



April 19, 2026, Paul's Conversion

Acts 9:1-19a

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of mystery, you come to us in obvious and subtle ways, calling us into your work of love and service to you and our neighbors near and far. Help us to recognize you in all those we encounter, that we might know you are near, guiding and equipping us for the work ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 'He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. (Acts 9:4-5)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Saul, the vicious persecutor of Jesus' followers, is struck blind on the road to Damascus by Jesus himself, who tells Saul to wait for further instruction. God then sends Ananias, one of said followers, to confront his persecutor head on, and even worse, to accept that this man has been chosen by Jesus to spread the gospel!



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Tell of a time you thought you were headed in one direction, and then life threw you a curveball, and you found yourself headed in an entirely different direction.
- What would you have done if you had been Ananias, called help a man known to arrest and kill Christians?
- For the littles: What scares you?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God give you courage to face scary things. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Write a love letter to a person or people you hate or fear the most. Consider how God feels about them.



Go Deeper: Go to clergystuff.com/daily-devotions for devotions on the Narrative Lectionary daily readings.

Monday: *Saul Preaches in Damascus*, Acts 9:19b-22

Tuesday: *Saul Escapes from the Jews*, Acts 9:23-31

Wednesday: *Peter in Lydda and Joppa*, Acts 9:36-43

Thursday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:1-16

Friday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:17-23a

Saturday: *Peter and Cornelius*, Acts 10:23b-33