

# July 8, 2018 – World Changers

**Bible Story Focus:** The Shipwreck

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

**Memory Verse:** To me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21

**Main Point:** God protected Paul in the shipwreck

**Big Picture Question:** When should we tell others about Jesus? We should tell about Jesus all the time.

## **Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction (Small Groups, 15 minutes)**

Activities that encourage preschoolers to enter the classroom and begin engaging with peers and Small Group Leaders by providing age appropriate and hands on fun while introducing new concepts they will hear in the day's Bible story.

*Prepare to offer the following activities as Your 3-, 4-, or 5-year-olds arrive.*

### 1. Play out riding in a boat

What you do: Invite the children to sit on the floor and play out what it would be like to be in a boat during the conditions below. Vary the length and frequency of the conditions to keep preschoolers engaged. Consider allowing preschoolers to suggest conditions.

- peaceful waters (sit still)
- rough seas (flail limbs about)
- choppy waves (sit up tall and slump down repeatedly)
- pouring rains (cover heads, hide under chairs)
- thunder and lightning (cover ears)
- chilly winds (shiver, teeth chatter, rub arms)

What you SAY •Have you ever been in a boat? What was the weather like? In today's Bible story, Paul was in a boat traveling to Rome when a big storm came. Listen to hear how God kept everyone on the boat safe.

## **Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways**

*Engage kids' hearts through a dynamic and interactive Bible story and prayer experience in a Large Group setting.*

### **Bible Story**

**What You Need:** Bible

### **Introduce the Bible story**

SAY • Paul was going to Rome to talk to Caesar, the emperor of Rome. A ship was the best way to make the trip, but Paul had trouble on the way to Rome.

Place a bookmark at Acts 27 in your Bible. Invite a preschooler to open it. Reverently display the open Bible.

SAY • Today's story is from the New Testament part of the Bible in the Book of Acts. The Bible is the most important book there is because it is God's Word. All the stories we hear in the Bible really happened.

### **PLAY BIBLE STORY VIDEO – The Shipwreck**

Talk about the Bible story

SAY • Paul trusted God's promise to keep him and everyone else safe from the storm. He told the sailors to trust God too. God protected Paul in the shipwreck. God wants us to trust Jesus. Jesus died to keep us safe from sin and death. We can tell this good news to everyone.

Ask the following review questions:

1. Why was Paul traveling to Rome? (to talk to Caesar, the emperor of Rome)
2. What happened while Paul was sailing to Rome? (A big storm came with wind and rain.)
3. Whom did God send to Paul to tell him everyone on the ship would be safe? (an angel)
4. What happened to Paul when he got to Rome? (Paul lived in a house with a soldier to guard him.)

SAY • Everywhere Paul went, he wanted people to trust Jesus. We know the good news that Jesus died to keep us safe from sin, and we can tell everyone this good news. When should we tell others about Jesus? We should tell about Jesus all the time.

### **Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect (Small Groups, 25 minutes)**

Create a safe place to connect through activities that are written to reach every learning style while reinforcing the Main Point that was introduced during the Bible Story and applying it to real life experiences. In addition, these activities provide preschoolers with an opportunity to build relationships with their Small Group Leader.

*Offer as many of the following activities as your time, facilities, resources, and leadership allow. You may want to lead one activity at a time. Or, offer two activities at once and allow half the kids to participate in each. Then switch groups and repeat the activities.*

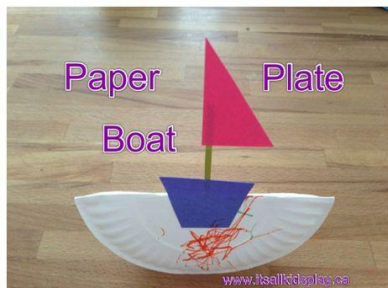
#### 1. Make boats

What you need: blue paper plates, construction paper, scissors, glue, small craft sticks, tape and main point labels.

What you do: Cut construction paper into triangles for the sail, and a trapezoid for the hull (bottom of the boat). Help children to fold each plate in

half. Instruct them to glue or tape the craft stick onto the plate. Then glue the sail and hull onto the craft sticks. Show the children how to rock the boat back and forth as if it were riding the waves in a stormy sea.

SAY • God helped Paul tell so many people about Jesus. He kept on telling people, even when he was on the ship. When should we tell others about Jesus? We should tell about Jesus all the time.



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### **Snack**

Gather preschoolers for snack time. Remind preschoolers that although the ship crashed during the storm, God protected Paul in the shipwreck.

Pray for the children.

SAY • God, thank You for giving us the Bible. When we read about Paul's life, it helps us to know that we can trust Jesus. It gives us boldness to tell everyone the good news. Amen.