

Focus Points

"Focus Points" are short activities that draw students into the lesson. They take only a few minutes to do. Many can be used as quick-start activities to engage the students and focus their attention at the beginning of class. Others may fit well during the lesson to reinforce a point and drive it home. Still others may serve as good wrap-up activities. "Focus Points" come in many forms. Choose and use them as you see fit.

Focus Point – Blind! The Conversion of Saul

Acts 9:8-9 *Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.*

Simulate blindness. Blindfold the children one at a time and have them carry out common tasks like finding an object, identifying something by feel, putting something together, or playing with a simple toy. Have another child lead them by the hand to walk around the room.

A variation on this theme is to use a feel box. Have the children put their hands into the box and identify the objects that are inside without being able to see them. Afterward, take the objects out so the children can see how well they did.

Simple role plays like these can be used with other lessons as well: "Jacob Tricks Isaac" (Genesis 27:1-29), "Blind Bartimaeus" (Mark 10:46-52), and "The Blind Man Sent to the Pool of Siloam" (John 9:1-7ff).