THE LIFE OF PAUL
Lesson 13. Shipwrecked

OBJECTIVES:
Illustrate the way Paul was taken care of during adversities and how he persevered during trials.

BEFORE CLASS:
Print the activities most suitable for the ages of students in your class. Older students should be able to complete the Sequencing and Fill In the Blanks independently.

LESSON:
Lesson Text: Acts 27, 28

AFTER THE LESSON:
Questions to ask:
(1) Who was Julius?  (The soldier accompanying Paul on the voyage.)
(2) Was Julius kind to Paul?  (Yes.)
(3) Why did the soldiers want to kill the prisoners when the ship wrecked?  (So they wouldn’t escape.)
(4) How did Paul know no one would die?  (An angel had visited him and told him.)
(5) Why did the natives think Paul was a god?  (Because he didn’t die when bitten by a snake.)
(6) Did Paul ever make it to Rome?  (Yes.)
(7) What did Isaiah say about Word of God?  (It would be taken to the Gentiles.)
(8) Can you name the four books Paul wrote while he was in Rome?  (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.)

ACTIVITIES:
Shapes: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon
Shipwrecked: All escaped to land.
Snakebite: hand, god
Sequence of Events: 3,5,2,1,4,7,6 in that order
Fill In the Blanks: These are not exact quotes from the verses: storm-tossed, overboard, angel, afraid, kind, fire, rain, cold, snake (or viper), fire, hand, fire, harm, Publius, father, hands, healed, healed.
Code Words: heart, dull, ears, hearing, eyes, closed, Gentiles
Mazes: There are two mazes for the different ages and abilities of students.
13. Shipwrecked

Paul was sent to Caesarea so the rulers could decide what to do with him. Paul talked to a ruler named Felix and later a different ruler named Festus, and then to King Agrippa. None of them thought Paul should be kept in prison or killed, but the enemies of Paul continued to ask for Paul to be punished.

After years of being held in jail, Paul was sent to Rome. A kind soldier named Julius took Paul and some other prisoners on a ship. The trip was very rough, and the ship ran into many problems. The weather was stormy and the ship was tossed around in the ocean for many days. Everyone was afraid the ship would sink and they would die. God sent an angel to let Paul know none of them would die. Only the ship would be lost.

When the ship began to break apart, the soldiers wanted to kill the prisoners so they could not escape. Julius would not let them kill the prisoners. There were 276 people on the ship, and not one of them was killed in the shipwreck. God told Paul no one would die, and God kept His promise.
The ship wrecked close to the island of Malta. Everyone got to shore. It was cold and raining, but the natives were kind to them and built them a fire. When Paul gathered sticks to throw on the fire, he was bit by a poisonous snake. It was a miracle that Paul did not get sick or die. The natives waited, and when Paul didn’t die, they wondered if Paul was a god. Paul also healed the sick natives, beginning with the chief’s father. Paul stayed on the island for three months and then sailed to Rome on another ship.

In Rome, Paul had a chance to tell a lot of people about Christ and His church. Once again, many of the Jews rejected what Paul had to say. Paul reminded them about the words spoken by Isaiah the prophet. He said the people would hear but not understand and see but not perceive because their hearts had grown dull. Paul told the people that God’s Word would be taken to the Gentiles and they would hear it (Acts 28:25-28.)

During the two years Paul was in Rome, he taught a lot of people who came to see him, and he wrote four books of the New Testament: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.
The Shape They’re In...

Find the shapes in each group that are the same. Put the letters together to form a name and write them in the spaces below. These are the four letters Paul wrote during his two years in Rome.

1________________, 2________________
3________________, 4_________________
In Acts 27 we read about Paul being shipwrecked. Solve the math problems and color each ship black if the answer does not equal 276 - the number of people who were on the ship (Acts 27:37). If the answer equals 276, write the word in the blanks below and see what the Bible has to say about the people on the ship.

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\text{Shipwrecked} & \\
\text{NONE} & \times 2 = 136 \\
\text{SOME} & \times 6 = 48 \\
\text{ALL} & \times 6 = 46 \\
\text{ESCAPED} & \times 2 = 138 \\
\text{FROM} & \times 4 = 68 \\
\text{TO} & \times 4 = 69 \\
\text{BOATS} & \times 3 = 93 \\
\text{LAND} & \times 3 = 92 \\
\end{align*}
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Snakebite

In Acts 28 we read about Paul being bit by a snake. Solve the math problems and color the snakes black if they have odd numbered answers. If the answer is an even number, write the letter in the blanks below to finish the sentences.

A snake bit Paul on the: ___ ___ ___ ___.

Since Paul did not die from the snake bite, the natives thought Paul was a: ___ ___ ___.
Sequence of Events

Number the statements one through seven to show the order in which the following things occurred. Acts 27 and 28

______ An angel from God visited Paul and told him no lives would be lost.

______ Paul was bit by a snake.

______ The ship was storm-tossed for many days.

______ Paul was delivered to Julius and set sail.

______ The ship wrecked and all the people from the ship made it to the island of Malta.

______ Paul preached in Rome.

______ Paul healed sick people on the island.
Fill In the Blanks

The ship Paul sailed on was violently __ __ __ __ __- __ __ __ and the cargo was thrown __ __ __ __ __ __ __. Acts 27:18

An __ __ __ __ appeared to Paul and told him not to be __ __ __ __ __ __. Acts 27:23, 24

Everyone on the ship made it to the __ __ __ __ __ __ of __ __ __ __ __ __. The natives on the island were __ __ __ __ and they built a __ __ __ __ because it had begun to __ __ __ __ and it was __ __ __ __. A __ __ __ __ came out of the __ __ __ __ and bit Paul’s __ __ __ __. Paul shook the creature into the __ __ __ __ and suffered no __ __ __ __. Acts 28:1-5

The chief of the island was named __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __. His __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ ___ __ __ __ __ __ __ was sick. Paul put his __ __ __ __ __ __ on him and __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
In Acts 28:25-28 Paul reminded the people about Isaiah’s words...

“For the __ __ __ __ __ __ of this people have grown

__ __ __ __ __. Their __ __ __ __ are hard of

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __, And their __ __ __ __

they have __ __ __ __ __ __...” “...the salvation of God

has been sent to the __ __ __ __ __ __ __ and they
will hear it!”

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Paul Traveled to Rome

Fill the blank squares with one of the pictures below. Each picture should only appear once in each column, row and four-block square. You may choose to write the word instead of drawing the picture. Be sure to use a pencil in case you need to erase.

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Help Paul get to the island.
Help Paul get to the island.
The ship had trouble sailing because of:

- The dark
- Stormy weather
- a volcano erupted

An angel talked to Paul and told him:

- to try to escape
- no one would die
- a tornado would come
- to sing

The ship wrecked close to:

What came out of the sticks?
Was Paul in jail for days, weeks or years?  

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A soldier named Julius was taking Paul and some other prisoners on a ship to  

______________.

Before they got to Rome they wrecked and spent time on the island of  

______________.

Were the natives on Melita friendly or mean?  

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Paul was bit by a ________________.

Did Paul do miracles on the island? ______

Did Paul ever make it to Rome? ___________