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Relational—Learner-to-learner interaction enhances learning and builds Christian friendships.

Experiential—What learners experience through discussion and action sticks with them up to 9 times longer than what they simply hear or read.

Applicable—The aim of Christian education is to equip learners to be both hearers and doers of God's Word.

Learner-based—Learners understand and retain more when the learning process takes into consideration how they learn best.

Tracking With Jesus Bible Book

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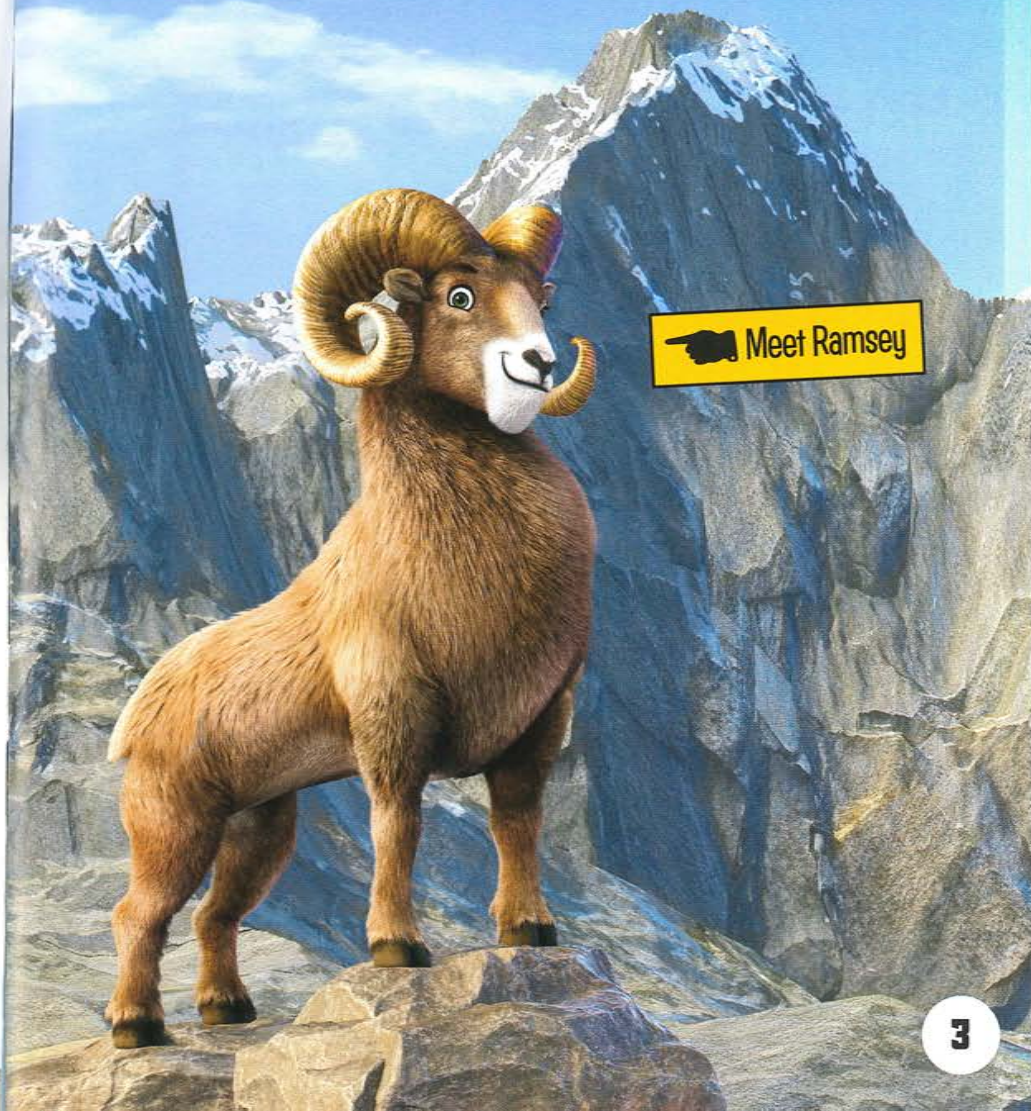
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Jesus' power helps us do hard things.

**"For I can do everything through Christ,
who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)**



Meet Ramsey

TOUGH STUFF!

My name is Ananias, and Jesus asked me to do something really hard! Thankfully, I didn't have to do it by myself—Jesus was with me, giving me the power to do it!

Sometimes in life, you *have* to do hard things. And other times, you can choose whether or not you want to. Are there some hard things you'd try to do some day? Fill in the faces to show what you think about the tough stuff below.

You Want Me to Do *What?*

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| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Skydive |
| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Swim with sharks |
| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Ride the world's fastest roller coaster |
| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Climb a tall mountain |
| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Drive a race car |
| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Run through fire |
| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Wrestle an alligator |
| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Run a marathon |
| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Ski an Olympic ski jump |
| ☹️ | 😐 | 😊 | Eat a grasshopper |

☹️ = I'll never do that!

😐 = I might try that.

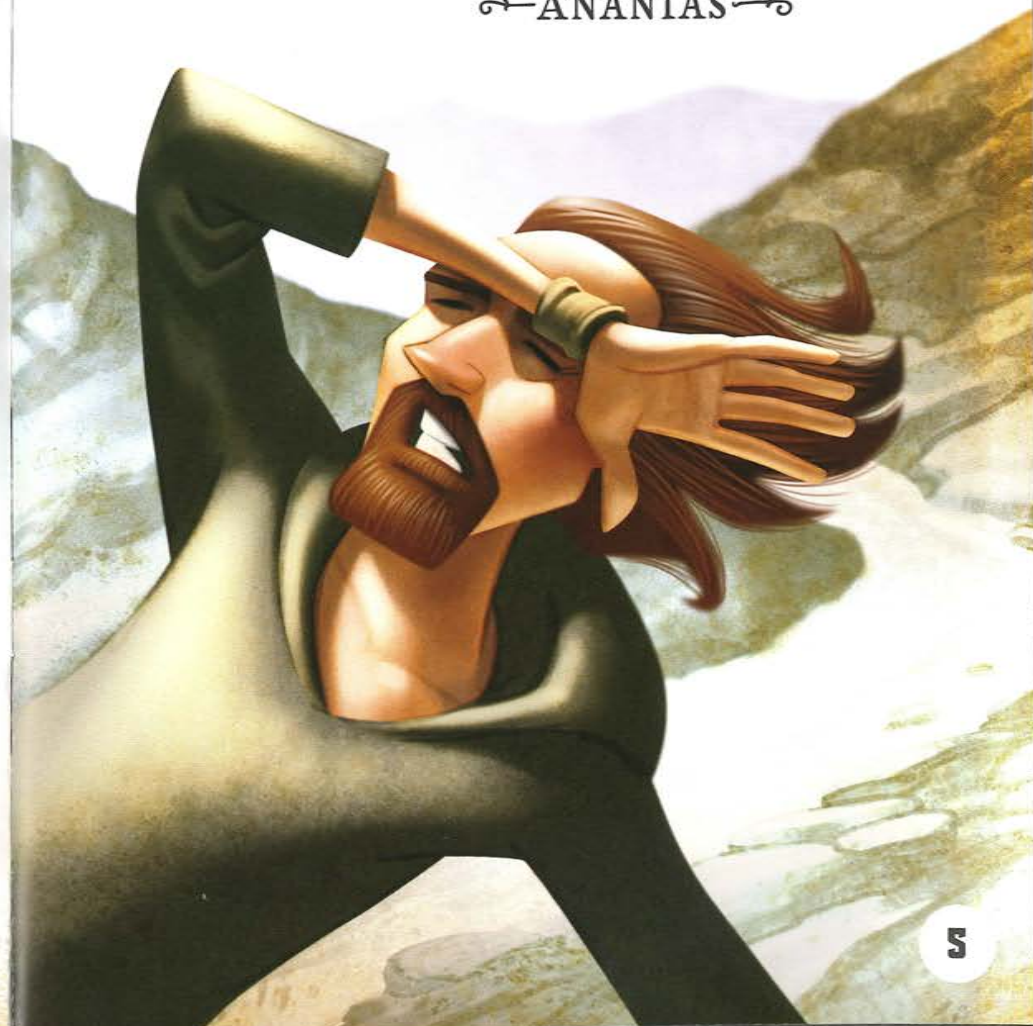
😊 = I can do that!

Read Ananias' story
right here!

~ EYE ~ OPENER

ACTS 9:1-19

BY
~ ANANIAS ~



SAUL.

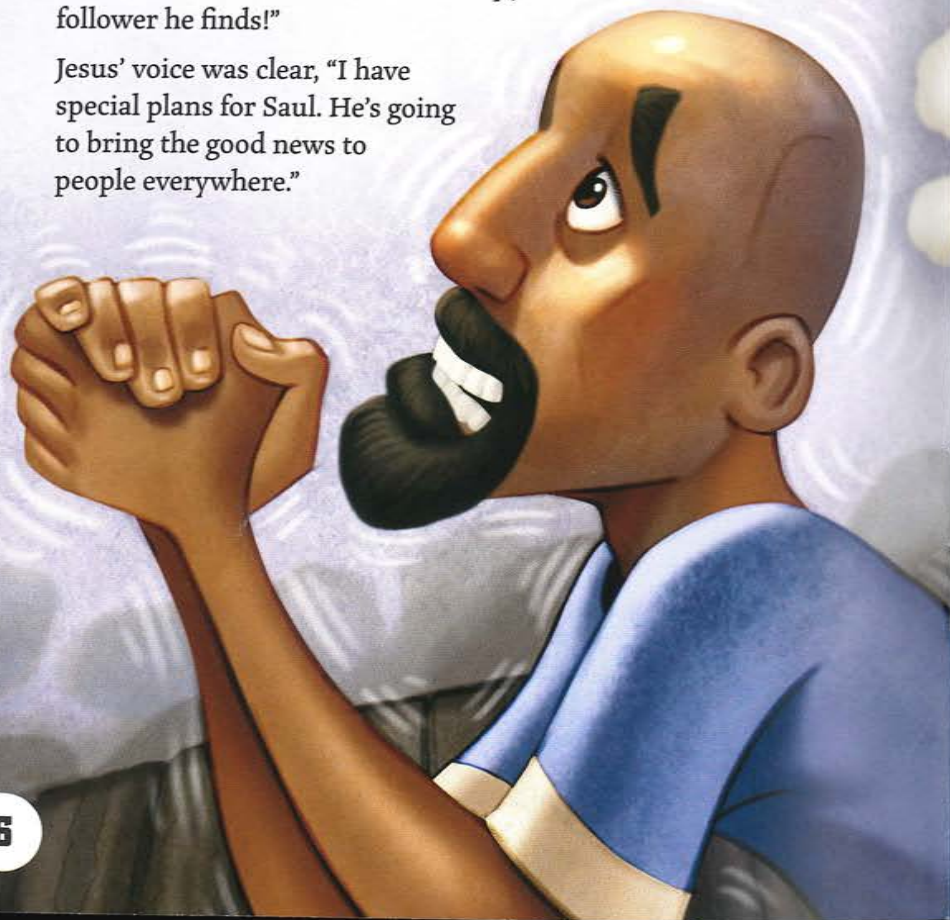
His name made most Christians shake and shiver in their sandals! And I quaked and quivered right along with them. Even though I lived a long way from Jerusalem, I'd heard the scary stories. Saul hated Jesus' followers. He hunted down believers and sent them to jail. And if he didn't throw them in jail, he'd help toss them in the grave.

Saul was one scary dude.

And Jesus wanted *me* to go pay Saul a visit?

"But Lord!" I prayed, "I've heard so many stories about the terrible things he's done to believers like me. He arrests every Jesus-follower he finds!"

Jesus' voice was clear, "I have special plans for Saul. He's going to bring the good news to people everywhere."



I learned the scoop on what had happened to Saul. He'd been on the road from Jerusalem, coming to arrest more believers in Damascus. But Jesus appeared to him in a bright light, and Saul went blind. Saul's friends had to lead him the rest of the way to Damascus, where he waited in darkness for three days.

And now Jesus wanted me to go pray for Saul? Gulp.

