



Safe in a Shipwreck

Acts 27

Paul and many other people climbed onto a big boat. They were going on a long trip across a big sea of water.

While they were on the boat, the wind began to blow. It blew the boat out on the sea. For many days and nights the boat sailed.

Then the wind began to blow harder and harder. The waves splashed higher and higher. The waves rocked the boat up and down and from side to side. Splash! Splash! The waves splashed high in the air and into the boat. The waves almost knocked the boat over! Big dark clouds covered the sky. Rain came pouring down. It was very dark. No one could see the stars at night or the sun during the day. Everyone on the boat was afraid. They thought they were going to drown!

Paul cared for the people on the boat. He told them good news. "Don't be afraid," Paul said. "No one will be hurt." The people wondered why Paul said this.

"God sent an angel to tell me God will take care of all of us. He will keep us all alive. I know that God will do what He says He is going to do." Paul trusted God. He knew that God would care for them.

Early one morning, the people saw land! They tried to sail to the shore. But the big strong waves pushed the boat into some sand just under the water. Crash! The boat began to break apart. All the people jumped into the water. Some people started swimming. Other people grabbed pieces of the broken boat and floated. They found their way to the land. Every person was safe! The people who had been on the boat were glad Paul was a good friend and showed God's love to them. And everyone was thankful God had kept them safe.

Whistling Wind

Collect

Bible, paper plates, scissors, crepe-paper streamers, ruler, markers, glue.

Prepare

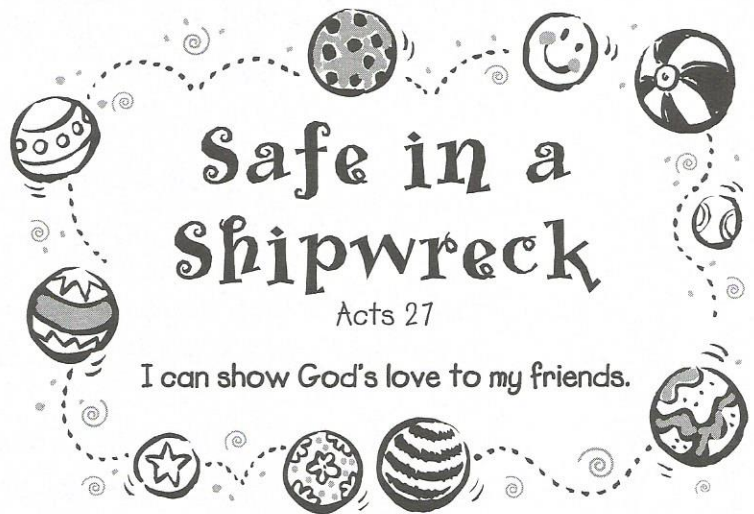
For each child, in the center of a paper plate, cut a hole approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1.3 cm) in diameter. For each child, cut two or three crepe-paper strips, each approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1.3 cm) wide and 6 to 8 inches (15 to 20.5 cm) long.

Do

1. Children use markers to draw clouds and skies on paper plates. Assist children as they glue crepe-paper strips above the hole in paper plate. (Note: Make sure hole is not blocked by glued strips.)
2. Holding plates up to their face, children blow through hole to make crepe-paper strips move.

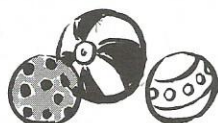
Enrichment Ideas

1. Attach crepe-paper strips before class. Children glue cotton balls to paper plates to make clouds and blow through hole to make streamers move.
2. Children glue lengths of tinsel or silver ribbon to bottom edge of paper plate to represent rain.



Talk About

- ☀ In today's Bible story, a strong wind blew Paul's boat out to sea. Then a big storm sent rain down on the boat. The people on the boat were scared. Paul showed God's love to the people by helping them. Let's make something we can blow through to remind us of this story.
- ☀ Trevor, Lisa needs to use the glue. How can you help her? Thank you for handing her the glue! Helping our friends is a way to show God's love to them.
- ☀ Lizzie, who are some of your friends? What can you do to show God's love to them?



PAUL IS SHIPWRECKED

Acts 27:1-44

What Kids Will Do: Make colored sand pictures of the Bible story.

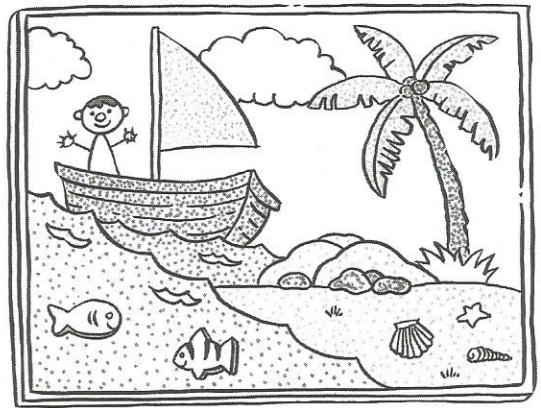
What Kids Will Need: photocopies of the "Paul's Shipwreck" handout (p. 210), 8x10-inch sheets of cardboard (or heavy duty poster board), glue sticks, various colors of sand, small shells and rocks, fish-shaped craft foam, plastic spoons, newspaper, small bowls

Preparation Place: Make a photocopy of the "Paul's Shipwreck" handout from page 210 for each child. Cover a table with newspaper, and place small bowls of colored sand, rocks, shells, and foam cutouts around.

EASY Steps SHIPWRECK SAND ART

1. Give each child a "Paul's Shipwreck" handout and a sheet of cardboard. Let children use glue sticks to glue the picture to one side of the cardboard.
2. Have children rub a relatively thick layer of glue on one section of the picture and then sprinkle sand onto that section. Help children shake excess sand back into the bowl.
3. Direct children to repeat step two until the entire picture is covered with (and colored with) sand.
4. Children may glue small shells and rocks onto the beach and fish-shaped craft foam onto the sea. Allow children to draw Paul in the boat.

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PRESCHOOL CONNECTION

Open your Bible to Acts 27:1-44, and tell children the story in your own words. Then ask:

- Can you tell me about time you played in the sand or at the beach?
- How do you think the men felt when they were safely on the beach?
- Why do you think God kept Paul and the others safe?

Say: **I imagine that when the men felt that soft sand under their feet, they were pretty thankful to be ashore! Your sand pictures can remind you to thank God for all the ways he keeps us safe. Let's go around the circle and tell some ways God keeps us safe.**

When each child has had a turn, close by saying, "Thank you, God, for keeping us safe."

WOWS that work

Instead of doing the craft project and then telling the story, have the children make their projects as you tell the story, gluing whatever section you are talking about at that time.

PAUL'S SHIPWRECK



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Paul Was Shipwrecked Bible Craft



Bible Story: Paul Was Shipwrecked

Bible Text: Acts 27:1- 28:2

Suggested Learning Outcome: This handprint craft will help children remember Paul's adventure on the sea and how God saved him and used him.

Supplies List:

- Brown paint
- White and another color of construction paper
- Crayons
- Construction paper

Teacher Preparation:

Pre-cut small white squares into sail shapes (see final image below).

Instructions:

Step 1. Give children a piece of construction paper and instruct them to draw an ocean scene (see image).



Step 2. Using brown paint, help children paint the palm of one hand and carefully create a handprint on the ocean scene (see image).



Step 3. Guide children in gluing the three white construction paper squares onto the fingers of the handprint to create sails (see image).



