

Scripture reference: A new way to see: The story of Paul

Story summary: Saul didn't believe Jesus was the Rescuer or that Jesus was alive. He hated everyone who loved Jesus. On the road to Damascus Jesus spoke to Saul, and He believed. Saul's name was changed to Paul and he traveled everywhere telling everyone about Jesus and the family of God's children grew and grew.

Optional Lesson Strengthening: Announce that you are going to play "Follow the Leader." Ask everyone to stand up and to start walking in a circle. Ask a willing volunteer to be the leader. Ask the leader to start hopping instead of walking. Ask everyone else to follow the leader. They should copy exactly the way the leader moves. The leader can lead the children anywhere in the room. Everyone else follows in a line behind the person in front of them. Comment appropriately; e.g., "Try to follow the leader's movements perfectly"; "Follow the exact way the leader is moving their arms"; "Look carefully at the way the leader is . . . and follow it perfectly"; etc. Tell the leader that they can pick any movement and actions they like for everyone else to follow, e.g., jumping, skipping, waving their hands in the air while walking, etc. (You have played this game before, but it is always good to repeat the rules.) 6. Keep emphasising that they need to watch carefully and follow the leader perfectly. Toward the end of the allocated time, ask everyone to sit back down in the circle. Say: "In our story today a man named Saul thought the most important thing to do was to follow the rules perfectly. But something happened to change him. He met Jesus. Saul changed from being a man who thought following the rules was all that mattered and hating God's people to being a man who thought following Jesus was all that mattered.

Activities:

What you need:

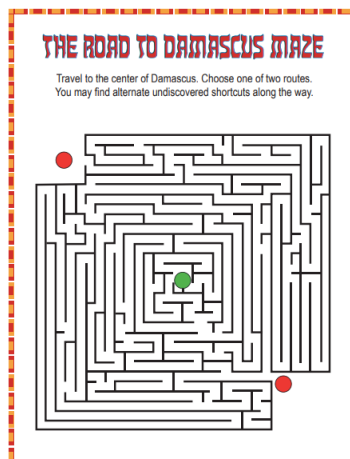
- Template
- Colouring in crayons or pencils
- Eraser

Further discussion: Paul told people about Jesus, and these people told other people about Jesus and the family of God's children grew and grew. And year after year after year, more and more people told even more and more people the stories about Jesus—the same stories we've been reading together—and that family grew bigger and bigger. We are a part of that family. That is what a church is. It is the family of God's people who love and follow and learn from and worship Jesus together. It is made up of all different kinds of people, who come together because Jesus has rescued them—because of his Never Stopping, Never Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love.

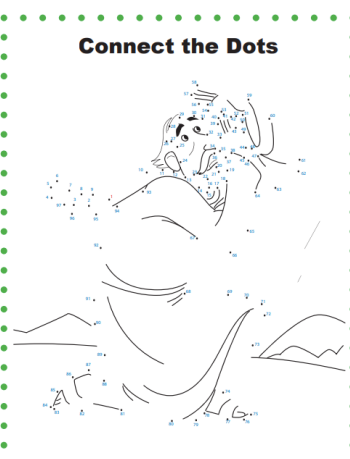
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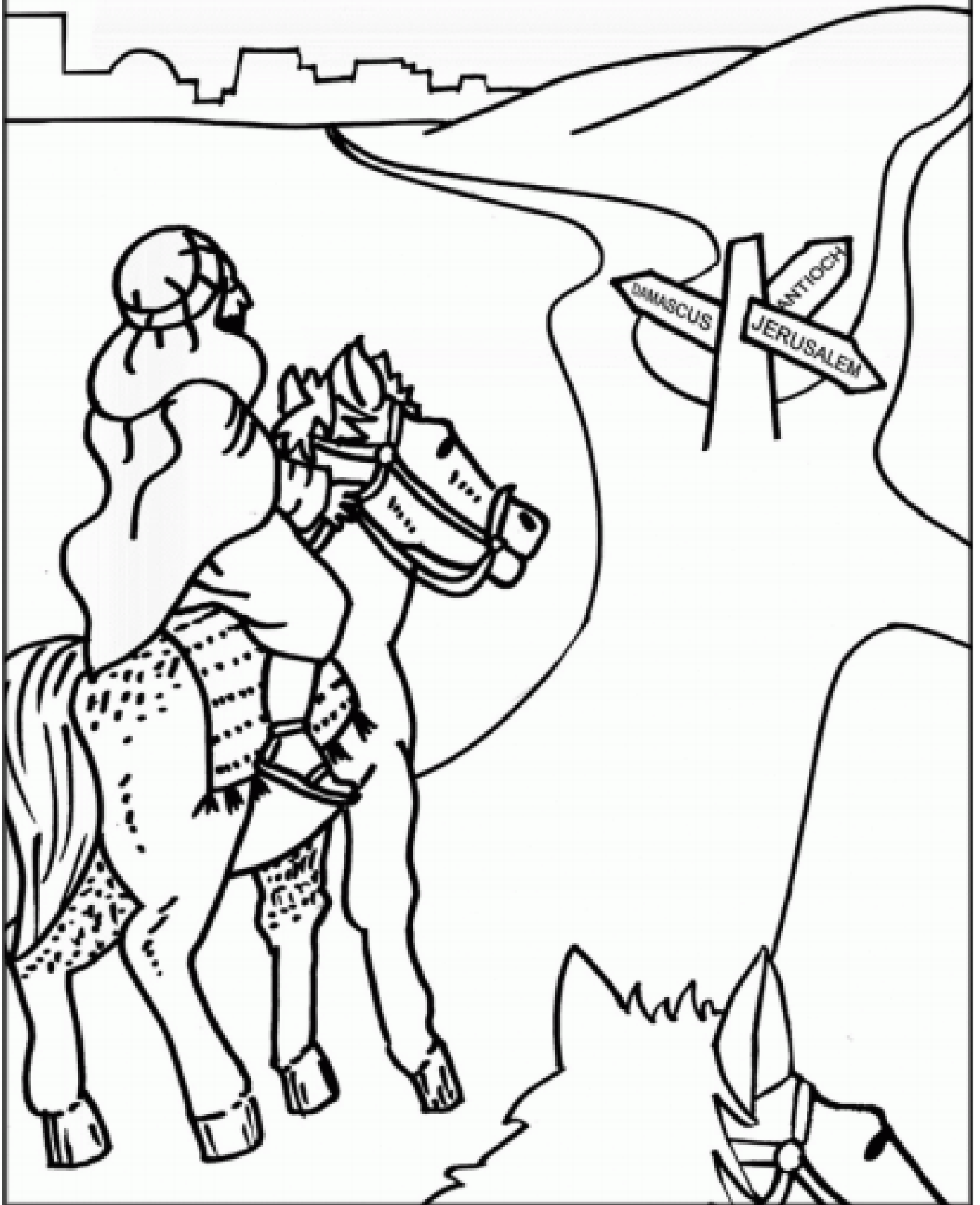
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Paul Believed in Jesus Word Line Up

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circled spaces and unscramble them for the final question.

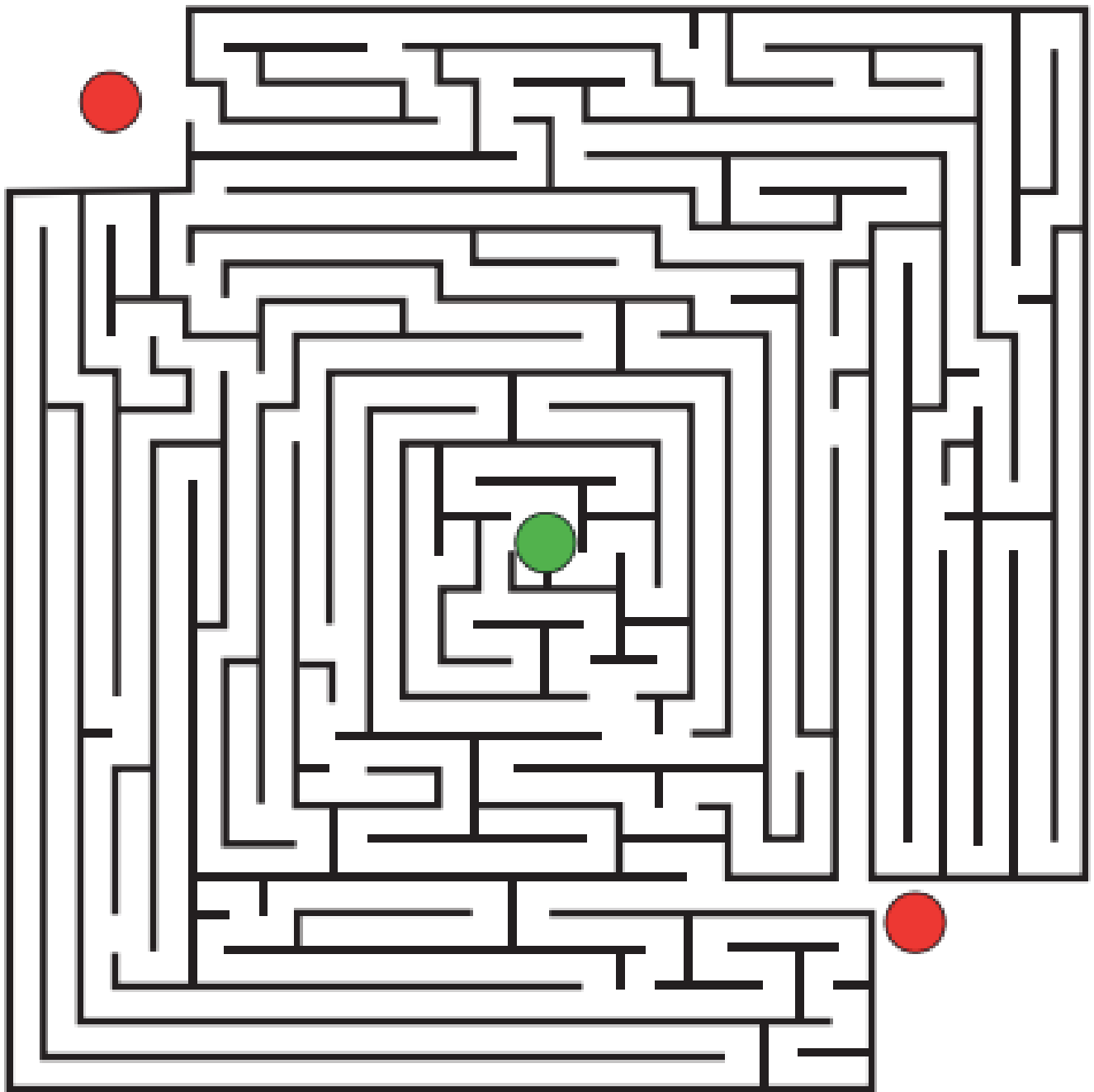
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| ULPA | PAUL |
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| SSURAT | TARSUS |
| SAANIAN | ANANIAS |
| ALSEJRUME | JERUSALEM |
| MADCASUS | DAMASCUS |
| LASU | SAUL |
| HILGT | LIGHT |
| SLEGTNIE | GENTILES |

Jesus asked Paul "Why do you PERSECUTE me?"

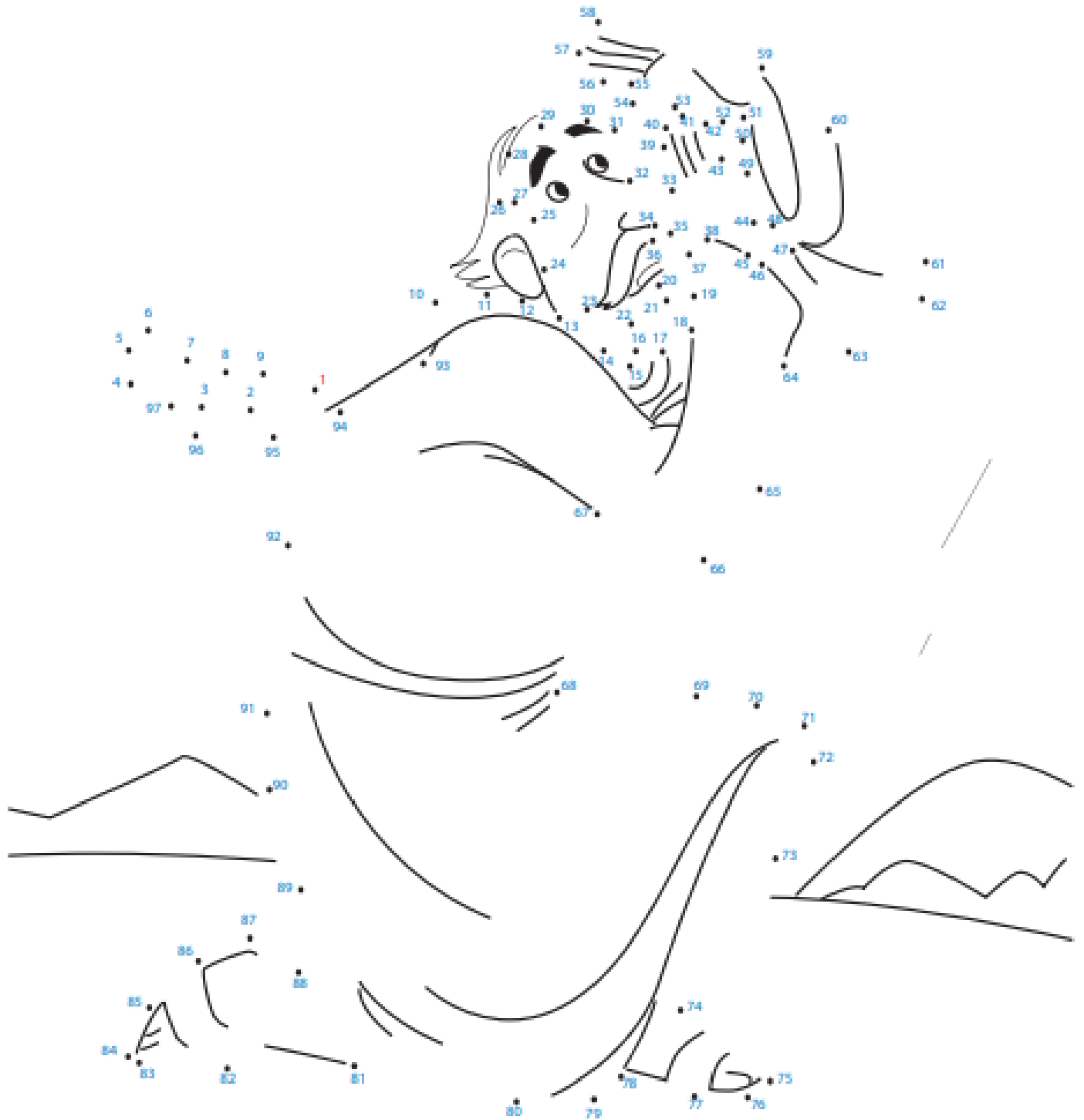


THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS MAZE

Travel to the center of Damascus. Choose one of two routes.
You may find alternate undiscovered shortcuts along the way.



Connect the Dots



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