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JESUS MEETS:
SAUL

WEEK 19 | CHILDREN

Here are couple of ideas to help you unpack this week's story further:

CHAT:

Have you ever had a moment when you realised you've done something wrong or messed up?

Do you usually ask for forgiveness if you have messed up or done something wrong?

Have you ever had to forgive someone? Did you find it easy or hard?

Do you think everyone deserves forgiveness? Why/why not?

Why did God forgive Saul in the story?

What is your favourite part of this story?

PRAY:

Grab a blank sheet of paper and a pencil.

Take some time to trace pieces of a puzzle on the sheet of paper.

Write inside the different pieces all the things that God can use you for (e.g. to be kind, help someone, share Jesus).

As you look back at the sheet, take some time praying and asking God to use you. Thank Him for having a plan for your life and trust Him as He holds all the pieces together.

Remember that God knows the whole picture of your life. God can use you. He has a plan for you.

DO:

Use this activity to think about God forgiving us so that we can forgive others.

God forgives:

Grab a pen and paper.

Write down a letter to God and ask Him to forgive you for something that you've done (e.g. maybe you said an unkind word to someone, hurt someone's feelings, didn't do what your parents asked you to do).

Once you have written it, read it out loud to God as a prayer to Him.

Remember that no matter what you have done, if you choose to go to God and ask him for forgiveness, He always forgives you.

Forgive others:

We not only need to ask God for forgiveness, but we also need to forgive others as that is what Jesus would do.

Think of someone in your life who might have hurt you or been unkind to you.

Write on a piece of paper what happened and how that made you feel.

To show that you won't keep a record of the wrong, you could do one of the following things with that paper:

- tear it up
- bury it in the garden (in a secret place)
- soak it in water for a few minutes and then squeeze it into a tiny ball. Practice throwing the ball into a bin from a distance.
- or think of some other unusual way to destroy it

Remember that by forgiving someone, you are not saying that what the other person did is okay; but rather that you have decided not to hold it against them. That is why it takes a special kind of love, like the love of God, to forgive.