** a comic of the story of Saul meeting Jesus.
5. **Build:** a long road using building blocks, Lego or another construction toy.
6. **Make** a Saul mask using the printables from the main lesson plan.
7. **Mould:** a long road out of playdough or clay and re-enact the story with toy figures.

SEEK God:

1. Have you met Jesus? Now is the perfect time!
2. How can you help others to make the choice of following Jesus?
3. Who can you pray will come to know Jesus?