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There once was a man named Paul. He knew the laws of God and followed them very carefully. As he learned that more and more people were choosing to trust and obey Jesus, he found them and put them into jail. Paul thought the people were saying things about God that weren't true. One day while Paul was traveling to a place called Damascus, he saw a light that shone so bright it made him fall to the ground. Then, he heard a voice calling to him saying, "Why do you persecute Me?" Paul didn't recognize the voice and asked who it was. It was Jesus! Paul knew he'd been acting wrong and decided to trust and obey Jesus from then on. Jesus told Paul to go to the home of a man named Ananias. While Paul was at Ananias' home, he was filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized. God gave Paul a new life and used him to teach the world about His Son, Jesus!

Scripture has been provided for you to model to the children in your small group how to look for truth in God's Word. Some verses may be engaging for your preschoolers, while others may directly aid you in preparing to lead this time of discussion. Consider reading from the NIV or NLT versions of the Bible.

Questions:

1. Read Acts 9:2. **What was Paul on his way to do?** (Find followers of Jesus and put them in jail)
2. Read verse 5. **Who did Paul meet on his journey to Damascus?** (Jesus.)
3. Read Acts 9:8–9. **What happened to Paul after he saw Jesus?** (He went blind.)
4. Read Acts 9:13–14. **How did Ananias respond when the Lord told him that Paul would be coming to his home?** (Ananias said he knew that Paul had done harm to God's people.)
5. Read verse 15. **What did the Lord tell Ananias about Paul?** (Paul would be God's chosen instrument.)
6. **What part do you think you can play in The Big God Story?**