

## **STA SS 2 CRK 4TH WK (NOTE)**

### **Mission of Paul to the Gentiles**

#### **The Conversion of Saul (Acts 9: 1-19)**

Saul took permission from the High Priest to go and persecute all the Christians in Damascus. He was accompanied by two companions. As he was about to enter Damascus he saw a bright light from heaven that shone on him. He fell down from his horse and heard a voice from heaven that was asking why he was persecuting him. When he asked whose voice was it, the voice said it was Jesus he was persecuting. He was told to enter the city and wait for further instruction. Paul was escorted by his companions to the city and was without food, water and sight for three days. In a vision God commissioned Ananias to go and pray for Paul to regain his sight, he first refused because he saw Paul as a persecutor. Jesus convinced him and told him how Paul would suffer for his own sake. Ananias went as he was instructed and Paul regained his sight and was baptized. Immediately after Paul's conversion, he started preaching that Jesus was the Son of God.

**Paul's Activity in Damascus (Acts 9: 20-25):** The Jews in Damascus wanted to kill Paul for preaching the gospel, but he was rescued by the Christian in Damascus through the city wall and he escaped to Jerusalem

**Paul's Activity in Jerusalem (Acts 9: 26 - 30):** When he got to Jerusalem, he went to meet the apostles but they were scared of him but Barnabas told them about his conversion. Paul started preaching in the name of Jesus, some of the Jews wanted to kill him and the apostles in Jerusalem rescued him to his own town, Tarsus.

#### **Significance of Paul's Conversion**

1. Paul's conversion put an end to the persecution of the Church and the Church has peace.
2. Saul, the persecutor became the defender of Christ.
3. As a result of Paul's conversion, the Church expanded and became universal.

#### **CLASSWORK**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ gave letter of permission to Paul to go to Damascus.
2. How many people accompanied Paul to Damascus?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ shone on Saul's face when he was about to enter Damascus
4. Paul was in Damascus for three days without\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Who appeared to Paul as he was about to enter Damascus?
6. Who was sent to Paul to regain his sight?
7. What was the reaction of Paul immediately after his baptism?
8. Who rescued Paul in Damascus when he was threatened to be kill by the Jews?
9. \_\_\_\_\_ convinced the apostles in Jerusalem about Paul's conversion.
10. Who rescued Paul from his enemies in Jerusalem to his home town in Tarsus?