



WEEK TWO

PAUL BECOMES A BELIEVER • ACTS 9:1-9



ASK THIS:

HOW DOES GOD TRY TO GET YOUR ATTENTION?



REMEMBER THIS:

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see."

HEBREWS 11:1, NIV



DO THIS:



Q & A for kids: What is the craziest thing you've never actually seen, but you believe to be true?

Q & A for parents: What is the biggest change you've seen in someone because of their faith in Jesus?

FAITH:

TRUSTING IN WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE

SECRET FOR DADS FROM A DAUGHTER

By Hannah Joiner Crosby

I thought of a few secrets that I wanted my dad to know about his daughter that might be beneficial for other dads too.

1. Rolling my eyes didn't always mean what I was communicating.

I remember rolling my eyes as a little girl when my dad needed to take me by his office. The funny thing is I also remember REALLY wanting to go. I just didn't want him to know that. Yes, we do play games, and I'm sorry it's so confusing! I loved feeling like I was important enough to be around my dad's workplace. It made me feel like he was proud to be my dad.

2. I loved when you invested in getting to know my friends.

When my dad would get to know my friends (at any age), it meant the world to me. I pretended to be embarrassed sometimes. Little did he know, he was communicating his genuine interest in my life. What was important to me was also important to him. And I began to realize that his purpose was not to just make the rules, he wanted to build a relationship with me.

3. Letting go helped me decide who I wanted to be.

When I was sixteen, I got into some trouble at school. I was scared to death of

what my punishment would be when my dad got home. This is one of those times I remember him "letting go." He didn't really punish me, he just told me I was old enough to make my own decisions and that I was accountable to God and myself.

The next day, he took me to work with him and treated me like an adult. This was a turning point in my life. I was heartbroken knowing he was disappointed in me. I WANTED a punishment so that I could just pay for it. Instead, letting go in that moment taught me who I wanted to be—someone that could make the right decisions without rules.

Dads, I wish I had been better at communicating to my father how much his holding on and letting go meant to me. The chances are your daughters will probably wish the same thing one day. If you are fighting for her and trying your best, she knows it. So don't stop. Of course my dad didn't do everything right, but none of that matters now because he fought for our relationship. I really believe that's the most crucial part.



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## PRETEEN DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If God tries to get someone's attention but they continue to ignore Him, does He ever give up? Explain.
- In what ways might a follower of Jesus view the following areas of life differently than those who don't follow Him?
  - Money
  - People
  - Sickness or death
  - Time
  - Creation
  - Happiness
  - Bible
- If you could meet Jesus the way Saul did, how do you think it would impact your faith?
- We probably won't have a "Damascus" experience like Saul did, but what are some ways God might get our attention?