

## Story 109: A Man Who Hated Christians

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Read this story in the Bible in Acts 8:1-3 and Acts 9:1-2.

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### Words to Know

**decide** – to choose to do something

**arrest** – to legally take a person and keep him in a place where he is not free to leave

**jail** – a building where people who disobey the law are kept

**permission** – being allowed to do something

### Questions

1. Where was Saul from?
2. What was Saul studying?
3. What did Saul think about Jesus? Why?
4. What did Saul do to followers of Jesus?
5. Did Saul think he was doing the right thing?
6. What did Saul decided to do in other cities?
7. What happened to the followers of Jesus who were put in jail?
8. What did Saul get permission to do?

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