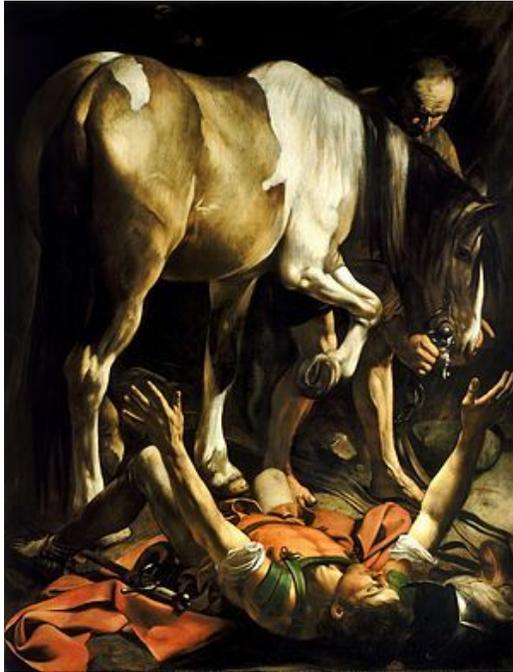


# Religion Summer Reflection 2020

## Grades 6-8



Conversion of St. Paul (Caravaggio)



The Good Shepherd (Jean Baptiste de Champaigne)

Greetings Middle School Students,

As we pause between the 2019-2020 school year and the 2020-2021 school year, I would like us to take some time to reflect on the world around us in the past few months. 2020 has brought many instances of social and political change, and as Christians it may be challenging at times to navigate the world around us with our faith. Please take the time to read the following passages from the New Testament, and after reading write a 2+ page, 5 paragraph reflection answering the following questions. Please use your Breakthrough Bibles previously issued, or you can find the necessary passages at the following link: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/books-of-the-bible/>

Acts of the Apostles:

7: 54-60      14: 21-28  
8: 1-3        26: 12-32  
9: 1-31       28: 16-31  
13: 4-12

Matthew:

18: 10-14

Luke:

15: 1-7  
15: 11-32

After reading these passages, please write your two page reflection following this outline:

- 1) How was St. Paul (Saul) acting toward the Christian communities at first? What event led him to change his behavior? How did he proceed to act after this experience?  
**(Paragraph 1)**
- 2) What can we learn from the Parable of the Lost Sheep, and from the Parable of the Lost Son? Does God abandon us when we are in need, no matter the circumstances? How should we act and respond if we are “one of the sheep in the flock” or “the obedient son” when we see extra help and attention given to those who need it? **(Paragraph 2)**
- 3) Looking at Paul’s experiences, is it ever too late for us to learn from our mistakes and do the right thing? What can we learn from St. Paul’s story, and how can we apply these lessons into our own lives? **(Paragraph 3)**
- 4) Looking at the world around us today, who are some people who are in need of our help, and what are ways that we can assist those in need? **(Paragraph 4)**
- 5) What are ways that we may have made mistakes in the past, and how can we correct ourselves to help others around us moving forward? **(Paragraph 5)**

The paper must be written in 12 Font, Times New Roman, Double spaced. The paper must be a minimum of 2 pages. This will be due on the first day of classes in hard copy. If you have any questions, please reach out to me via email at [csimonson@sfxacushnet.com](mailto:csimonson@sfxacushnet.com), and I will do my best to assist you in a timely manner.

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