

Sola Publishing Children's Message Easter 3 – Year C		SOLA 
God can make it happen!		
Readings	1) Acts 9:1-22 2) Revelation 5:1-7, 8-14 3) John 21:1-14, 15-19	
Scripture Focus	Acts 9:1-22	
Take Away		
Aids (pics, props, etc.)	Possible illustrations from Free Bible Images: https://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/btbm-paul-conversion/	
Message There was a man named Saul who hated anyone who loved Jesus. He hated them so much that he wanted to put them in jail or even kill them just because they loved Jesus. [That doesn't sound very nice, does it?] One day, he was on his way to the city (Damascus), and something very unexpected happened. Here's what happened. Saul was walking down the road with some other men, just like any other day, when suddenly, a bright light from heaven came down on him. It was so bright that he fell on the ground. Then, he heard a voice from heaven say to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting (being really mean to) me?" Saul had no idea who was talking, so he asked, "Who are you?" Jesus said, "I am Jesus. When you persecute my people, you are also persecuting me. Get up and go to the city, and someone will tell you what to do." The men who were walking with Saul couldn't believe what they were hearing. They couldn't see anyone. Saul got up from the ground, and even though his eyes were open, he couldn't see anything. He was blind! One of the men helped him get to the city, and for three days he was blind and didn't eat or drink anything. He prayed. A man called Ananias was in Damascus. Jesus told him to go and help Saul. Saul was still praying. Jesus told him in the prayer that Ananias would come and help him. Ananias knew how much Saul hated people who loved Jesus and didn't want to go. "Lord," he said, "Saul wants your people put in jail or killed." But Jesus said, "Go. I am going to use this man and his gifts. He's going to tell a lot of people about me." Ananias did what he was told. When he got to Saul, he said, "Jesus sent me to heal your eyes and you will be filled with the Holy Spirit." Immediately, something fell from Saul's eyes. He could see, he had faith and was baptized, and was filled with God's Spirit. That's how great God's power and love is. If he needs someone to do something for him, he will make it happen, even if it means turning someone with a mean heart who hates him into a man with a nice heart who loves him. Let's pray.		
Repeat Prayer	Dear Jesus, You want all people / to know you / and love you! Thank you / for letting us help you. Thank you for loving us. We love you. Amen	