

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program C-2

Shipwrecked

Acts 27:13-28:10

Paul Series: Lesson #5

Bible Verse: I have faith in God. Acts 27:25

Past verses: Believe in Jesus and you will be saved. Acts 16:31

Go to all the world and teach the gospel. Mark 16:15

Help one another. Gal. 5:13

Nothing can separate us from the love of Jesus. Romans 8:35

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Have faith in God even in the worst circumstances.

Prop ideas: Toy boat with action figures

Rubber or wooden snake

SAMPLE STORY

Many people were angry that Paul was telling about Jesus. Everywhere he went he told people to believe in Jesus so that they could be saved. Because Paul was causing such a commotion, the Jewish leaders again had him arrested. They wanted the Romans to have him killed. Paul knew he had done nothing wrong and asked to be taken to the highest Roman leader, Caesar. So again, Paul was a prisoner. This time he would be taken to Rome on a ship.

Paul was just one of many prisoners being taken to Rome. They ran into a very big and terrible storm. The sailors worked hard to keep the ship together and keep it from sinking. The storm was so bad that for many days no one could see the sun or stars. Everyone was ready to give up hope of surviving. Everyone but Paul. An angel of God appeared to him. The angel told him, "Do not be afraid, Paul. You will stand trial before Caesar. God has also graciously spared the lives of everyone on the ship." So Paul told everyone to have hope. "I have faith in God. We will survive, but the ship will run aground and be lost."

After fourteen days of the terrible storm, the ship did run aground and broke apart into pieces. The sailors, soldiers and prisoners all made it safely to shore just as Paul had said. Just as God had promised, not a single life was lost. They had shipwrecked on the island of Malta. The islanders were very friendly to them. They welcomed them with a fire to warm up, for it

was cold and raining. As Paul was gathering brush to put on the fire, a poisonous snake bit him on the hand. Paul brushed it off as if it were nothing. The islanders were amazed. Paul had been bitten by this snake, and did not fall over dead! He must be some special person.

They took Paul to the home of the chief official of the island, where his was given the best hospitality. When Paul found out that this man's father was sick in bed, Paul went to him. He laid his hands on him and prayed. The man was healed. The rest of the sick on the island came to Paul to be healed. The islanders took care of Paul and his friends for the three months they had to stay on the island. When they were able to sail again, the islanders even gave them all the supplies they needed for the trip. Paul was now on his way to Rome again. He always knew that he would get there, because God had told him he would. Paul had had faith in God.

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Making a Sailboat Craft

Playing with Water and Boats /Sink or Float

Making a Paul Paper Sack Puppet

SPIRAL SNAKE CRAFT

Materials:	Spiral Snake Coloring Page	
	Red Ribbon	
	Yarn	
	Scissors	(In room)
	Tape	(In room)
	Glue	(In room)
	Crayons/markers	(In room)

Do: Cut out the snake circle. Give each child a snake to color.
Cut a small piece of red ribbon for a tongue. Let children glue or tape on the snake. Cut along the heavy lines to cut apart the snake.
Tape a piece of yarn to the head.

Talk About: A very poisonous snake bit Paul. He should have died quickly, but God kept him safe. God had promised that Paul would go to Rome and see Caesar.

COLORING PAGE

Paul on Malta

Materials: Coloring Page
Bible Verse Stickers
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color. Help write their names on the pages. Add a Bible verse sticker when finished.

Talk About: Paul healed a man's father. He prayed for him and placed his hands on him. Then all the sick people on the island came to Paul to be healed. Do you think that Paul told these people about Jesus?

PLAY-DOUGH

Materials: Play-Dough (In room)

Do: Make snakes and other animals with the play-dough. Make a boat and pretend to crash in a storm.

Talk About: Paul had faith that God would keep him safe. Paul knew that God keeps his promises.