

# FAMILY BIBLE STUDY

## Shipwrecked

### WHAT YOU NEED

- Empty jar/container
- Pieces of paper
- Pen/pencil/crayon
- "I Am Grateful For...." Instruction Sheet

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### LET'S READ THE BIBLE

Take turns or have someone in your family read the following passages:

- Acts 27:13-20
- Acts 27:33-44
- Acts 28:1-6
- Acts 28:11-15

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### WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Over two years had passed since Paul had first been arrested in Jerusalem.

Even though Paul was on trial and appeared in court a number of times, the Jews were not able to prove that he had done anything wrong. Finally, Paul asked to appear before the Emperor Caesar's highest court in Rome.

So Paul was sent to Rome. The Roman centurion, Julius, was responsible for delivering Paul. Julius treated Paul kindly and even allowed him to see his friends when the ship stopped in the first port.

The Mediterranean Sea is rough in the winter. Although Paul warned Julius that they should winter in Fair Havens, Julius listened to the ship pilot. They would try to sail to Phoenix and winter there, but they never made it. A violent storm threw them off course and eventually they were shipwrecked on an island called Malta. All the passengers on the ship survived as God had promised Paul.

The islanders of Malta were impressed by Paul when he survived a snake-bite.

After healing the father of one of the chief officials on the island, people began to bring others to Paul to be healed. After 3 months on the island Paul's group boarded another ship and made their way to Rome.

Paul arrived safely in Rome where he was allowed to live in a house with a soldier guarding him. God had promised him that he would preach the Good News about Jesus in Rome and God had brought Paul safely there to do exactly that.

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### LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

- Why did Paul sail to Rome?
- What happened to the ship Paul was on?
- How many people died on the ship?
- When Paul was gathering firewood on the island, what happened to him?
- Did Paul ever make it to Rome?

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### NOW WHAT?

We've been following along with Paul's life journey for the past 22 weeks and what an amazing story it's been! Paul went through many hardships and trials but he never gave up on the mission that God had given him.

If you read some of the letters that Paul wrote to the different churches, he often spoke about being thankful and content in any situation.

What are some things we as a family can be grateful for? The activity below will help you as a family to record some of these things.

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### LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

- Find a clean, empty jar/container to make an "I Am Grateful For... Jar".
- Follow the instructions on the "I Am Grateful For..." Instruction Sheet

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