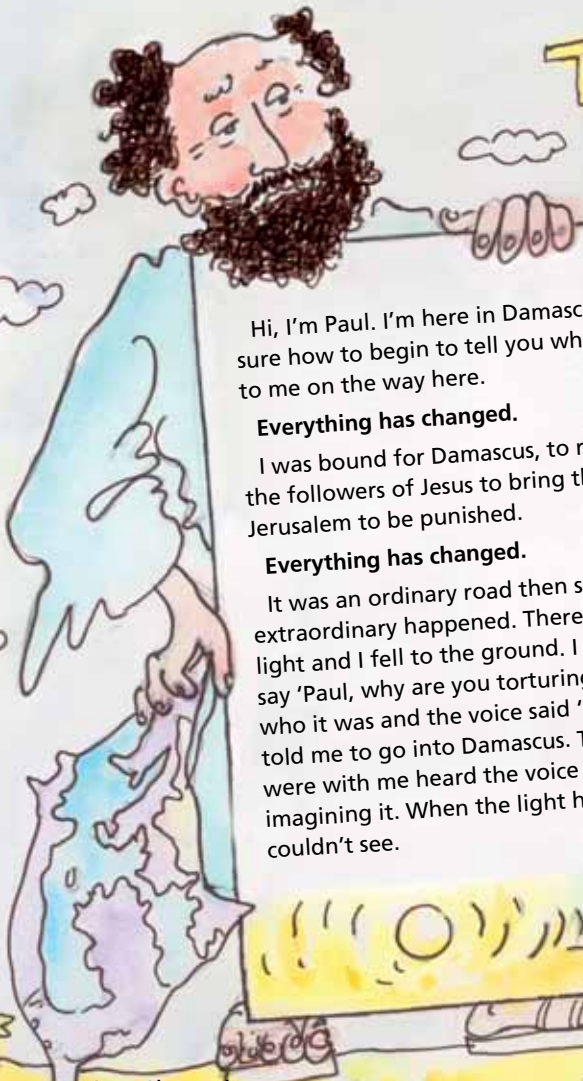


The Road to Damascus

based on Acts 9.1-20



Hi, I'm Paul. I'm here in Damascus. I am not sure how to begin to tell you what happened to me on the way here.

Everything has changed.

I was bound for Damascus, to round up the followers of Jesus to bring them back to Jerusalem to be punished.

Everything has changed.

It was an ordinary road then something extraordinary happened. There was a flashing light and I fell to the ground. I heard a voice say 'Paul, why are you torturing me?'. I asked who it was and the voice said 'I am Jesus'. He told me to go into Damascus. The men who were with me heard the voice too, so I wasn't imagining it. When the light had gone, I couldn't see.

Everything has changed.

I was led to a house on Straight Street. I could not eat or drink. I was so confused. I had been so sure I was doing the right thing by arresting Christians.

Everything has changed.

A Christian called Ananias came to me. He was afraid I would arrest him, but God had told him to come and pray with me. After he prayed, I could see again!

Everything has changed.

I am here now with some of Jesus' disciples. I now believe Jesus is the Son of God.

Everything has changed.

Love Paul