

The Gospel is For All



Lesson 13

Preaching the Gospel from Prison

Theme: Faith — God’s care for His children

Memory Verses

“And according to Paul’s custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, ‘This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ.’”
Acts 17:2-3

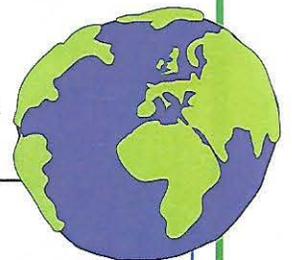
Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Acts 27:1, 9-13
- 2 Acts 27:14-16, 21-26, 33-38
- 3 Acts 27: 39-44
- 4 Acts 28:1-10, 16
- 5 Acts 28:17, 23-25, 28-31

Defending and declaring the gospel was hard work. Jesus encouraged Paul to be strong and told him he would take the gospel to Rome (Acts 23:11). What Paul didn’t know is that he would go to Rome as a prisoner and that he would be in a storm and a shipwreck! Let’s see what happened.

A Storm at Sea

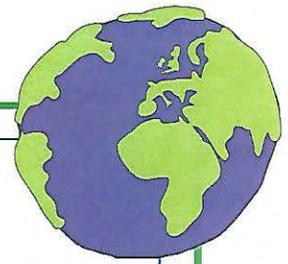
After Paul asked to go before Caesar, Festus arranged for a Roman officer named Julius to take Paul to Rome on a ship. The ship sailed from Caesarea to the island of Crete. By the time they were ready to leave Crete, bad weather was coming. Paul told them not to go, but Julius listened to the ship’s pilot instead. Before long, a strong storm came up at sea. The



Acts 27:1, 9-13

Paul told them the voyage would be:

fun easy dangerous long



sailors could not control the ship, so it was driven by the wind.

The sailors became discouraged. An angel came to Paul to tell him that the sailors and passengers would be safe, and Paul encouraged the sailors to keep working. The storm raged in the sea for two weeks. The sailors stopped eating and figured

they would die in the storm. When the ship came near land, Paul urged the sailors to eat and told all 276 people on board to stay with the ship.

The ship's crew tried to steer the ship toward land, but it struck a reef and started to break apart. The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners, thinking they would try to escape. By this time, Paul had gained the respect of many people on the ship. Wanting to keep Paul alive, the officer ordered everyone, including the prisoners, to jump overboard and float to the shore. Everyone did as they were told, and all came safely to land. God saved everyone from the storm.

Acts 27:14-16, 21-26, 33-38

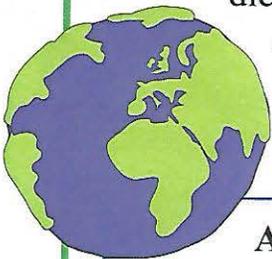
Match the following:

Sailors	said no one would die
Angel	stopped eating
Paul	encouraged the sailors

On the Island of Malta

The 276 people from the ship made an unplanned visit to the island of Malta. The citizens of Malta were kind to the ship's crew and passengers. While on the island of Malta, Paul took the opportunity to teach people about God.

Paul got people's attention when he was bitten by a poisonous snake. Paul shook it off into the fire and nothing else happened. People thought Paul would die at any moment, but he didn't. This caused people to listen more carefully to what Paul said. Paul also helped many sick people. The father of Publius, the leading man on Malta, was sick and dying. Paul healed Publius' father and many other sick people on the island.



Acts 27:39-44

True or False? Julius wanted to protect Paul, so he wouldn't let the sailors kill the prisoners.

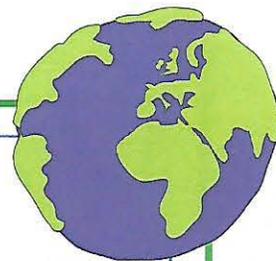
How many of the ship's passengers, prisoners, and crew made it to land?

- none of them 20 143 all of them

Because of Paul, the citizens of Malta were kind and generous toward everyone from the ship.

On to Rome

After three months, the weather was better for sailing. The centurion took Paul to Rome and



gave him some freedom to visit and stay with Christians along the way. In Rome, Paul was allowed to rent a house, but he had a guard and could not leave the house. But this didn't stop Paul from preaching.

Acts 28:1-10, 16

Match the following:

Malta	bit Paul
Snake	guarded Paul in his house
Publius	island they wrecked on
Soldier	father was healed by Paul

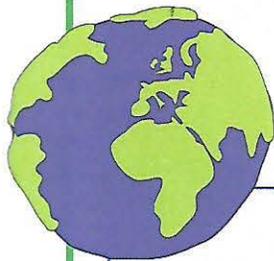
Paul had wanted to visit Rome and Jesus told him he would. But many things happened that seemed to make this visit impossible. Paul was arrested in Jerusalem, forced to have several hearings and trials, kept in jail in Caesarea, threatened by an ambush, almost drowned in the Mediterranean Sea, nearly killed by soldiers, and bitten by a snake. But in all this God was with Paul, and finally Paul was in Rome!

For two years, Paul stayed in Rome “preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus with all openness, unhindered” (Acts 28:31). Luke ends the book of Acts by describing the apostle Paul teaching and preaching the gospel in Rome. The

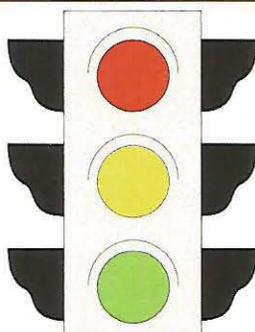
Word about Jesus was going all over the world. The gospel is for all!

Acts 28:17, 23-25, 28-31

True or False? Paul was imprisoned and not allowed to preach while he was in Rome.



I make fun of kids who are trying to follow Jesus.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

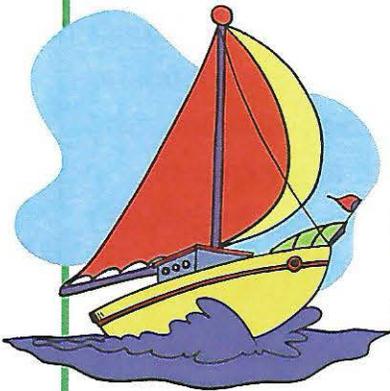
Red — most of the time

Yellow — sometimes

Green — never

Think About It ...

Jerry seems to be sad all the time. Lately, he has been spending more and more time by himself. He told you he feels left out and alone because his parents are strict about the kinds of movies he watches, the video games he plays, the TV shows he watches, and the parties he is allowed to attend. Describe how you would encourage him.



Sailing Through the Bible Facts

Know the major stages of the story of Bible History. Put them in the proper order:

- ___ Promised Land
- ___ Mount Sinai
- ___ Promise to Abraham
- ___ Slavery in Egypt
- ___ Jesus Christ
- ___ Wilderness
- ___ Babylonian Captivity

What book of the New Testament is about being ready for Jesus?

On a map inside the back cover, locate the city of Damascus.

Palestine

in New Testament Times



Bible Knowledge Expectations Through Level 4

6 to 23 Months

1. Follow instructions
2. Recite Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John from memory

2s & 3s

3. Recite the books of the New Testament from memory
4. Map Facts 1-5

Level 1 (4s & 5s or PreK)

5. Recite the books of the Old Testament from memory
6. Recite Genesis 1:1 from memory
7. Bible Facts 1-4
8. Map Facts 6-8

Level 2 (Grades K-2)

9. Recite John 3:16 from memory
10. Bible Facts 5-10
11. Map Fact 9-11
12. Name the apostles

Level 3 (Grades 2-4)

13. Recite John 20:30-31 from memory
14. Bible Facts 11-16
15. Map Facts 12-14
16. Be able to turn to books of the Bible without using the Table of Contents or Index Tabs
17. Name the sons of Jacob
18. Name the beatitudes

Level 4 (Grades 4-6)

19. Recite Galatians 5:22-23 from memory
20. Bible Facts 17-22
21. Map Facts 15-17
22. Know the major stages of Bible history:
 - Promise to Abraham
 - Slavery in Egypt
 - Law at Mount Sinai
 - Wilderness Wandering
 - Living in the Promised Land
 - Punished by Captivity
 - Salvation in Jesus Christ

Bible Facts

1. **What is Matthew about?** Jesus the Messiah; Jesus the King
2. **What is Mark about?** Jesus the Son of Man; Jesus the Servant
3. **What is Luke about?** Jesus the Savior of everyone
4. **What is John about?** Believing Jesus is the Son of God
5. **What is Acts about?** The gospel preached and received

6. **What is Romans about?** Being right with God through faith in Christ
7. **What are 1 and 2 Corinthians about?** A church with questions and problems
8. **What is Galatians about?** Saved by grace through faith in Jesus
9. **What is Ephesians about?** God's new people through Jesus
10. **What is Philippians about?** Rejoice in the Lord
11. **What is Colossians about?** All people can be complete in Christ
12. **What are 1 & 2 Thessalonians about?** Do your work until Jesus comes
13. **What is 1 & 2 Timothy about?** Elders, deacons, women, widows, and preachers
14. **What is Titus about?** Instructions for older and younger men and women
15. **What is Philemon about?** A runaway slave becomes a Christian
16. **What is Hebrews about?** Christ is greater and better
17. **What is James about?** Practical living for Jesus
18. **What is 1 Peter about?** Suffering for Jesus
19. **What is 2 Peter about?** Diligently looking for Jesus; being ready for Jesus
20. **What are 1, 2, and 3 John about?** Abiding in truth and love
21. **What is Jude about?** Fighting for the faith
22. **What is Revelation about?** Jesus wins!

Map Facts

1. Jordan River
2. Dead Sea
3. Sea of Galilee
4. Mediterranean Sea
5. Jerusalem
6. Nazareth
7. Bethlehem
8. Cana
9. Judea
10. Samaria (region)
11. Galilee
12. Capernaum
13. Samaria (city)
14. Bethany
15. Caesarea Philippi
16. Caesarea
17. Damascus