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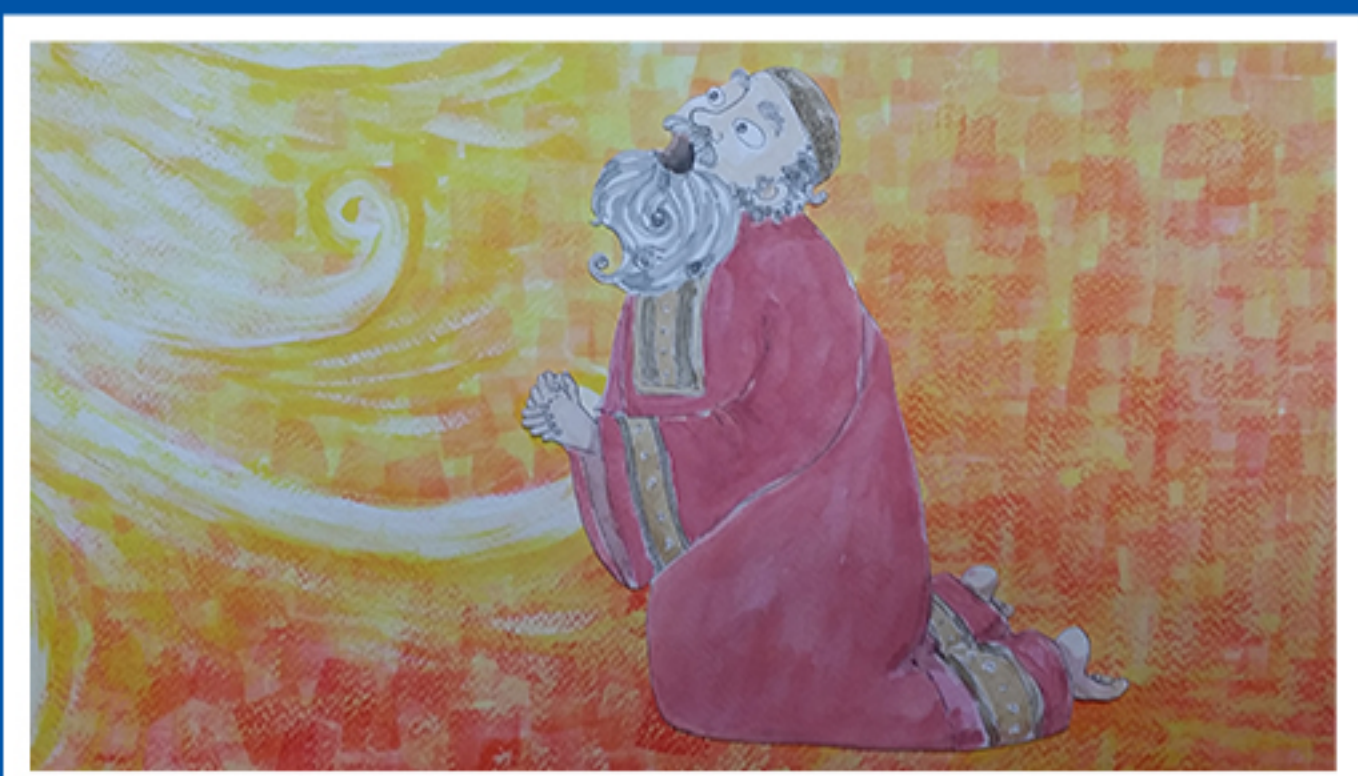
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Apostle Paul

–18th Story–

Narration Saul was a well-educated man but he did not know Jesus. Not only that, he hated those who believed in Jesus and persecuted them, putting them in jail. He went to the high priest and asked:

S a u l Please write a letter that gives anyone the power to seize believers of Jesus and bring them to Jerusalem.

Narration Saul left for Damascus to persecute and seize Jesus' disciples.

Narration But when Saul neared Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. Saul couldn't open his eyes because the light was so bright. Although he shaded his face with his hands, he couldn't see anything because of the bright light. Then, he heard a voice from heaven:

J e s u s Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?

S a u l Who are you, Lord?

J e s u s I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting!

Narration Saul did not believe Jesus was the king of Jews whom God had promised nor did he believe in Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, so he was extremely astonished when he heard Jesus' words.

J e s u s Saul, get up and go into the city of Damascus. You will be told what you must do.

Narration Saul got up from the ground but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing, so the men travelling with Saul led him by the hand into Damascus.

Narration For three days Saul was blind and did not eat or drink anything. Saul repented and prayed to Jesus with all his heart.

J e s u s Ananias! Go to the house of Judas and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. Place your hands on him to restore his sight!

A n a n i a s Lord, I have heard many reports about Saul. Saul has done much harm to your saints in Jerusalem. And he has come to Damascus with the authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.

J e s u s Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.

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Narration And so Ananias went to the house to find Saul and placed his hands on him.

A n a n i a s Brother Saul, the Lord - Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here - has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Narration As soon as Ananias finished praying, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes and he could see again. Saul got up and was baptised. Saul was now a disciple of Jesus.

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Narration After taking some food, Saul regained his strength and spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.

S a u l Jesus is the Son of God. Believe in Him!

M a n What? Isn't he the man who persecuted and arrested the disciples of Jesus?

W o m a n Indeed! How can this be? What is going on?

Narration Everyone was astonished. But Saul grew more and more powerful in proving Jesus is the Christ.

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Narration After many days had gone by, the Jews conspired to kill him but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him, but Saul's followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall so that he could escape. This Saul is the famous evangelist, Paul. Although Paul suffered many hardships and difficulties, he persevered and preached the word of God in many countries. He also wrote 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament.



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