

Q12

BIBLE STORYLINE

## The Shipwreck

2nd-3rd

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## Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about Paul and a shipwreck. We've learned a lot about Paul and his life. He's been beaten up and kicked out of cities for teaching about Jesus and he's even been thrown in jail for his faith. Well, Paul's troubles continued when he was put on a boat with other prisoners to cross the Mediterranean Sea to get to Rome. He wasn't going there on vacation. He was going there to stand trial before the most powerful man in Rome. But along the way, a big storm came and blew the ship around for several days causing it to break apart. Imagine how scared everyone must have been. Everyone was scared, except Paul. He knew God was going to protect them. God told him that everyone would make it through the storm and everyone did! Paul knew God was big enough to protect them. He had faith that God would be true to his word and he was. We can learn from this story, too. When scary things happen to us, we can be brave and trust that God will help us because we have a big God on our side!

**Big Idea**

*Even one person's faith can make a big difference.*

**Key Question**

*How can your faith make a difference for others?*

**Memory Verse**

*Acts 27:25 "So take courage! For I believe God."*

### Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **PLAY:** Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.
2. (5 min) **WARM UP:** Describe a time you've been really scared. (camping in a storm, roller coaster, giving a speech) **What did you do to make yourself feel better?** (Tip: We will experience scary things in life. But, God is always with us. That's what Paul learned when he was shipwrecked.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP:** Read the Lesson Overview (see above).
6. (3 min) **KQ:** Answer the Key Question. (Answer: **You can be a great example who points others to Jesus.** (Did you know that the Bible says that we are God's ambassadors? That's just a fancy word that means we represent God to the world. People can't see God but they can see God at work in us. So, when you're kind, helpful, and truthful, you're representing God well because God is all of those things. And, when people ask what makes us who we are, we can point them to Jesus and tell them that they can have a life changing relationship with him, too.)
  - **Bonus Questions:** What are some things you can do to be a good example to others? **4-5th:** Why is it important that we represent God well? What happens when Christians aren't good examples?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE:** Read [Deuteronomy 31:6](#). **What should our attitude be in life? Why don't we have to be afraid?** (Answer: Like Paul, we don't have to be afraid of anything. We can be brave, courageous and strong because we have an all powerful God on our side. There is no scary situation too big for God to handle.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY:** Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.
9. (5 min) **CLOSE:** Share prayer requests and pray as a class. Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to [pursueGOD.org/kids](http://pursueGOD.org/kids) to find this week's lesson video.

**Teacher instructions:** Choose an activity for your classroom.

## OPTION 1: PAUL'S SHIPWRECK CRAFT

### Instructions:

- Give each kid a half of a paper plate. Give each kid a Sail template (page 5) and a straw.
- Have kids draw a boat on their plate and have them color it brown. Then have them color the rest of the plate blue to look like water.
- Have them color the Sail. Then have them tape the straw to the back of the Sail and then have them tape the straw to the upper back side of the plate. This will make it look like a sail boat.
- As they work, read the story of Paul's shipwreck from Acts 27:13-15, 21-25, 39-44. Remind the kids that Paul's faith in God helped everyone else to not be afraid. We can have faith, too. When scary things happen, we can trust that God will protect us.

**Supplies needed:** Paper plates (cut in half, 1 half per kid), Sail template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 per kid), Straws (cut in half, 1 half per kid), Crayons, Tape

## OPTION 2: LESSON REVIEW TARGET GAME

### Instructions:

- Tape two lines on the floor. Place 3 buckets at a distance from the lines. Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bean bag.
- Ask a question from below. First team to raise their hand gets a chance to answer. If correct, the first kid in line gets to throw their bean bag trying to land it in one of the buckets. If it goes in, the team gets 10 points. If it hits the bucket but doesn't go in they get 5 points. Near a bucket gets 1 point. Continue playing until all the questions are asked. Team with the most points, wins.

### Questions:

1. Why was Paul going to Rome? (trial)
2. How did he get there? (ship)
3. T or F: God can't protect you. (F)
4. What happened on the boat? (storm, shipwreck)
5. Why was Paul brave? (God told him he would be safe)

6. What's the Big Idea today? (See board)
7. T or F: Jesus died for your sins. (T)
8. What sea did Paul have to cross? (Mediterranean)
9. What book is full of God's truth? (Bible)
10. From what book is our memory verse found? (Acts)

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**Key Points:**

- Paul had to take a \_\_\_\_\_ to Rome. Acts 27:1
- The ship \_\_\_\_\_ and everyone almost died. Acts 27:41-44
- Paul was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the story. Acts 27:22-25
- Even one person's faith can make a \_\_\_\_\_.

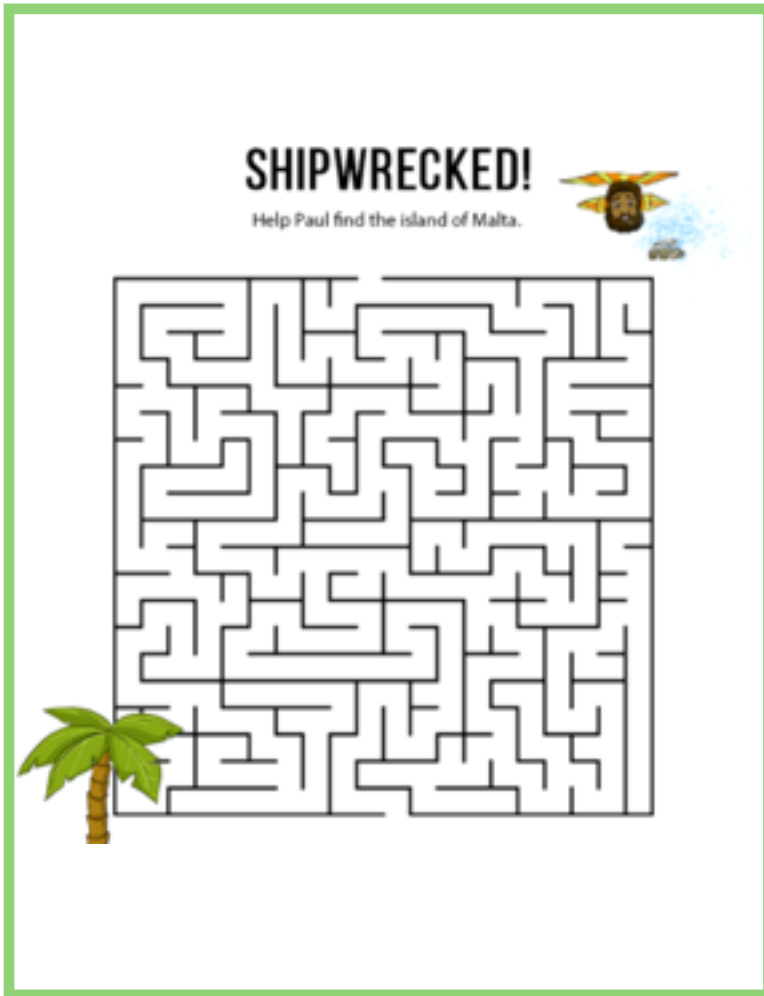
**Memory Verse:**

| Acts 27:25 So take courage! For I believe God.

**Talk About It**

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *Describe a time you've been really scared. (camping in a big storm, roller coaster, giving a speech) What did you do to make yourself feel better?*
3. *Why was Paul going to Rome?*
4. *What happened while Paul was on the ship? How did Paul respond to the situation?*
5. *Read Deuteronomy 31:6. What should our attitude be in life? Why don't we have to be afraid?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

**Instructions:** Solve the puzzle and color the picture.



**Big Idea**

**Key Question**

**Memory Verse**

Acts 27:\_\_\_ "So take  
 \_\_\_\_\_! For I believe  
 \_\_\_\_\_."



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