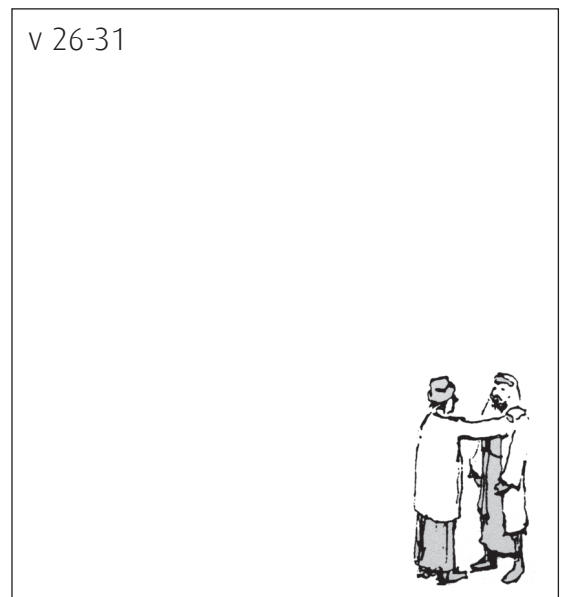
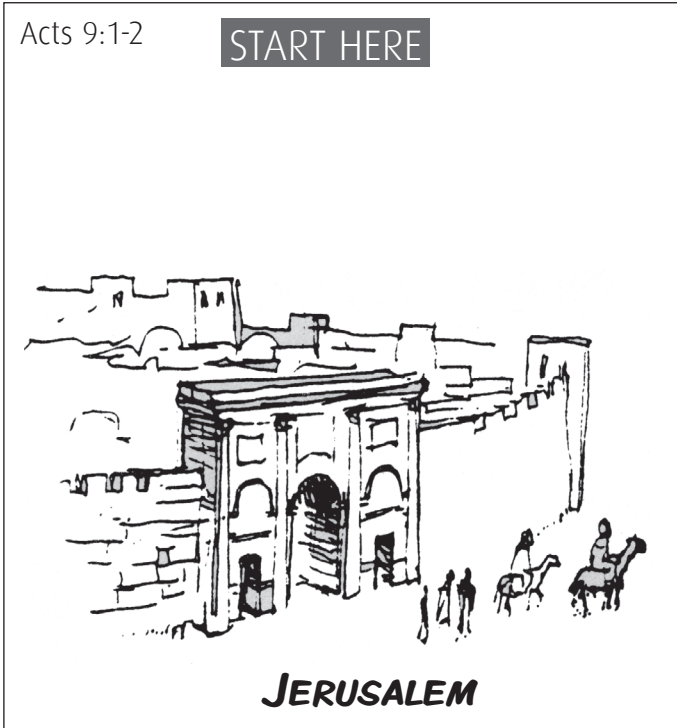
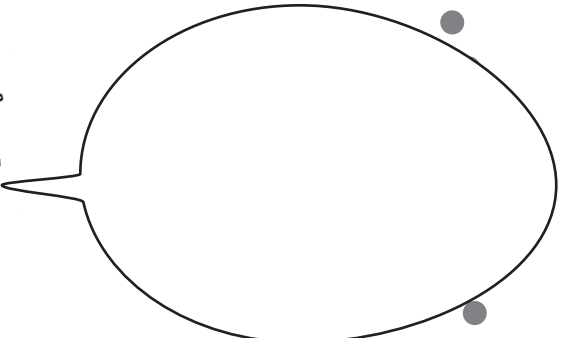
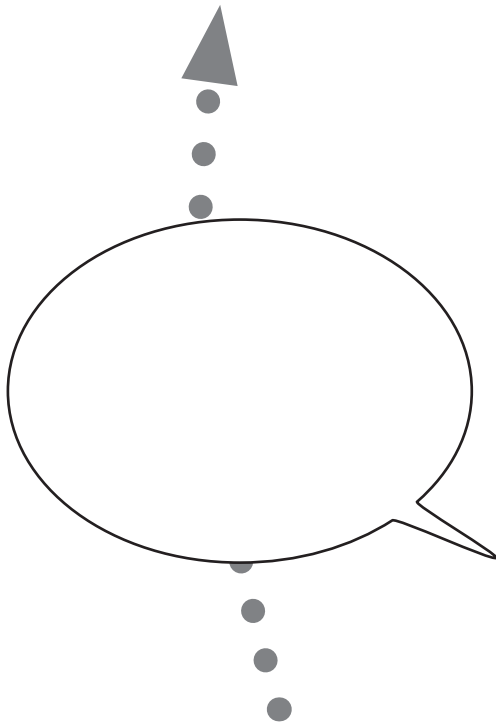
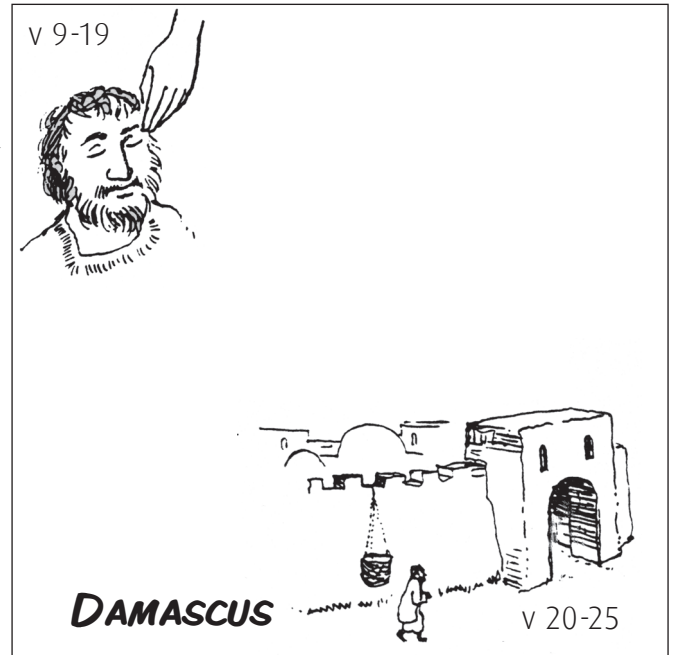
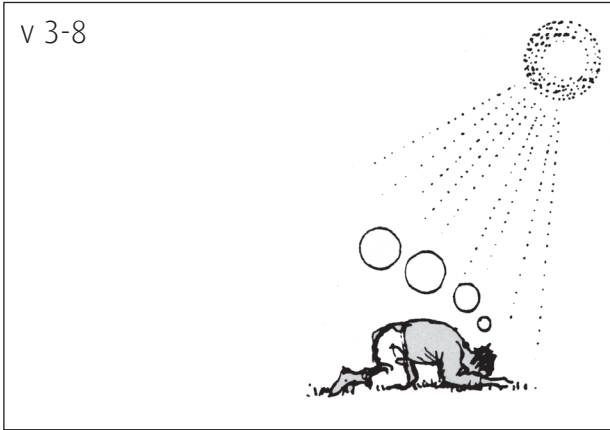
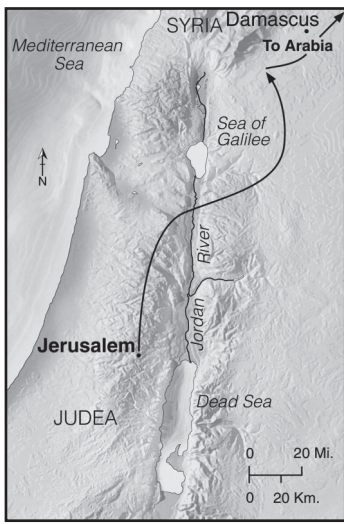


Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-31

I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

Philippians 3:8





What sort of reaction do you think Saul's friends from before his conversion would have had when they met him afterwards?

How do you think Jesus' disciples would have reacted to Paul when they met him for the first time?

The word **CONVERT** means to turn around. The word **REPENT**, which Jesus used, means the same thing. We are asked to turn our backs on things which are wrong, and to face in a new direction: towards Jesus.

Saul's conversion meant he had to turn around his life to follow Jesus. What sort of changes do you think he had to make?

Readings this week:

S Acts 8:1-3
 M Acts 9:1-9
 T Acts 9:10-22
 W Acts 9:23-31
 Th Philippians 3:1-11
 F Philippians 3:12-21
 S Colossians 3:1 – 10



The way to Damascus: the Damascus Gate at Jerusalem as it is today.

Serving Jesus means making changes in our own lives. What sort of changes and challenges do Christians face today?

Digging Deeper

What do we know about Paul?

Use these verses to list what we know of Paul's background and family.

Acts 22:3, 27-28

Philippians 3:4-5

Acts 23:16

Acts 18:3

2 Corinthians 12:7 You could do some research to find out what Paul's 'thorn in the flesh' might have been.

What was he specifically told to do by God? Acts 9:15

Ask
 God for
 help in serving
 him throughout
 your life.