Paul and the Shipwreck

Lesson Aim: To trust that God has a plan for our lives and He will complete it.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What do you plan to do after church today?

GAME: All Aboard!

THE WORSHIP THE SPIRIT WHO CONNECTS US

Read Worship Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11-13.

Sing songs and worship God. Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Commander Cosmos script or read storybook.

THE WORD PAUL TRUSTED GOD'S PLAN

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God made Paul bold to speak about Jesus to King Agrippa.

Paul was sent to Rome for a trial judged by Caesar. Today, we will learn about Paul's voyage to Rome. God gave Paul courage and protected everyone on board just as He said He would. Point to Paul and the Shipwreck (Circa 60 A.D.). **Paul's ship landed on the island of Malta.** Point to Malta and the Adriatic Sea. **God had a plan for Paul's life. Paul knew God always completed His plans. Let's see what Paul learned about God's plan when his ship was being battered in a terrible storm.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 27:14-44. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Acts 27:25. Pray. Read.

THE WAY YOU CAN TRUST GOD'S PLAN

Have you ever been in a terrible storm? Imagine how frightening it was. What did the angel tell Paul? (God planned to keep Paul safe so he could go on trial in Rome and for everyone on board to be safe.) **What reason did the angel give for God's plan to keep Paul safe?** (God planned for Paul to stand trial in Rome.) **How did the angel's message give Paul courage in the storm?** (He knew everyone would live.)

Did God promise the storm would not be frightening? (No.) **Did God promise the ship would not wreck?** (No.) **Did God keep His promise to save everyone on board?** (Yes.) **How long was the ship in the storm before it wrecked?** (14 days.) **How long had everyone gone without eating?** (14 days.) **Why did Paul tell the crew about the angel's message?** (To give them courage.) **How did Paul strengthen and encourage everyone?** (He told them to eat and reminded them of God's plan. He gave thanks and ate.) **What happened to the ship?** (It wrecked on a sandbar and broke into pieces.) **Why did the soldiers plan to kill the prisoners?** (To prevent them from escaping.) **Why did the centurion stop the soldiers?** (He wanted Paul to live.) **What happened to everyone on board?** (They all made it safely to shore.)

Paul had faith that God would do everything in His plan. Have you ever broken a promise to follow a certain plan? If time allows, play NAME THAT PLAN CHARADES in the GOT TIME? segment. **Does God break promises and change plans the way we do?** (No.) **Just as God had a plan for Paul's life, He has a plan for your life, too.**

It is unlikely that we will have an angel tell us God's plan like Paul did. Has it ever been hard for you to understand God's plan in a difficult situation? It's important to remember that God is good and He has a plan for you. What has God given you that may help you trust in His goodness and His plan for you? (The Bible, wise friends, family members, and others who know God well.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:
Paul trusted God's plan even when it looked impossible. One thousand years before Paul's shipwreck, a psalmist explained why we can trust God's plan for us no matter what is happening around us. Check it out! Reveal Psalm 33:11. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

If time allows, play GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE in the GOT TIME? segment.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:
- TREASURE TREAT: Photo of the Adriatic Sea and the shore of Malta
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Paul's ship in the stormy sea
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Celery Ships
GAMES: What's the Plan?, What Happened Next?, God's Plan for Your Life, Name That Plan Charades
CRAFT: Paul's Letter Keeper
BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Love Shuffle, Do the Wave
BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW