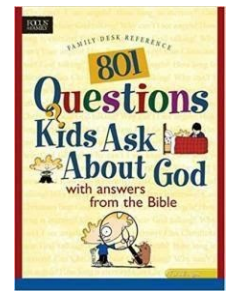




# Why was Saul blinded by a bright light?



At first, Saul (also known as Paul) was totally against Jesus and anyone who followed him. In fact, he watched and approved when a Christian named Stephen was killed for believing in Christ. Saul hated Christians so much that he got permission to capture them and put them in jail. But God had other plans for Saul's life. One day, while Saul was traveling to another city to look for Christians, he was blinded by a bright light. God used the light to get Saul's attention. Then Jesus appeared to him. Through this experience, Saul believed in Jesus. He became a strong follower of Christ and a great missionary. Instead of trying to get rid of Christians, he went all over the world helping people become Christians. He wrote many letters to those Christians, some of those letters are in our Bibles today.



As he was nearing Damascus on this mission, a brilliant light from heaven suddenly beamed down upon him! He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

(Acts 9:3-4)

Parent Note: Paul wrote Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

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