



Dear Parents,

Paul was in Roman custody because of unfounded accusations brought against him by the Jews. Paul had stood before rulers in Caesarea and invoked his right as a Roman citizen to appeal to Caesar. So, Festus the governor arranged for Paul to go to Rome.

Paul got onto a ship going toward Rome. As if Paul’s journey to Rome had not already been delayed and complicated enough, the ship was caught up in a terrible storm. Paul had warned the crew not to sail from Crete because they would lose everything and die. But they didn’t listen.

Paul pointed out the error of their ways, but he still gave them hope. An angel had appeared to Paul. He said Paul would make it to Rome and all of the people with him would survive.

Paul urged everyone on the ship to eat so they would have energy. They planned to run the ship ashore on an island, but the ship got stuck on a sandbar. The waves battered the ship and it broke into pieces; however, all of the people survived and made it safely to shore.

Paul suffered for Christ. In his letter to the church at Corinth, Paul listed the kinds of things he faced: beatings, stoning, shipwrecks, various dangers, hardship, sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, nakedness, and other daily pressures (see 2 Cor. 11:24-29). Again, and again, Paul saw evidence of God’s control over his life and the gospel was advanced.

As you lead your children in these truths, you have the opportunity to emphasize that Paul trusted God to keep His promise to rescue them from the storm. He also encouraged the sailors to trust God too. God calls us to trust in His Son, Jesus, who died to rescue us from sin and death, and to tell others this good news. We can encourage others to trust God because we know He is good and in control.

Family Starting Points – Bible Passages: Acts 27:13-44; 28:11-16

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus. • God protected Paul in the shipwreck. • Key Passage: You will be my witnesses . . . to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8 CSB) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do people hear about Jesus? God uses Christians to tell others about Jesus so they may repent and be saved. • God protected Paul in the shipwreck so he could stand before Caesar. • Key Passage: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8 CSB)