

# Elementary Children's Church

## Lesson 26

### Introduction to the Apostle Paul

1. Read conversion story of Saul to Paul **Acts 9:1-20**. Saul was a Pharisee, a religious sect of the Jews that refused to believe that Jesus Christ was the Messiah. Saul was so filled with hatred for Jesus Christ that he gave his life over to persecuting any/all that believed in Jesus Christ. And as the story goes he was on his way to capture men, women, and children who loved the Lord, and to persecute them even to death. The only problem was God had another plan for Saul.

2. **Acts 2:15**: "for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel." It is amazing and precious to think that the chief of sinners, whom Paul would refer to himself by, would be this special, anointed chosen vessel to bear the name of Jesus to the Jew and to the Gentile. A murderous killer, a blasphemer against the Truth, but yet still not too wicked to be saved by the blood. God's infinite grace forgives the multitude of sin, and the Word of His Grace builds us up and gives us an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

3. God chose him special (and as we will begin next week) to reveal to him the mystery of Christ. A mystery hidden from the sons of men, but now to be made manifest that the Gentile (you and me) can now be made joint heirs as man and wife with Christ Jesus. A king must have a queen, and Christ Jesus will have just that, a queen to rule jointly with Him forever.