

A bright yellow sunburst pattern with rays emanating from the top center, filling the background of the slide.

Week beginning 29/06/20

The conversion of Saul

The Church

So far this term we have talked about **belonging**. We discussed how we might belong to different clubs and **communities** and last week we learnt about the church and the **different roles of people in the parish**.

We belong to God's family today because the first disciples of Jesus spread the Good News

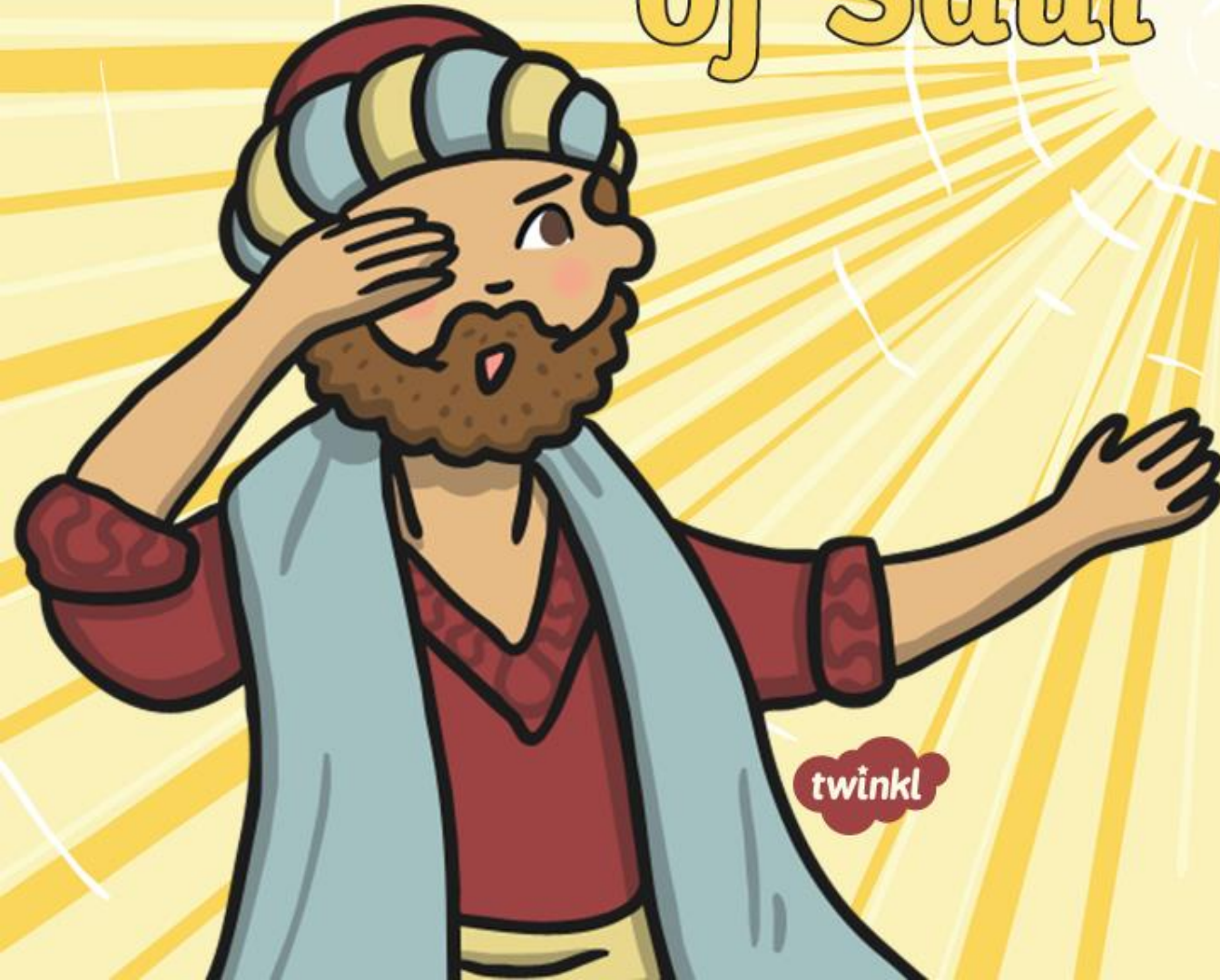
The Church

This week we are going to learn about a man named Saul who became Paul.

Saul was transformed and the following story tells you what happened.

There is also a video too at the end if you follow the link.

The Conversion of Saul



twinkl

Saul was an angry man who hated Christians. He used to treat them badly and try to hurt them.



Saul heard there were Christians telling people about their faith in a synagogue in Damascus, so he travelled there to harm them. He had lots of horrible plans in store for them.



As his journey was nearly at an end, a bright light shone all around him. A voice said to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.



"I am Jesus whom you are persecuting," the voice replied, "It is hard for you to fight against me. Go now into Damascus and you will be told what you must do."



After this meeting with Jesus, Saul was led by the hand into Damascus, for he had been made blind for three days and could not eat or drink anything.



Jesus spoke to a disciple called Ananias in a dream and told him to go and see Saul. Ananias was afraid to visit Saul, for he knew how cruel he was, but Jesus told him what big plans he had for Saul.



So Ananias visited Saul and laid his hands on him. At that moment Saul was healed by God and able to see again. Full of joy he was baptized in the river as a follower of Jesus.



Sorry for all the bad things he'd done to his new friends, Saul changed his name to Paul and spent the rest of his life traveling the world, telling everyone he met about the greatness of God and teaching them about Jesus.



Video of Saul's Conversion

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eRXq-cKmr0>

Activity

Draw two pictures of St Paul, before and after his conversion and think of words to describe him.

(You might want to print out the pictures below instead!)

Think about how his encounter with Jesus changed his life!



Remember

We too can be transformed if we let Jesus into our lives.

Maybe during the week you might want to pray
and ask Jesus to help you to follow him
just
like Saul/Paul did.





twinkl