

FOCUS

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK
Parent Cue • Preteen • Week of June 14th

Use this guide to help your family learn how we can have faith in God.

First, watch this video:

<https://bit.ly/PreteenFocusJuneWeek2>

Then follow up with the activity below!

MEMORY VERSE

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1, NIV

LIFE APP

FAITH:

Trusting in what you can't see because of what you can see

BIBLE STORY

Paul Becomes a Believer
(Acts 9:1-9)

KEY QUESTION

How does God try to get your attention?

ACTIVITY: Attention-Grabbers

WHAT YOU NEED:

paper, pens, timer

WHAT YOU DO:

Make sure everyone has a sheet of paper and something to write with. Spread out so no one can see anyone else's paper. Set a timer for five minutes. During that time, everyone should write down as many things as they can think of that would get someone's attention. For example: an air horn, waving your hands, flashing the lights in the room, etc. Encourage everyone to get creative and even a bit off-the-wall with their responses. Anything goes—as long as it's something that could get someone's attention to shift from one thing to another.

When the timer goes off, have everyone compare their lists. Ask everyone to cross out anything that someone else also has on their list. Whoever ends up with the most items on their list is the winner!

Talk about the Bible story:

- o **What was Saul known for before He met Jesus?** (*trying to stop people from believing in Jesus*)
- o **How did God get Saul's attention?** (*While Saul was traveling to Damascus, a light blinded him and he heard the voice of Jesus*)
- o **What changed about Saul after he was blinded?** (*He started following Jesus and telling others about Him*)
- o **Knowing Jesus changes the way we see everything—but first He has to get our attention. We probably won't be blinded by a light, so how does God try to get our attention these days?**
- o **Is God changing the way you see anything in your life right now?**

PRAYER

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible Story or sometime before bed tonight:

"Dear God, it's amazing how You changed the way Saul saw everything and everyone around him. We know that You can change the way WE see the world, too. When we don't understand why things are happening the way they are, help us to trust You. Help us to remember that You can bring good things out of bad situations. Please help us to see when You're trying to get our attention so we can grow closer to You. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen."



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