

SHIPWRECKED!

BIG IDEA

On the way to Rome, the ship which Paul and Luke were sailing was caught in hurricane-force winds. After the shipwreck, many soldiers and islanders heard about and witnessed God's power and grace.

KEY VERSES

Acts 27:25

MEMORY VERSE

Acts 27:25

"So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me."

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE SKIT

- Cast: 6 people. Sailor #1, Sailor #2, Julius, Aristarchus, Luke, Paul
- Props: None

GAME

- Several towels of the same size
- Several balls of the same size

CRAFT

- Blue pony beads (aprox 40 per child)
- Beads with letters (optional)
- Pipe cleaners (2 per child)
- String
- Suction cup (optional)

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)



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BIBLE LESSON • SKIT

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STAGING

Position Luke and Aristarchus on the left side of the stage, the Sailors in the center, and Paul and Julius on the right side of the stage.

SCRIPT

Luke: Hi, I'm Dr. Luke. I wrote the book of Acts and the book of Luke.

Aristarchus: Hi, I'm Aristarchus. I didn't write anything. But I'm good friends with Paul. I travel with him and help him.

Luke: And do we have a story for you today!

Aristarchus: We were all on a boat, on a trip to Rome.

Luke: We set sail for Italy, but the winds weren't with us.

Aristarchus: We finally managed to get to a place called Fair Havens.

Luke: Winter was coming and we couldn't sail during the winter months. So we had to decide—should we stay or should we go?

Aristarchus: The captain wanted to leave—

Sailor #2: I wanna leave!

Luke: So Paul talked to the crew.

Paul: Men, this trip is gonna end in disaster!

Sailor #1: Bummer.

Paul: Ships, cargo, and even people are gonna be lost!

Sailor #1: Major bummer.

Paul: We should wait until spring before we sail!

Sailor #1: Oh, goody! A winter vacation!

Luke: But the soldiers leading the voyage disagreed—

Julius: Oh, c'mon. We'll be alright. The ship's captain says so!

Sailor #2: I says so!

Sailor #1: Oh.

Sailor #2: Heave ho!

Julius: Let's go!

Sailor #1: Oh, no.

Luke: And so...we left.

Aristarchus: But before long, a storm blew in.

Sailor #1: It was as strong as a hurricane!

Sailor #2: Oopsy.

Paul: Told you so.

Luke: We couldn't fight the wind, so we just let it drive us along.

Sailor #1: Major bummer.

Sailor #2: Major oopsy.

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Luke: We had to tie ropes around the boat just to hold it together!

Aristarchus: And we had to lower the anchors so we wouldn't crash on the sandbars!

Luke: The storm was so bad, we started throwing cargo overboard, just as Paul had predicted we would...

Sailors: (Singing together, to the tune of "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")
Throw, throw, throw your stuff!
Deeply in the sea!
Toss the cargo overboard!
I'm glad it isn't me!

Aristarchus: By the third day, we were cutting up sails and tossing them into the ocean too!

Sailors: (Together, singing)
Toss the sails overboard!
Glad it isn't me!

Luke: The storm went on for many days. The whole time we never saw the sun or the stars...

Aristarchus: Until finally, we gave up all hope of being saved.

Sailor #1: Think we'll make it?

Sailor #2: Not a chance.

Aristarchus: No one wanted to do anything or even eat!

Sailor #1: I don't wanna do anything.

Sailor #2: I don't wanna eat.

Luke: The Paul spoke to the sailors again.

Paul: Men, it's like I said before. We shouldn't have even sailed in the first place

Sailor #1: No kidding.

Sailor #2: Thanks for reminding me.

Paul: But now, have courage! No one will lose his life.

Sailors: (Together) Yeah, right.

Paul: Last night, God's angel told me that the ship will be destroyed!

Sailors: (Together) Bummer.

Paul: But we'll all be saved!

Sailors: (Together) Oh, cool.

Luke: So for two weeks we drifted along, until one night we heard shouting on the deck.

Sailor #2: I think we're getting close to land!

Sailor #1: Me, too!

Sailor #2: Measure the water...

Sailor #1: 120 feet deep!

Sailor #2: That's good. Measure it again!

Sailor #1: Now it's only 90 feet deep!

Sailor #2: That's bad! We're gonna crash!

Sailor #1: Now it's only 4 inches deep!

Sailor #2: What?!

Sailor #1: Just kidding.

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Sailor #2: Drop the anchors! Don't let her run ashore!

Sailor #1: (Whispering) Hey, we gotta get outta here. Let's pretend to lower an anchor and sneak away in the lifeboat!

Sailor #2: Good idea....

Paul: We'll never survive if those men leave. Stop them!

Julius: Cut the ropes! Let the lifeboat loose!

Luke: And the lifeboat drifted away...

Sailor #1: (Sadly) Bye-bye, Mr. Lifeboat!

Sailor #2: (Sadly) Bye-bye, Mr. Last Chance of Sneaking Away and Saving Ourselves Before We Crash...

Aristarchus: Now everyone HAD to trust what Paul said.

Sailor #1: No kidding.

Sailor #2: Thanks for reminding me.

Paul: Men, it's been two weeks and you haven't been eating. Go on! Eat something and get your strength back. Trust me.

Luke: Then, in front of everyone, Paul thanked God for the bread, and all 276 people on board ate.

Aristarchus: After eating, we tossed the extra wheat overboard into the sea to lighten the load...

Sailors: (Singing together)
Throw, throw, throw your wheat!
Deep into the sea!
It's getting really soggy there!
Glad it isn't me!

Luke: In the morning, we saw a beach up ahead and we ran the ship aground.

Sailor #1: We crashed on land.

Sailor #2: We crash-landed!

Aristarchus: The front of the ship was stuck, and the back of the ship was getting smashed apart by the roaring waves.

Sailors: (Yelling) RROOOOOOAAAARRRR!

Paul: Oh, brother...

Luke: That's when some of the soldiers decided to kill the prisoners so they couldn't escape.

Sailor #2: I'll kill Paul!

Sailor #1: I'll kill everyone else!

Julius: No! I want to save Paul. Don't hurt any of them!

Sailor #1: But—

Julius: I'm in charge here. I say don't hurt anyone!

Sailor #1: Oh, no! The boat is busting up!

Sailor #2: Quick, everyone, swim for shore!

Sailor #1: What if I don't know how to swim?

Sailor #2: Wear floaties!

Sailor #1: What?!

Sailor #2: Or grab a plank and float on that! Hurry! Before the ship breaks apart!

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Luke: So that's what we did. And when we were all safely ashore, we found out that the island was called Malta.

Aristarchus: The people there were very kind and friendly.

Luke: They made a big bonfire, and we all gathered around it to warm up.

Sailors: (Together) Cool....I mean, warm!

Aristarchus: Suddenly, a deadly snake slithered out of the firewood and bit Paul!

Sailors: (Together) Bummer.

Luke: But he didn't fall over dead!

Sailors: (Together) Cool.

Aristarchus: So the people of the island thought he was a god...

Sailors: (Together) Funky.

Luke: But of course, we explained who the REAL God is.

Sailors: (Together) Cool.

Aristarchus: The Paul healed the governor's father and other people, too.

Luke: We stayed there about three months, until spring.

Sailors: (Together) Vacation!...Vacation!...A winter vacation!

Luke: God was in control. And all those sailors—

Aristarchus: --and all the people on the island—

Luke: --saw the power of God and heard his mighty Word.

Sailors: (Together) God rocks!

Aristarchus: No kidding!

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was God's plan for the ship?
- What was God's plan for Paul?
- Could terrible weather stop his plan?
- Could sneaky sailors stop his plan?
- Could a shipwreck stop his plan?
- Could a deadly snake bite stop his plan?
- What is God's plan for people who believe in Jesus?
- Can anything stop God's plan?

SIMPLIFIED LESSON OPTIONS

- Tell the account of Paul's shipwreck in simple story form or read it from a children's bible.
- Ask 2-3 of the simpler discussion questions.

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CRAFT

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<p>OBJECTIVE: BEADED FISH</p> <p>Make a beaded fish decoration</p>	<p>MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scissors, staplers, hole punches
<p>DIRECTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Twist ends of two pipe cleaners together• Bend in half• Place 20 beads on each pipe cleaner then fold pipe cleaner over last beads so they don't slip off.• Cross the pipe cleaners between the 15th and 16th beads, twist• Bend into a fish shape• Attach string, letter beads and suction cup (optional)	<p>MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blue pony beads (aprox 40 per child)• Beads with letters (optional)• Pipe cleaners (2 per child)• String• Suction cup (optional)

EXAMPLE



SIMPLIFIED CRAFT OPTIONS

- *Twist the two pipe cleaner ends together prior to club*
- *Place two pipe cleaners and 20 beads into small zip top baggies prior to club. One bag per clubber.*

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GAME

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OBJECTIVE: TOWEL TOSS

A team relay in which kids catch a ball with a towel

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Several towels of the same size
- Several balls of the same size

DIRECTIONS

- Divide kids into teams of 5-10 people
- One player tosses the ball
- The remaining team members hold their towel waist high and try to catch the ball.
- When the ball is caught the thrower runs and trades places with one of the towel holders
- The first team to have all their players throw the ball (and have it caught successfully) wins.



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Kids Club

