

Family Devotion

Week of April 28, 2026

Acts 9:1–20

READ THIS TOGETHER:

We have a question for you.

Have you ever been really sure about something — totally, completely sure — and then found out you were wrong?

(Let everyone answer. Grown-ups too!)

That happens to all of us. And it happened to a man named Saul.

Saul was on a mission. He was traveling to a city called Damascus, and he was absolutely certain he was doing the right thing. He had a plan. He had papers. He knew exactly where he was going.

And then — right in the middle of the road — a blinding light knocked him to the ground.

A voice said: "*Saul. Saul. Why are you hurting me?*"

Saul couldn't see. For three whole days he sat in the dark — no eating, no drinking, just waiting.

Can you imagine? Three days in the dark, thinking about everything.

But here is the part of the story we don't want you to miss.

While Saul was sitting alone in the dark, God was talking to someone else. A man named Ananias. And God said: *go find Saul.*

Ananias was scared. He knew who Saul was. He said, "*But Lord — that man has been hurting people like me!*"

And God said: *go anyway.*

So Ananias went. He walked to the street called Straight. He knocked on the door. He found Saul — and he called him *brother*. He prayed for him. And something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again.

Saul — the man who had been going the wrong direction — became one of the most important followers of Jesus ever.

All because Ananias was brave enough to knock on the door.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Has anyone ever shown up for you when you really needed it? What did that feel like?
 - Is there someone in your life who might need a knock on their door this week — a friend who is sad, someone who feels left out, someone you've been avoiding?
 - What is your "street called Straight" — the brave thing you keep not quite doing?
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SOMETHING TO DO THIS WEEK:

Write down one person's name — someone who might need to know they aren't forgotten. Then do one small thing for them this week. A text. A note. A knock on the door. You don't have to have it all figured out. Ananias didn't either.

A PRAYER FOR YOUR FAMILY:

God, thank you for the people who have knocked on our doors when we needed it.

Help us be brave enough to knock on someone else's.

When we don't know what to say — help us go anyway.

When we're a little scared — help us go anyway.

And when we're the ones sitting in the dark —

send someone to find us.

Amen.
