

# PAUL IS SAFE IN THE STORM

## *Acts 27:13-44*

### **Acts 27**

<sup>13</sup>When a gentle south wind began to blow, they thought they had obtained what they wanted; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. <sup>14</sup>Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the “northeaster,” swept down from the island. <sup>15</sup>The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. <sup>16</sup>As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure. <sup>17</sup>When the men had hoisted it aboard, they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Fearing that they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. <sup>18</sup>We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. <sup>19</sup>On the third day, they threw the ship’s tackle overboard with their own hands. <sup>20</sup>When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved.

<sup>21</sup>After the men had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. <sup>22</sup>But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. <sup>23</sup>Last night an angel of the God whose I am and whom I serve stood beside me <sup>24</sup>and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.’ <sup>25</sup>So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. <sup>26</sup>Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

<sup>27</sup>On the fourteenth night we were still being driven across the Adriatic Sea, when about midnight the sailors sensed they were approaching land. <sup>28</sup>They took soundings and found that the water was a hundred and twenty feet deep. A short time later they took soundings again and found it was ninety feet deep. <sup>29</sup>Fearing that we

would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight. <sup>30</sup>In an attempt to escape from the ship, the sailors let the lifeboat down into the sea, pretending they were going to lower some anchors from the bow. <sup>31</sup>Then Paul said to the centurion and the soldiers, “Unless these men stay with the ship, you cannot be saved.” <sup>32</sup>So the soldiers cut the ropes that held the lifeboat and let it fall away.

<sup>33</sup>Just before dawn Paul urged them all to eat. “For the last fourteen days,” he said, “you have been in constant suspense and have gone without food—you haven’t eaten anything. <sup>34</sup>Now I urge you to take some food. You need it to survive. Not one of you will lose a single hair from his head.” <sup>35</sup>After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup>They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves. <sup>37</sup>Altogether there were 276 of us on board. <sup>38</sup>When they had eaten as much as they wanted, they lightened the ship by throwing the grain into the sea.

<sup>39</sup>When daylight came, they did not recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach, where they decided to run the ship aground if they could. <sup>40</sup>Cutting loose the anchors, they left them in the sea and at the same time untied the ropes that held the rudders. Then they hoisted the foresail to the wind and made for the beach. <sup>41</sup>But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf.

<sup>42</sup>The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. <sup>43</sup>But the centurion wanted to spare Paul’s life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. <sup>44</sup>The rest were to get there on planks or on pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land in safety.

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| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | QUESTIONS  |
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| 5               |           | 1.) What was the problem in the story?                         |
| 5               |           | 2.) What did Paul tell those onboard?                          |
| 5               |           | 3.) Did those onboard make it back to land safely? If so, how? |
| 5               |           | 4.) Why do you think God protected those onboard?              |

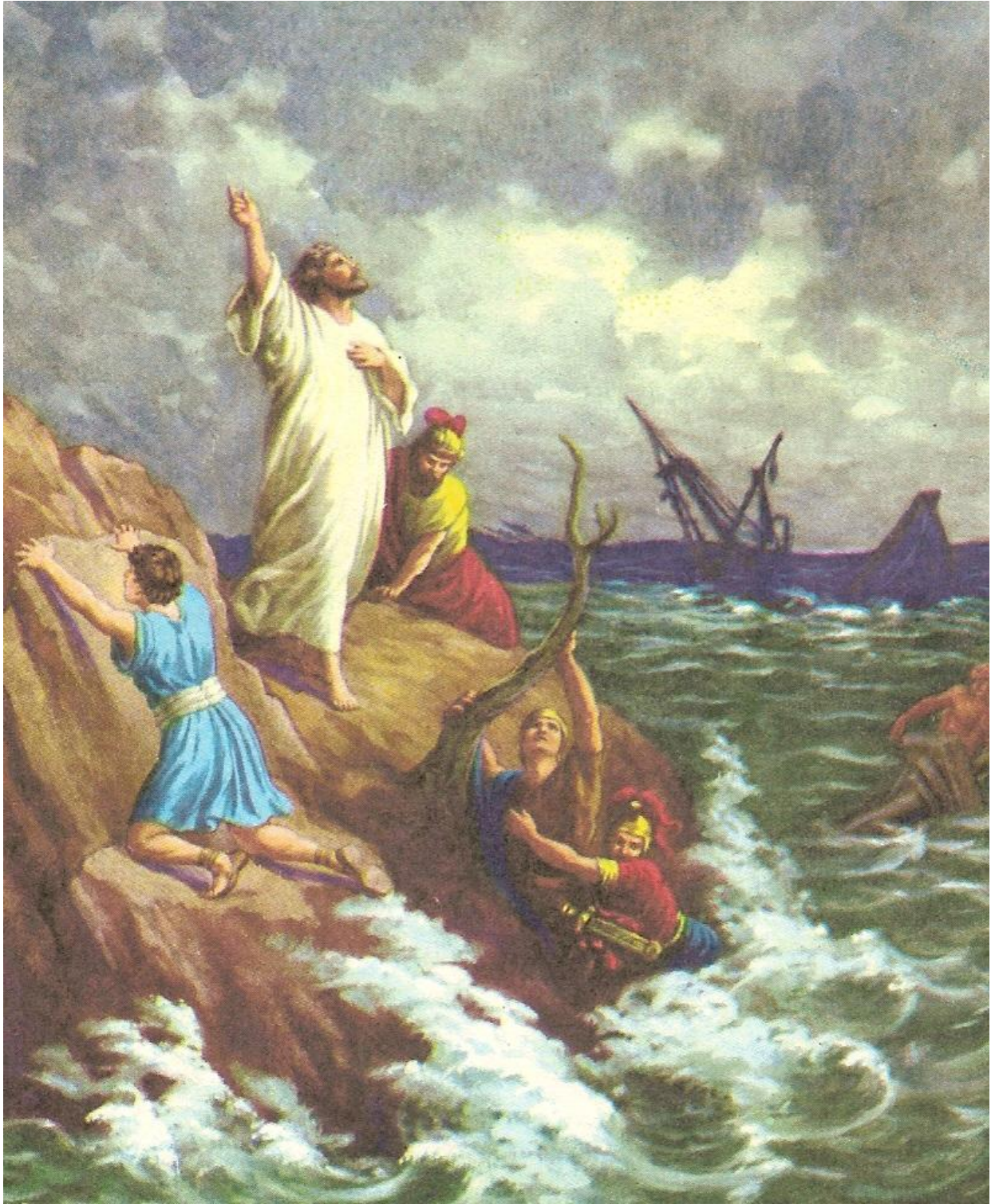
| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | MEMORY VERSE   |
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| 10              |           | <p>“Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 16:1</p> |

| POSSIBLE POINTS | MY POINTS | HOME CONNECTION  | PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE |
|-----------------|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| 5               |           | <i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>      |                           |
| 5               |           | <i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>      |                           |
| 10              |           | <i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i> |                           |

| TOTAL POINTS | CLUB CONNECTION                           |
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|              | LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___ |

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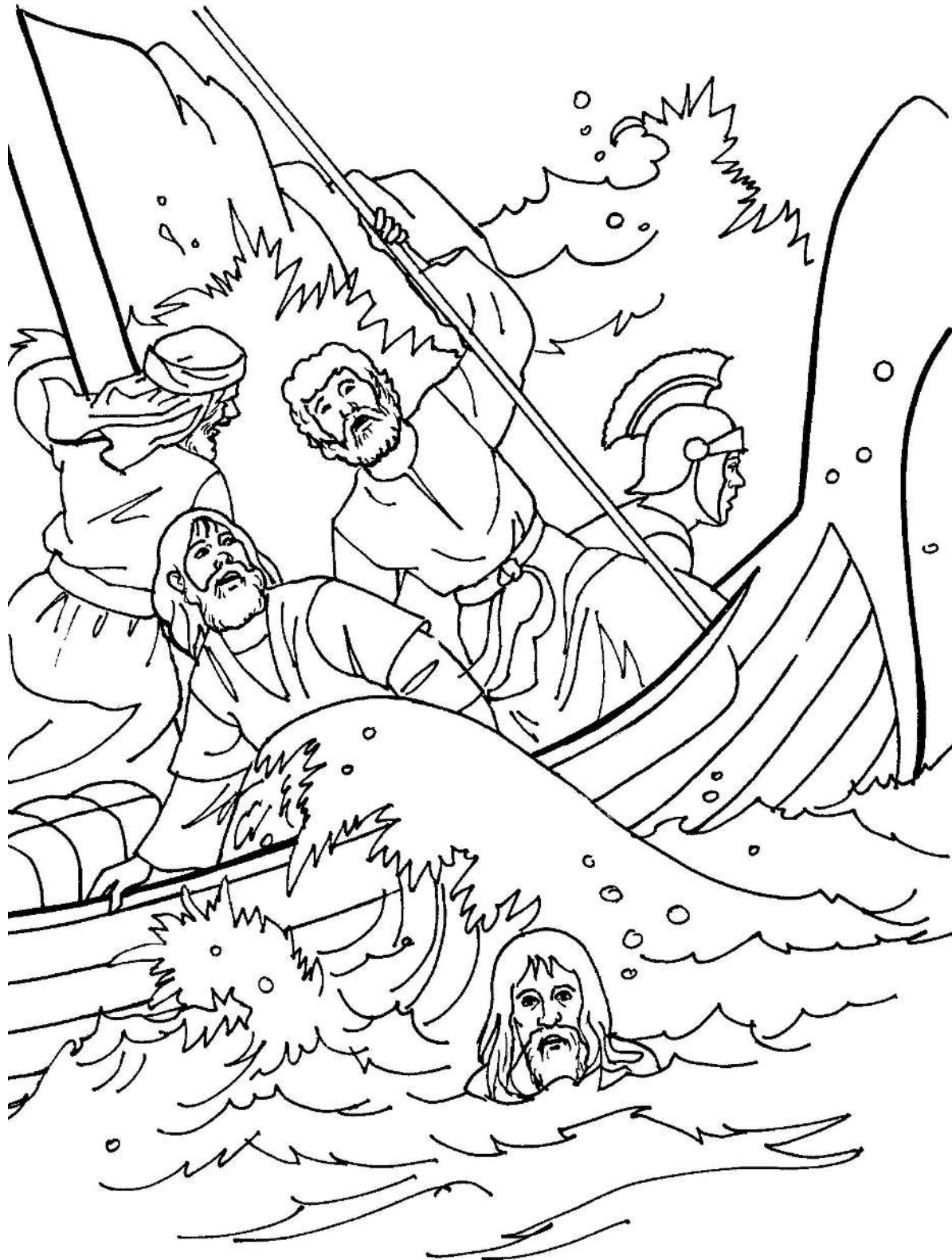
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*God protects Paul and his friends in a terrible storm*

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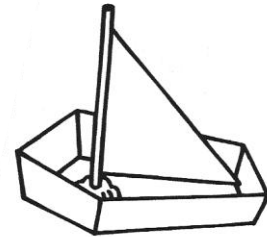
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## CRAFT/ACTIVITY: BOATS

Students will make boats to remind them that God kept Paul and the other sailors safe in a violent storm.

### MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. White Cardstock
2. Boat Pattern
3. Markers, Crayons, or Colored Pencils
4. Drinking Straws
5. Tape
6. Glue
7. Modeling Clay



### DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of “Boat Pattern” onto 67 lb white cardstock for each student.
2. Have students color the boat and the sail with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the boat and sail on the solid black lines and fold the tabs on the dotted lines.
4. Allow students to glue the tabs to construct the hull of the boat.
5. Place a small ball of clay in the bottom of the boat.
6. Tape the sail to a drinking straw and push it into the ball of clay to erect the mast.

### FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their boats, remind them that God protected all the passengers on the boat. Help students realize that God is with us during our own “storms” in life. They can take refuge in God.

### TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

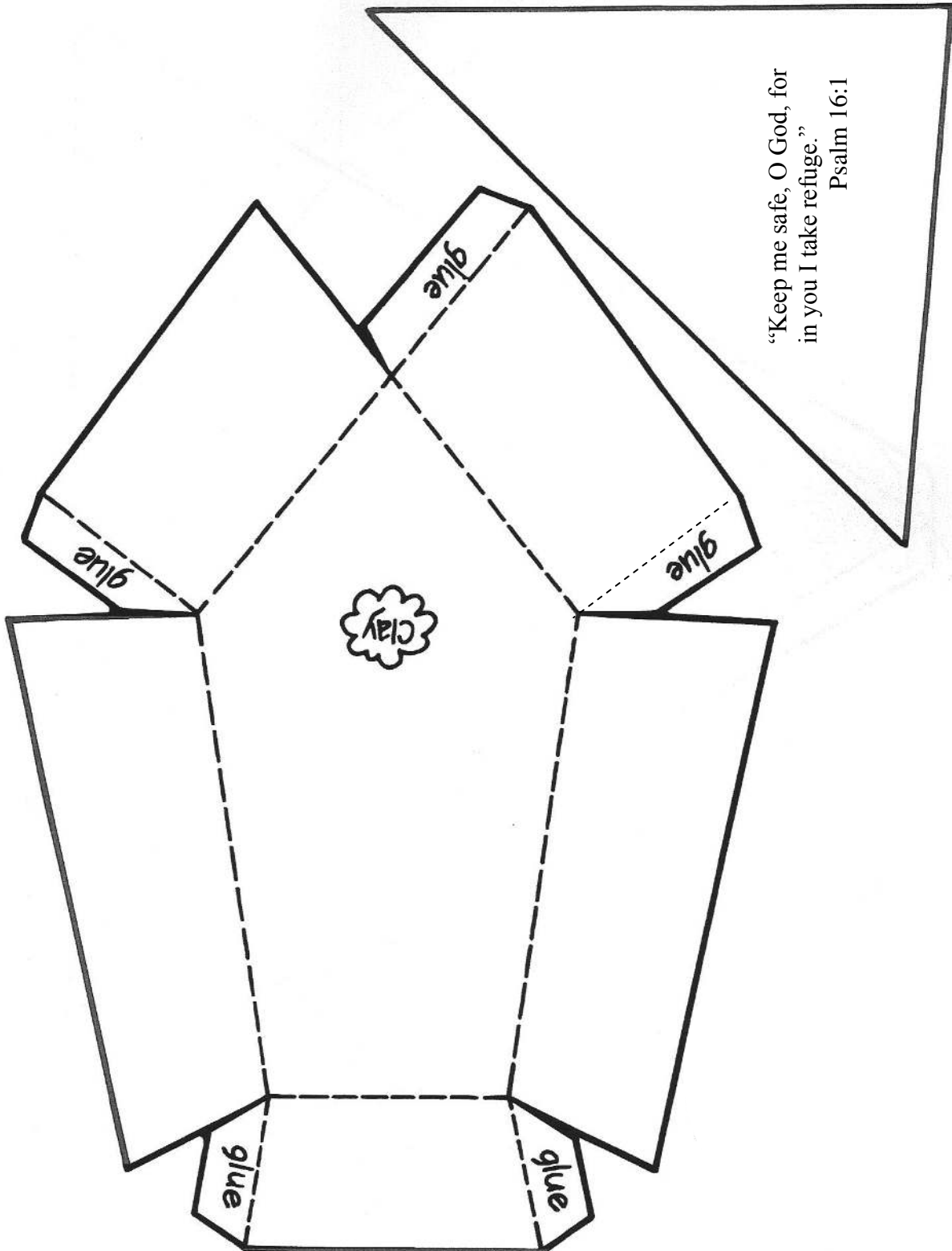
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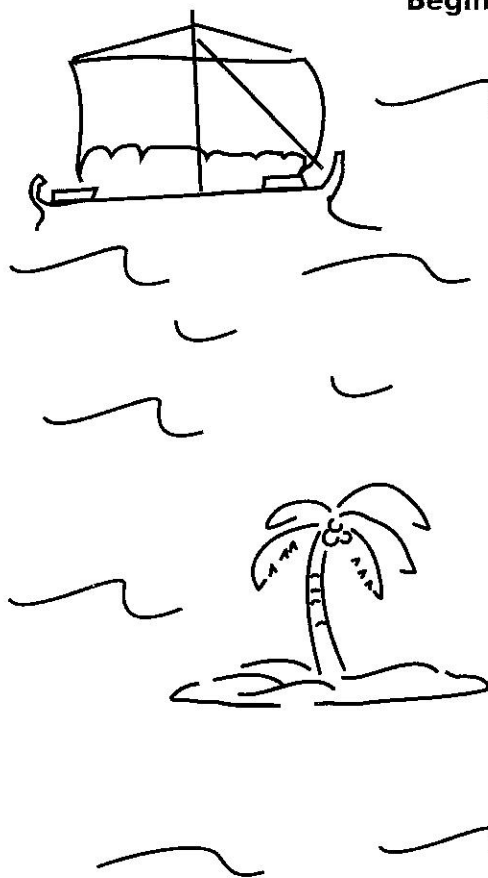
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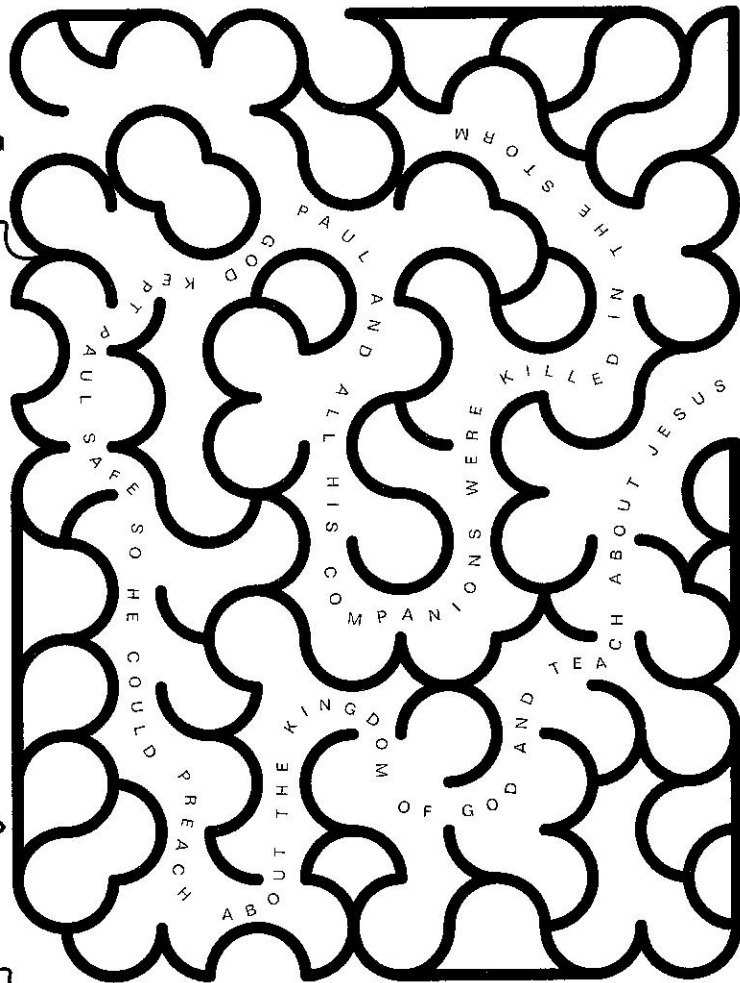
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Paul was on a ship sailing for Rome when a terrible storm hit. Find your way through the maze to find out what happened to Paul.

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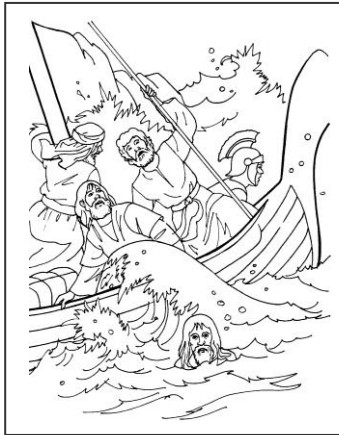


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Paul and 275 other people were on a ship sailing along the shore of Crete. Before long a huge storm tossed

their ship about. They threw cargo overboard to help lighten the load. After 14 days of stormy weather, they gave up hope of being saved.

Paul told the people that the ship will be destroyed but none of them will die. Paul took some bread and gave thanks. They all ate and then threw the rest of the food overboard.

In the morning, the ship hit the sand. All 276 people onboard made it to land safely by swimming or floating on pieces of the ship.

For more details, please read Acts 27:13-44 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

1. What was the problem in the story?
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## HELP THE SAILORS GET TO SHORE

