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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do.

Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word and transform (Change) our lives.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

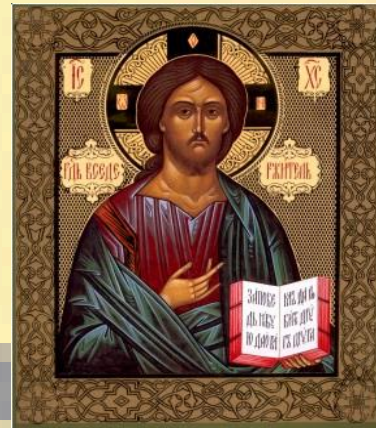
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



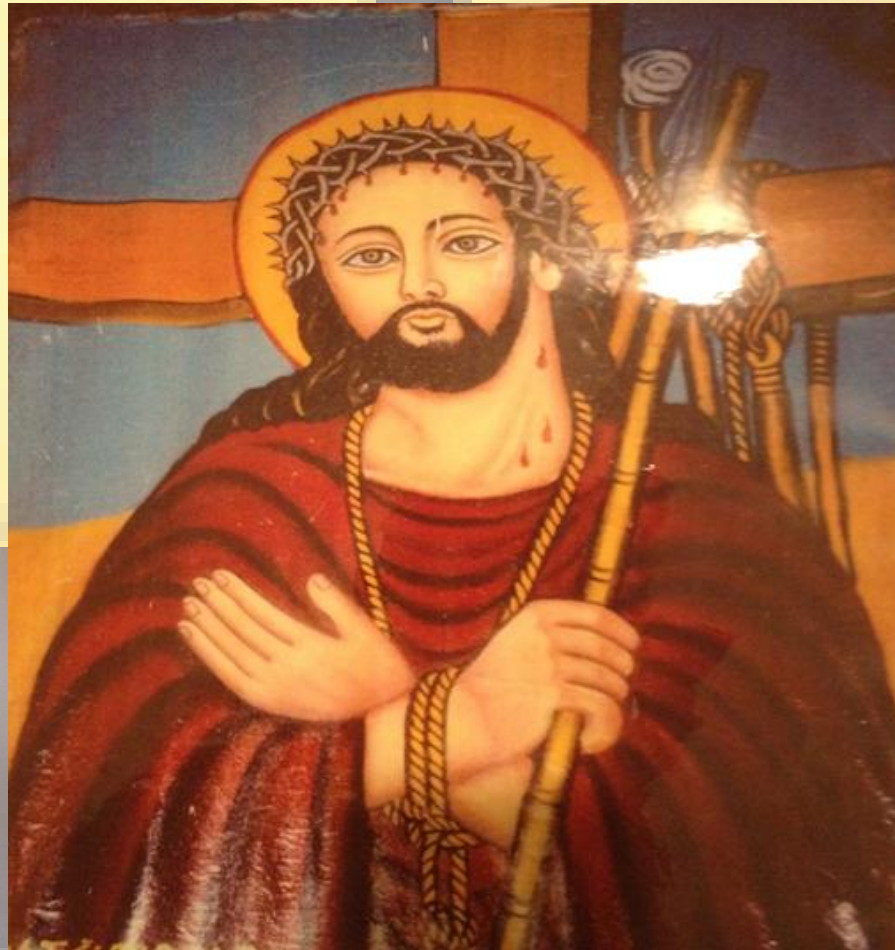
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**



Review

1.) The nationality of Ruth was:

Nazarene

Egyptian

Philistine

Moabite

2.) What was the relationship of Naomi to Ruth?

mother-in-law

aunt

mother

cousin

3.) Who was Ruth's first husband?

Boaz

Kilion

Elimelech

Mahlon

MEMORY VERSE




**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

**Your people shall be my people
and your God, my God”
(Ruth 1:16)**



Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

The Lord Christ Appears to St. Paul



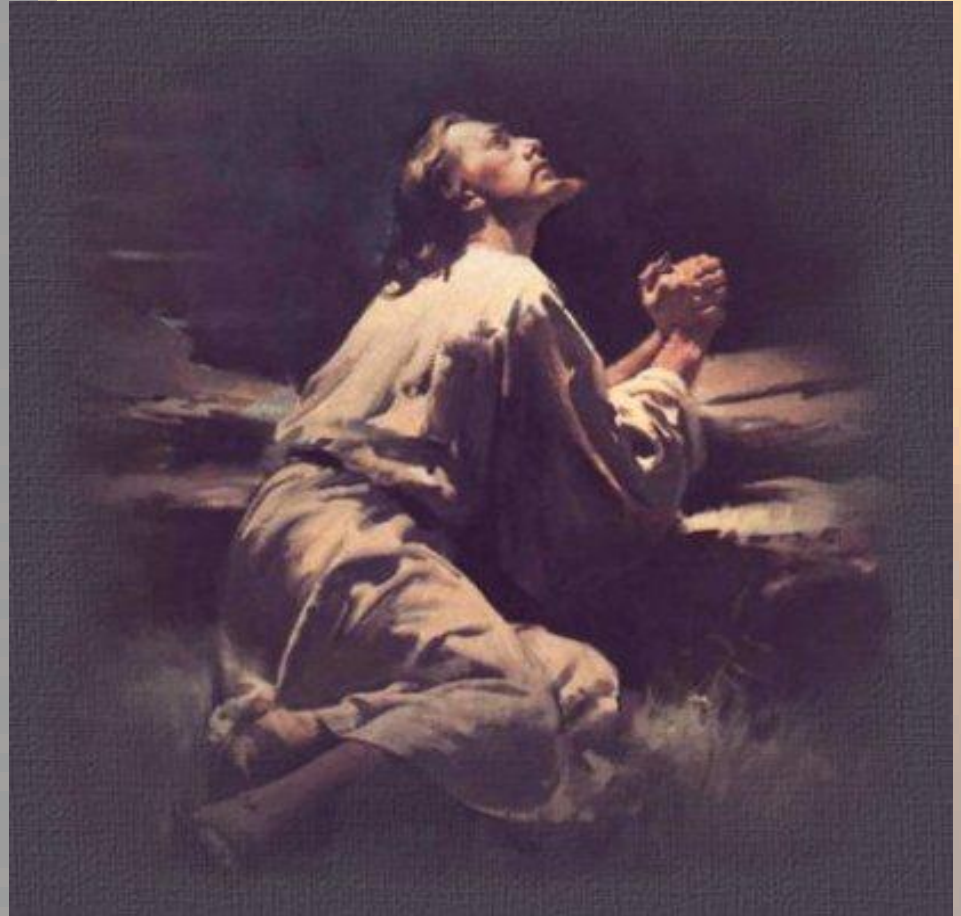
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Memorize today's Verse

“Lord, what do you want me to do?”

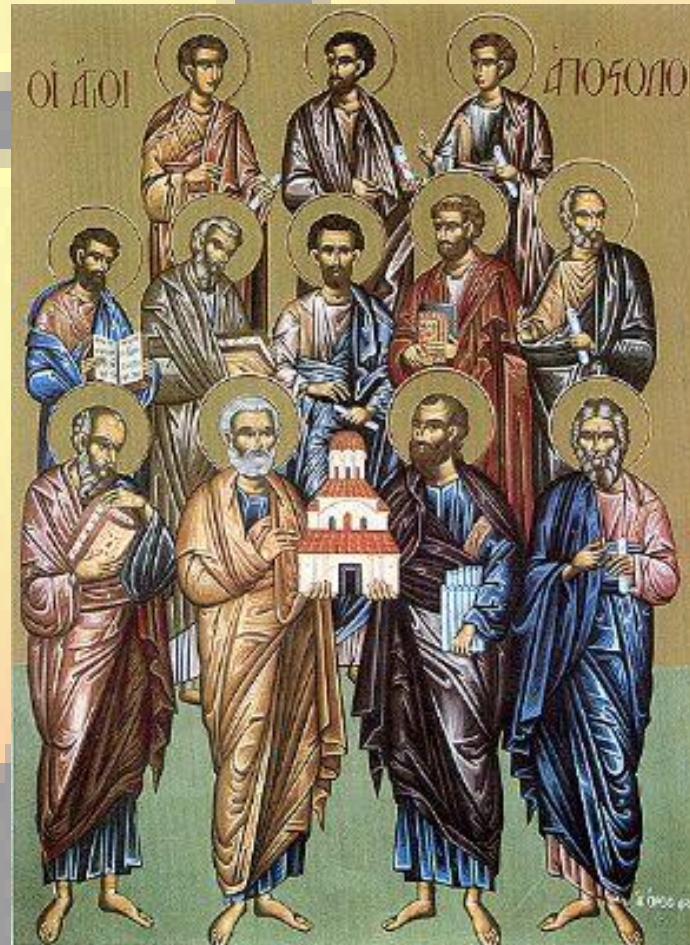
(Acts 9:6)

**Practice this verse
again during the
week.**



Objective

- Celebrating the Apostles' Day



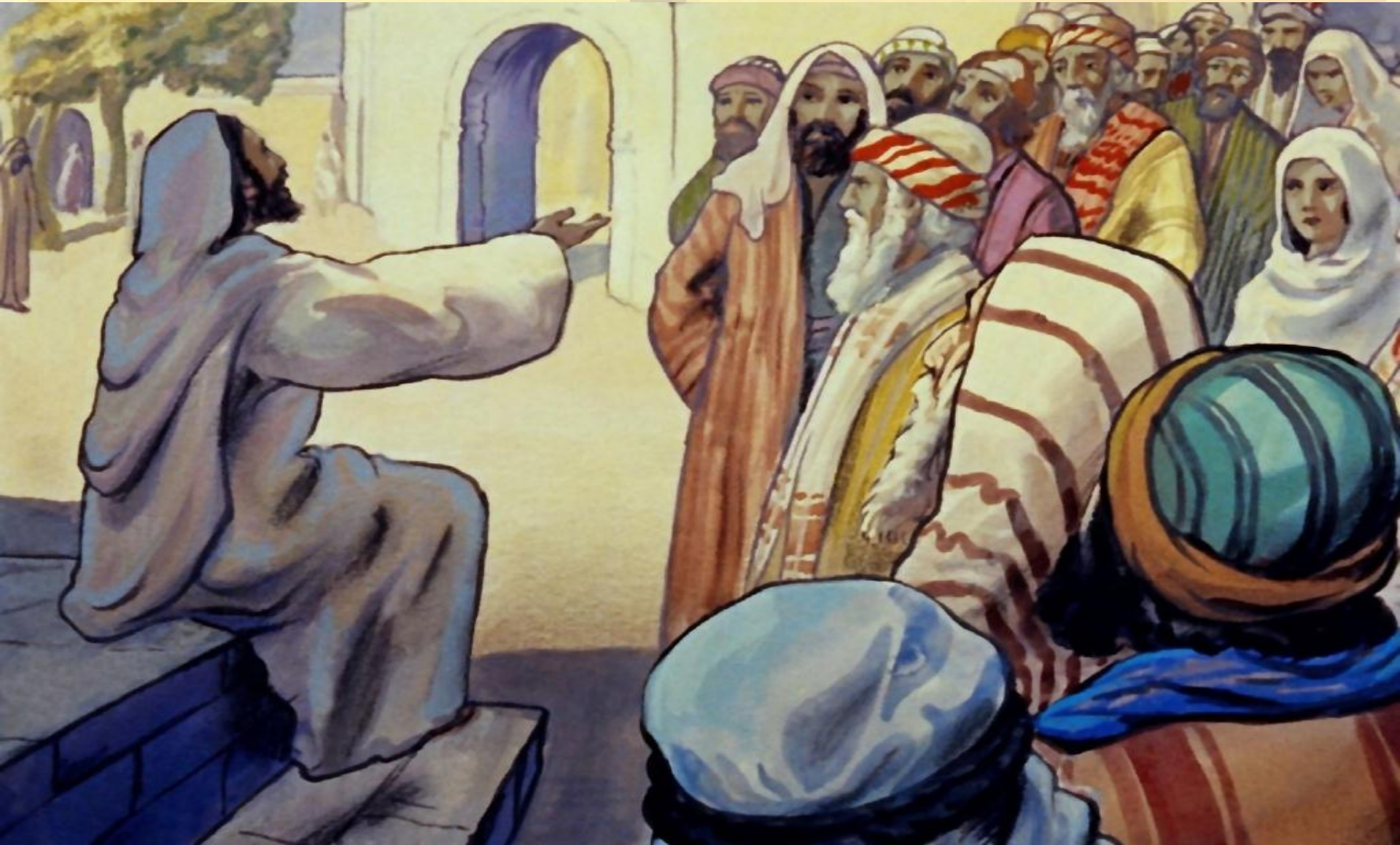
THE YEAR IS 36 A.D. the Jewish man Saul, was known throughout the religious world, as a Pharisee (A Jewish professor) of Pharisees.



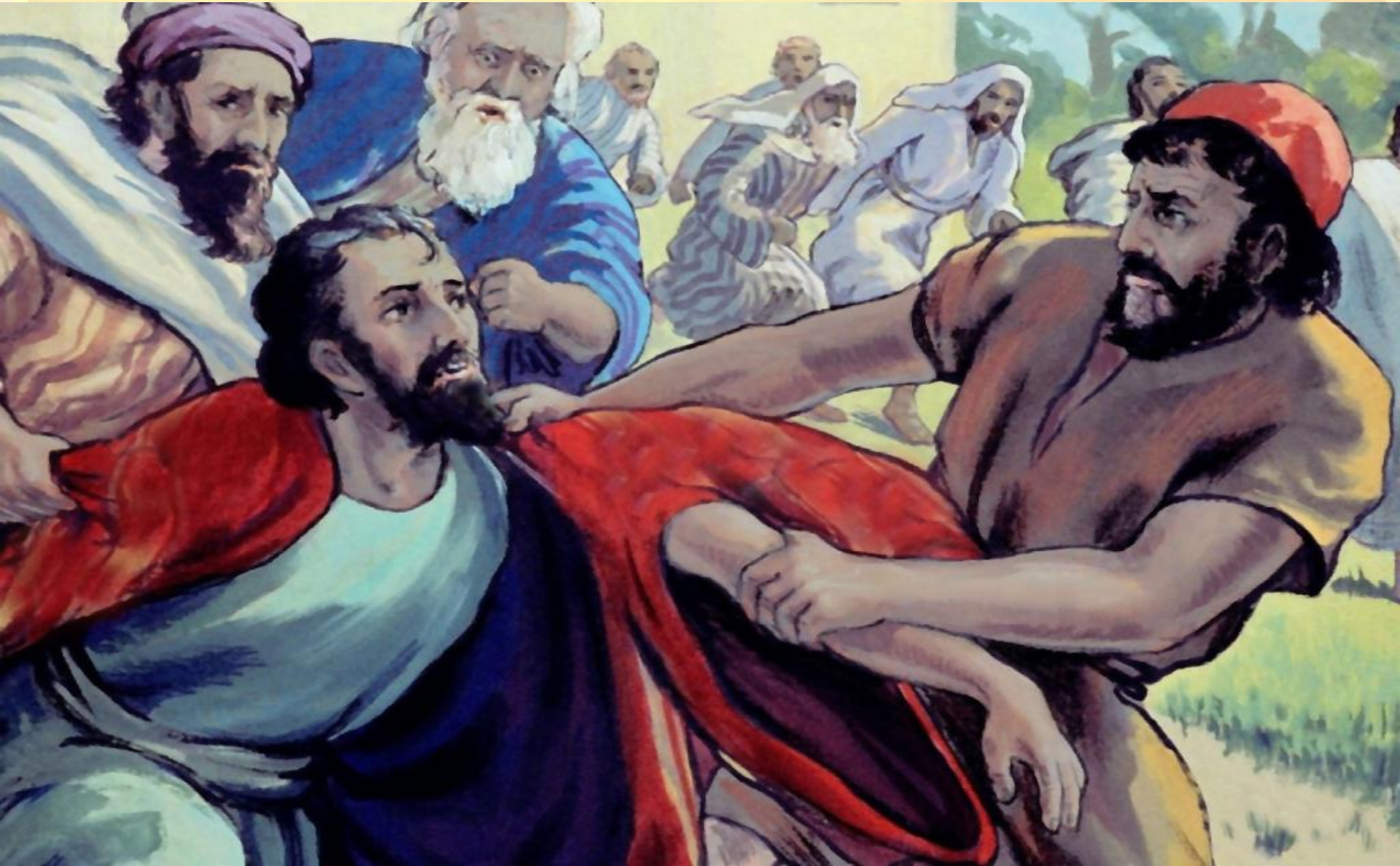
He had studied under Gamaliel, one of the most brilliant professors of Judaism.



Saul was about twenty four years of age. He was a religious fanatic, dedicated to Judaism, the temple and the Law of Moses.



He hated the Christians and persecuted them. He searched for them everywhere to kill them.



One day, he heard that there were lots of Christians living in Damascus. He quickly rose and took with him horses and strong men who hated Christians and said to them: “Let us go to Damascus to kill the Christians there.”



As they came near the city, a light from the sky suddenly flashed all around them. The light was even stronger than the light of the sun.



Saul fell to the ground and could not move. The men were afraid. They fell down from their horses and their faces were to the ground.



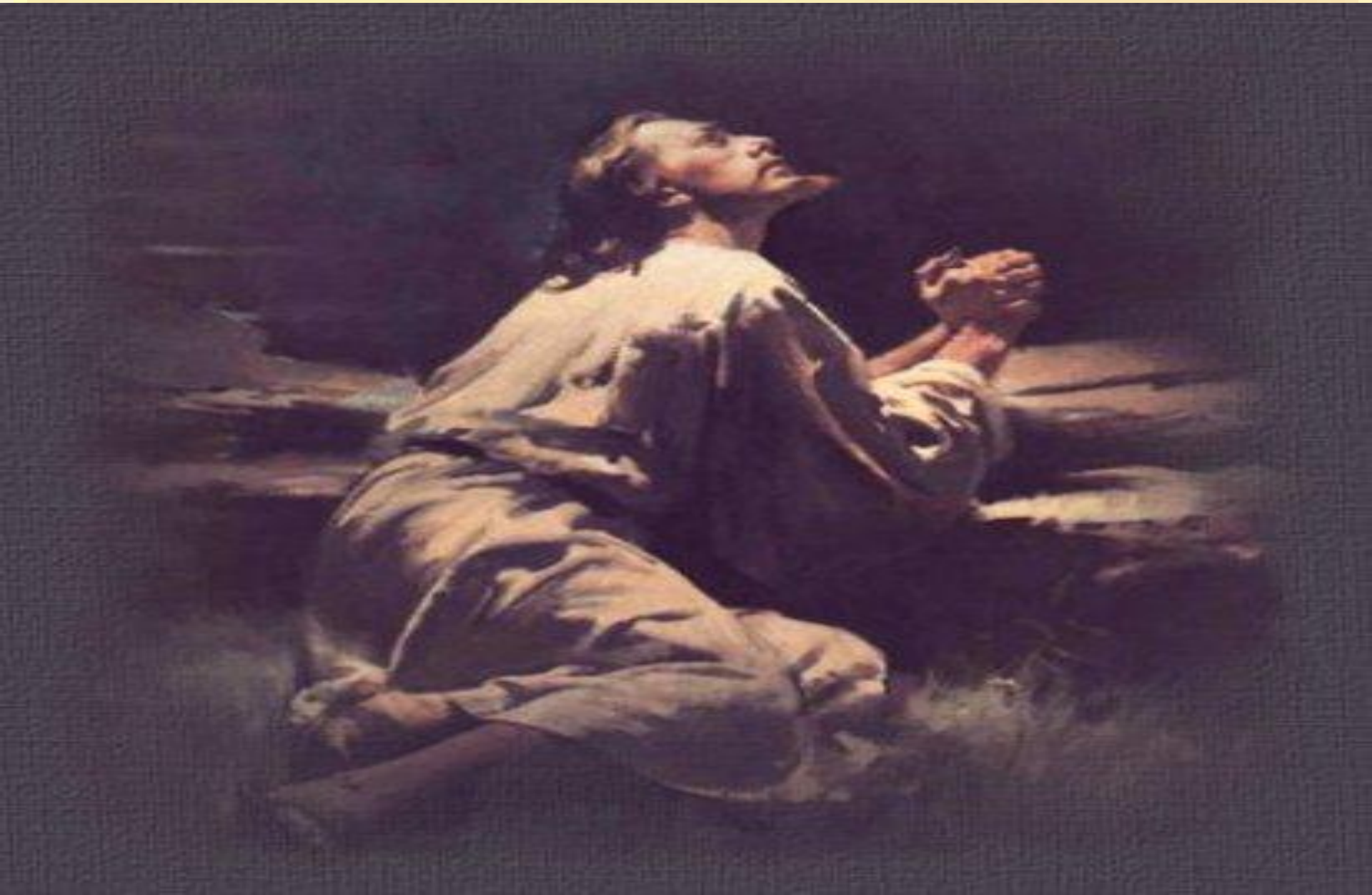
Saul heard a voice coming from the heaven saying: “Saul... Saul...Saul... Why do you persecute me?” Saul could not lift himself up. He was trembling out of fear. He said, “Who are you, Lord?”



The voice said: "I am Jesus Christ the One whom you persecute." "He who persecutes Christians persecutes me." He realized that Jesus is LORD, GOD of all things. Saul felt sorry for all his hatred against the Christians. He changed into a new man; meek, and humble.



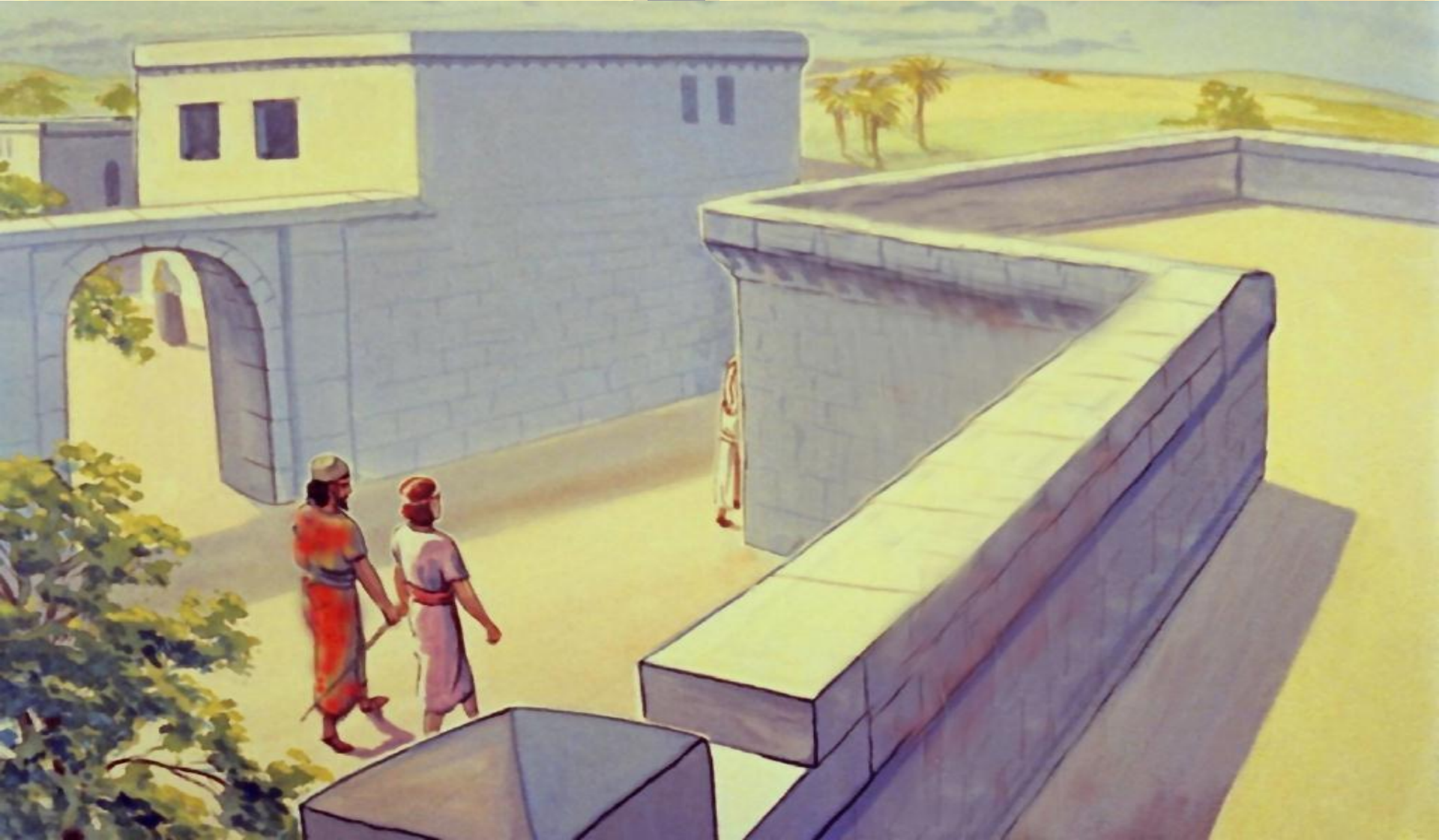
Saul asked: “Lord, what do you want me to do?” (Acts 9:6)



Jesus said to him: “Get up and go into the city, where you will be told what you must do.”

“There is a man called Ananias, he is My disciple. He will pray for you and will tell you what to do.”
The voice then disappeared.

Saul tried to get up. He told the men, “I see nothing... I can not see a thing...” He was blind. They led him into the city taking him by the hand, and they asked about the house of Ananias.



They found the house of Ananias and entered it. Ananias welcomed them. He placed his hand on Saul and prayed. Saul was able to see once more. He preached to him about Jesus. Saul was touched by God's Divine love for him.



Ananias baptized Saul and his men and Saul became a Christian. He changed his name from Saul to Paul.



When Paul arrived in Jerusalem, the believers rejected him, until they heard his testimony.



The people were amazed, as Saul the Pharisee of Pharisee's, preached that Jesus Christ is the Jewish Messiah.



He loved the Christians and defended them. He told people his story, and many people became Christians from different countries.



God prevented St. Paul from hurting the Christians and He made St. Paul himself a Christian.



St. Paul became a very good and active Christian and he preached about Jesus to many people so that they could believe. St. Paul wrote a big part of the bible 14 epistles (letters) in the New Testament



Conclusion

- God prevented St. Paul from hurting the Christians and He made St. Paul himself a Christian.
- God loves everyone= even those who hate him.

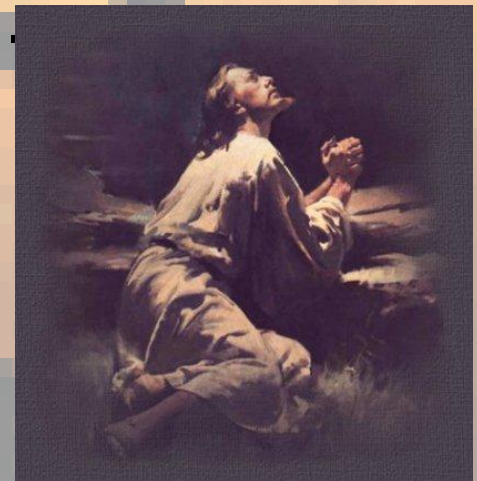
“If your enemy is hungry, feed him, And if he is thirsty, give him drink.” (Proverbs 25:25)

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.” (Eph.4: 32)



Ask God?

- What Do **YOU** Want **ME** to do?
 - invite your brothers and friends to church to know Jesus and love him.
 - If they do not accept your invitation and even persecute you, pray for them.
 - Pray for the enemies of the church.



Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Pop Quiz

1. What is the name of this saint?
 - St. Paul
2. Whom was he against?
 - Jesus Christ and all Christians.
3. Where was he going?
 - Damascus
4. Who were with him?
 - Strong men who hated Christians
5. What did he see on his way to Damascus?
 - A light so bright from heaven.
6. What did the voice say?
 - Saul, Saul, Why do you persecute me?
7. Who was speaking to Saul?
 - Jesus Christ



pop?
quiz

8. What is the name of the man who preached Saul about Jesus Christ?

- Ananias

9. When did he baptize him?

- After he believed that Jesus is God and Savior of the whole world.



The End

Next Week

Summer season begins

We will do movies, questions, games etc until the regular school season starts in September. God willing, lessons will continue after Labor day.



3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

