

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What kind of difficulties or suffering did Paul face?
(See 2 Corinthians 11:24-29.)
- How can you encourage others to trust God?
- What evidence do you see of God's control over your life?



The Shipwreck

Acts 27:13-44; 28:11-16

**MAIN POINT: GOD PROTECTED PAUL IN THE SHIPWRECK
SO HE COULD STAND BEFORE CAESAR.**

Paul was a prisoner in Caesarea. He had asked to see Caesar about his case, so Paul got on a ship with other prisoners going to Rome. The journey was difficult. Strong winds and rain tossed the ship. All the people on the ship were afraid they would die.

One night, God sent an angel to Paul. The angel told Paul to not be afraid. God would save the lives of everyone on the ship. Paul told everyone on board what God had said.

When the ship got close to an island, the ship struck a sandbar and stopped. The waves crashed into the ship, and it began to break into pieces. An army officer ordered everyone to swim for shore. Those who could not swim clung to the planks and pieces of the ship. They all made it safely to shore. Paul was right; God saved all of their lives.

Three months later, Paul got onto another ship and sailed to Rome. Paul was still a prisoner, but instead of going to jail, Paul was allowed to live by himself in a house. A soldier stayed with him to guard him. People came to Paul's house and listened to him speak about the kingdom of God and about Jesus. Some of the people believed and followed Jesus.

Christ Connection: Paul trusted God to keep His promise to rescue them from the storm. He encouraged the sailors to trust and obey 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.

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