



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Prophets & Promises Part 1: Acts - Revelation
Unit 4, Lesson 20

Paul and the Shipwreck

Lesson Aim: To understand that hardships strengthen our faith and are a part of God's plan for our lives.

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. 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. **Let's see what Paul learned about God's plan for his life.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Acts 27:14-44. Find and Highlight Key Verse First: Acts 27:25. Pray.

Paul and some other prisoners were guarded by a centurion named Julius. He showed kindness to Paul. After changing ships, Paul warned everyone the trip would be dangerous, but the centurion did not listen and decided to continue anyway. Read Acts 27:14-44.

THE WAY YOU CAN TRUST GOD'S PLAN

Why was Paul a prisoner? (He was falsely accused of causing trouble in Jerusalem. Governor Festus was sending him to stand trial before Caesar in Rome.) **Have you ever been in a terrible storm? What do you think was the most difficult thing Paul faced? Why do you think God sent the angel to Paul? What reason did the angel give for God's plan to keep Paul safe?** (God planned for Paul to stand trial in Rome.)

Did God promise to stop the storm or protect the ship? (No.) **Did God keep His promise to save the lives of everyone?** (Yes.) **How long**

was the ship in the storm before it wrecked? (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.) **Why did the soldiers plan to kill the prisoners?** (To prevent them from escaping.) **Why did the centurion stop them?** (He wanted Paul to live.)

Hardships are a part of life. God uses them to bring Himself glory and to strengthen our faith. How do you think Paul's shipwreck may have strengthened his relationship with God? How did it bring glory to God? (Others saw God had a relationship with Paul and how God protected Paul and the others as He promised.) **When you have been in a difficult situation, how has God shown He was with you? Has going through a difficult situation ever helped you to trust God more? What did you learn about God, about yourself, and about others? God helped Paul encourage the others to trust God. Do you know someone who is going through a difficult time? How can you help them keep up their courage and trust God?**

It is unlikely that we will have an angel tell us God's plan like Paul did. When we are in frightening or difficult situations, it can be hard to understand why God allows some things to happen. Has it ever been hard for you to understand God's plan? It's important to remember that God is good and He has a plan for you.

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.

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
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #20
- 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

THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Love Shuffle, Do the Wave

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW