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**(I Wrote this story)**

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**You know when we ask Jesus to come  
into our hearts, we are just like Saul. We  
go through a dramatic change.**

**The same kind of change a little butterfly  
makes when he changes from a caterpillar  
into a beautiful butterfly.**

**A butterfly starts out as a little fuzzy  
caterpillar, after a while, the little  
caterpillar begins to grow a hard shell  
around its body called a chrysalis.**

**Once the caterpillar is completely covered  
by the hard shell, he just sits there...  
waiting, waiting, waiting and then  
finally... Something special happens.**

**The shell begins to break open and slowly  
the caterpillar begin to crawl out.**

**He struggles to break free from the shell that is binding him. Just like we struggle from the sin that binds us.**

**Then the little caterpillar begin its struggle for its new life!**

**Sometimes it wiggled and jiggled as it works to become free, sometimes he just lays still and rests.**

**THEN IT HAPPENES! The caterpillar is free!**

**BUT, the caterpillar is no longer a caterpillar.**

**It has turned into a..... beautiful BUTTERFLY.**

**After a little time his wings begin to unfold and straighten out and the beautiful butterfly begin to lift itself up, up, up into the air and flies off into the sky in all its glory.**

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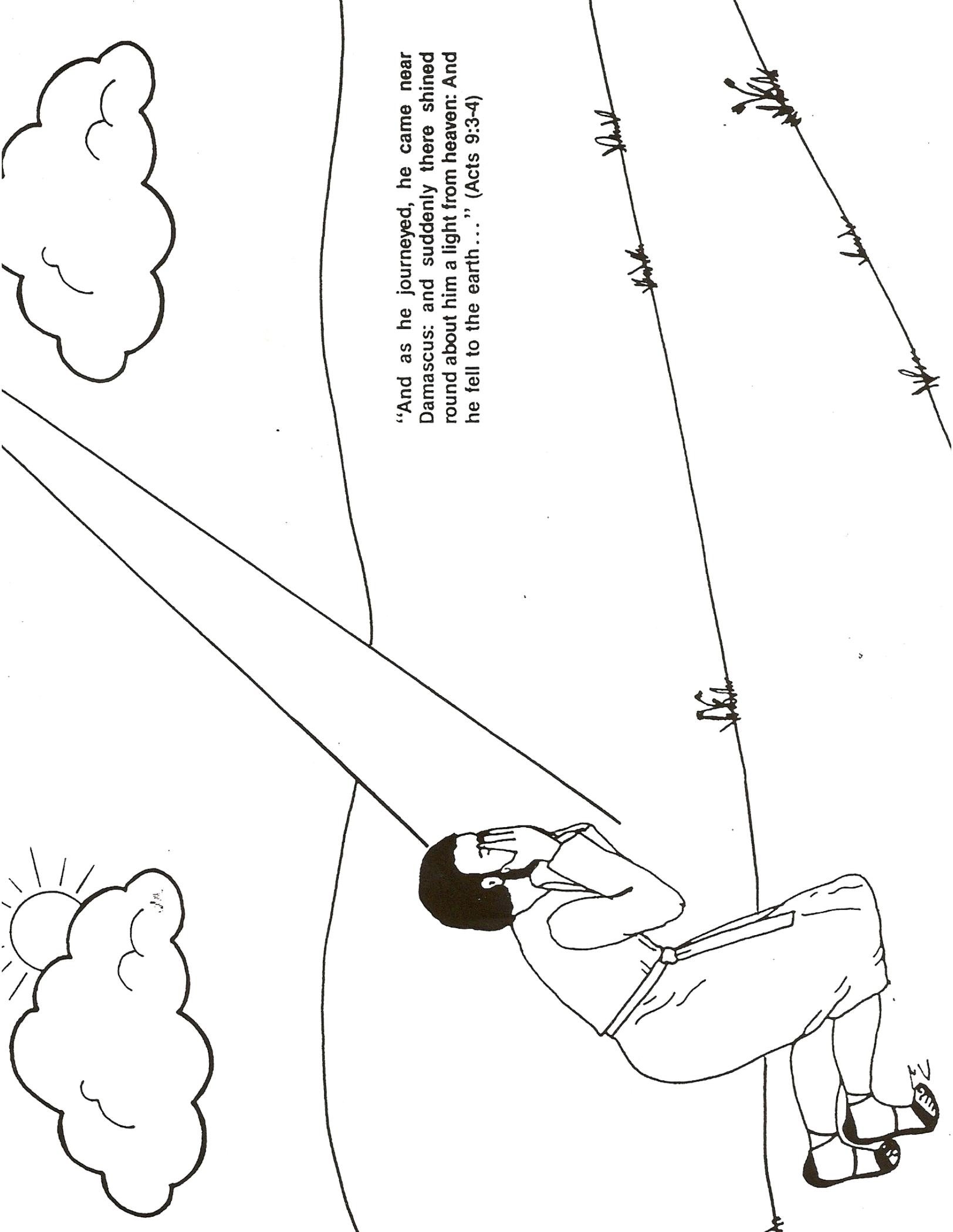
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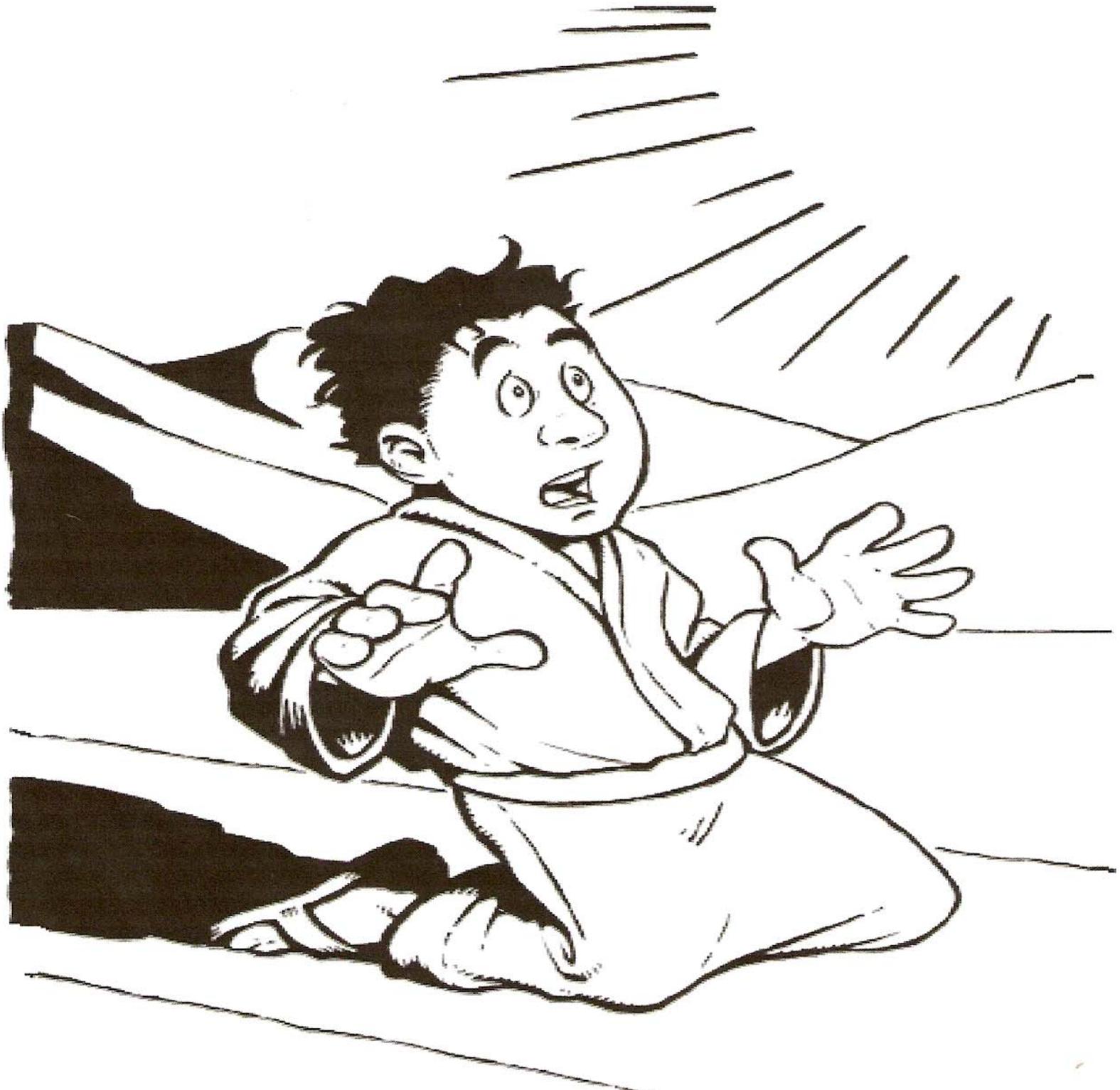
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“And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth...” (Acts 9:3-4)



# **“Why Do You Persecute Me”**



**SAUL**

**Acts 9:1-19**

## CATERPILLAR CRAFT

Duplicate the Caterpillar template onto a piece of stiff/brightly colored paper (or construction paper cut to 8 1/2 X 11 size)

Fold the Paper in half– the back of the caterpillar will be the fold line. (See Sample 1 Below)

Cut the Caterpillar Out

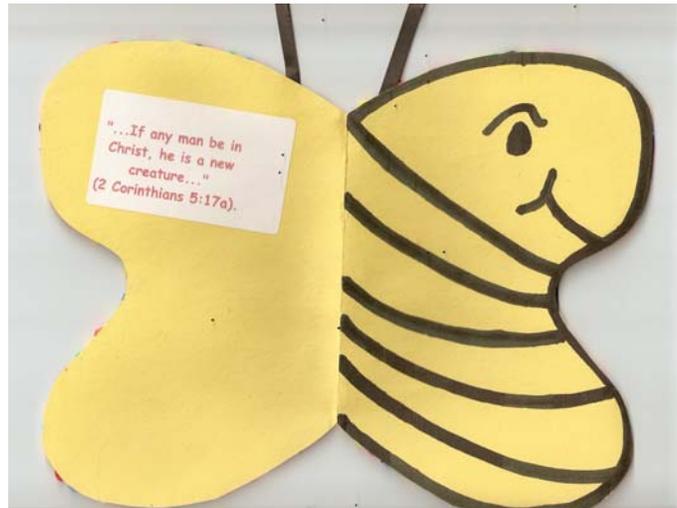
Unfold the Caterpillar and attach memory verse onto back (See Sample # 2 Below)

Flip Caterpillar Over, attach antenna, and decorate with markers, glitter, etc. (See Sample #3 Below)

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#2



#3



