



**BIG IDEA**

God uses Christ-followers in radical ways.

# Ananias and Saul

## 1 | Hangout

### SUPPLIES

- Number signs (1-5)
- Media player

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Write the numbers 1 to 5 on separate sheets of paper (one number per page).
- Arrange the pages about half a metre (2 feet) apart on the floor.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Introduce this week's Big Idea: **God uses Christ-followers in radical ways.**
- Ask the kids what they think the word "radical" means. Clarify that it refers to being amazing or really dedicated. It also means something that has an intense impact on something else.
- Point out the numbers on the floor. Explain that you will describe a series of events and people. The kids will move to stand by the number they think best represents how radical it is: 1 = not radical at all and 5 = very radical!
- Read the following scenarios, pausing after each one to guide the kids to vote by moving to a number:
  - An exploding volcano affects everything surrounding it. How radical is the impact of a volcano?
  - Putting your clothes in the laundry will make your room much tidier (and less smelly!). How radical is putting clothes in the laundry?
  - Cleaning up litter on beaches and in parks can drastically improve the habitats of birds, animals, and insects. How radical is the impact of picking up garbage?

- Jesus healed the sick, made blind people see, and even raised people from the dead! How radical is the power of Jesus?
  - Being kind to other people can have a huge impact on how they feel. How radical is being kind?
- Remind the kids that **God uses Christ-followers in radical ways.** That means God can use each of us in amazing ways when we follow Jesus!
  - Discuss: Have you ever felt that God was using you in some way? If so, what happened?
  - Watch this week's video from the Now Playing Kids playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.



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## 2 | Hear

### SUPPLIES

- Bible

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Let the kids know that in today's God Story, a man named Saul has a radical, life-changing encounter with Jesus. It changes Saul's heart and the way he lives. Another man, Ananias, also hears the Lord speak and is given an important message for Saul.
- Look up and read Acts 9:1-19.
- Review and discuss:
  - What was Saul doing to Jesus' followers? (Threatening, arresting, and killing believers; verses 1-2)
  - Who did Jesus say Saul was persecuting? (Jesus; verse 4)
  - What happened to Saul on the road to Damascus? (A light from heaven shone around Saul; he fell on the ground; he heard Jesus' voice; Saul got up and he was blind; his friends led him to Damascus; verses 3-8)
  - What did the Lord tell Ananias to do? (Find Saul, lay hands on him, and pray for him; verses 10-12)
  - Why didn't Ananias want to go? (Knew what Saul was doing to believers; verse 13)
  - Did Ananias listen to Jesus and pray for Saul even though he was nervous? (Yes)
  - What is the radically different plan Jesus had for Saul's life? (To take his message to Jews, non-Jews, and even kings; verse 15)
  - What happened when Ananias prayed for Saul? (Saul regained his sight and was baptized; verses 17-18)
  - What do you think it was like for Saul and Ananias to hear Jesus speak to them?

## 3 | Huddle

### SUPPLIES

- None

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Discuss:
  - Does God still speak to people today? (Yes)
  - What are some of the ways we can hear from God? (e.g., through reading the Bible, other believers, nature, worship music, praying and asking God, "What are you saying to me, Lord?")
  - Have you ever heard from God? If so, what did he say to you?
- Share an age-appropriate story about a time when you heard from God. Emphasize that the voice of God is always loving.
- Pray, "Thank you, Jesus, that when we come to you, you transform our hearts and make us new, just as you did for Saul. Please help us learn how to listen to you and recognize your voice. Thank you that you are always loving and you are always good. We love you! Amen."

# Radical

**Draw a picture of yourself!**

