



LESSON 9

REFERENCES: ACTS 27:13-28:10; THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, PP. 442-446.

Shipwrecked

Have you ever been on a boat? Was the water calm or choppy? Paul and his friends were on a boat in a bad storm, and something terrible happened.

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he wind howled and screamed. The rain poured down. Waves pounded



against the ship. And the ship rocked and tipped dangerously. All the people on board were certain the boat would sink and they would all drown. All but Paul, that is.

Paul stood before the people. “Last night my God sent an angel to me,” he shouted over the storm. “‘Do not be afraid,’ the angel said. ‘God will save you and all the people sailing with you.’”

“I trust in God,” Paul declared. “Everything will happen as His angel told me. But we will crash on an island.”

On the fourteenth night of the storm the sailors sensed that the ship was near land. They threw their anchors overboard, hoping that would keep the ship from running into the rocky shore. As everyone waited anxiously for daylight, Paul said, “You have not eaten in all these days! Please eat something! You will need your

Memory Verse

“Encourage one another and build each other up.”

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11, NIV.

The Message

We serve others when we encourage them.

strength. Remember, we will all be saved!” Then Paul began to eat, so everyone ate, and they felt better.

When daylight finally came, the sailors tried to steer the ship to the shore, but it ran into the ground and got stuck. Then huge pounding waves broke the boat apart.

Some people swam to shore. Others clung to pieces of wood that had broken off the boat, and paddled toward the beach. All 276 people from the ship reached the shore safely.

Many of the friendly people who lived on the island built big fires on the beach to warm the survivors. While Paul helped gather wood for the fire, a poisonous snake, called a viper, bit his arm. Paul quickly shook his arm, and the snake fell into the fire. The people were sure Paul would die, but nothing happened.

Publius, the chief ruler of the island, invited Paul and some others to his house and cared for their needs. During the three days he stayed with Publius, Paul learned that Publius’s father was very sick. Paul laid his hands on him and asked God to heal him, and Publius’s father was healed.

The news of the healing flashed around the island, and people brought their sick to Paul.

Paul prayed for each sick person, and the Lord healed every one of them.



The friendly people who lived on the island of Malta blessed the shipwrecked travelers by taking care of them. And God blessed the people of Malta, who were really serving Him when they showed kindness to the travelers.

We can show kindness to others too. We can serve God every day by helping people in need and by praying for them.

Do and Say

SABBATH

Each day this week, read the lesson story, and review the memory verse:

Encourage one . . . Point to others one at a
another . . . time.
and build Pound fists together as if
each other . . . hammering.
up. Raise hands upward.
1 Thessalonians . Palms together, then open.
5:11

SUNDAY

Encourage your child to share the boat they made in Sabbath School with someone this week and tell them how Paul encouraged people on the boat. (Or draw a picture of a boat, and share it.)

MONDAY

We need five servings of fruit and vegetables a day. Count how many servings you have had today.

Using blocks during worship, build an “encouragement” tower by adding a block when someone says something encouraging to someone.

TUESDAY

Read together Acts 27:13–28:10. Ask: Why were the people on the boat afraid? How do you think they felt after Paul talked to them? What did

Paul tell them? How did Paul encourage the sick people on the island?

Collect bandages and other items around the house, and talk about how to take care of a sick person. Let your child practice caring for you.

WEDNESDAY



Fill a pot or pan with vinegar. Have your child float a small plastic boat on the vinegar.

Then let them shake baking soda on the “water” like rain. The soda will react with the vinegar to create a “storm.” Remind them of the storm Paul was in on the boat. Pray for the safety of people as they travel today.

THURSDAY

Begin a list of encouraging words or actions with your child. Each time your child hears and/or sees something encouraging this week, add it to the list.

Sing helping songs; then ask Jesus to help you say only encouraging words.

FRIDAY

Act out the story. Have your child get in a box and rock it back and forth during the storm.

Look at the list of encouraging words/actions you started on Thursday, and count them. How many times was someone encouraged?

