

Scriptures: Acts 27

Key Verse: Acts 27:23, 24

"For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.'"

Key Points:

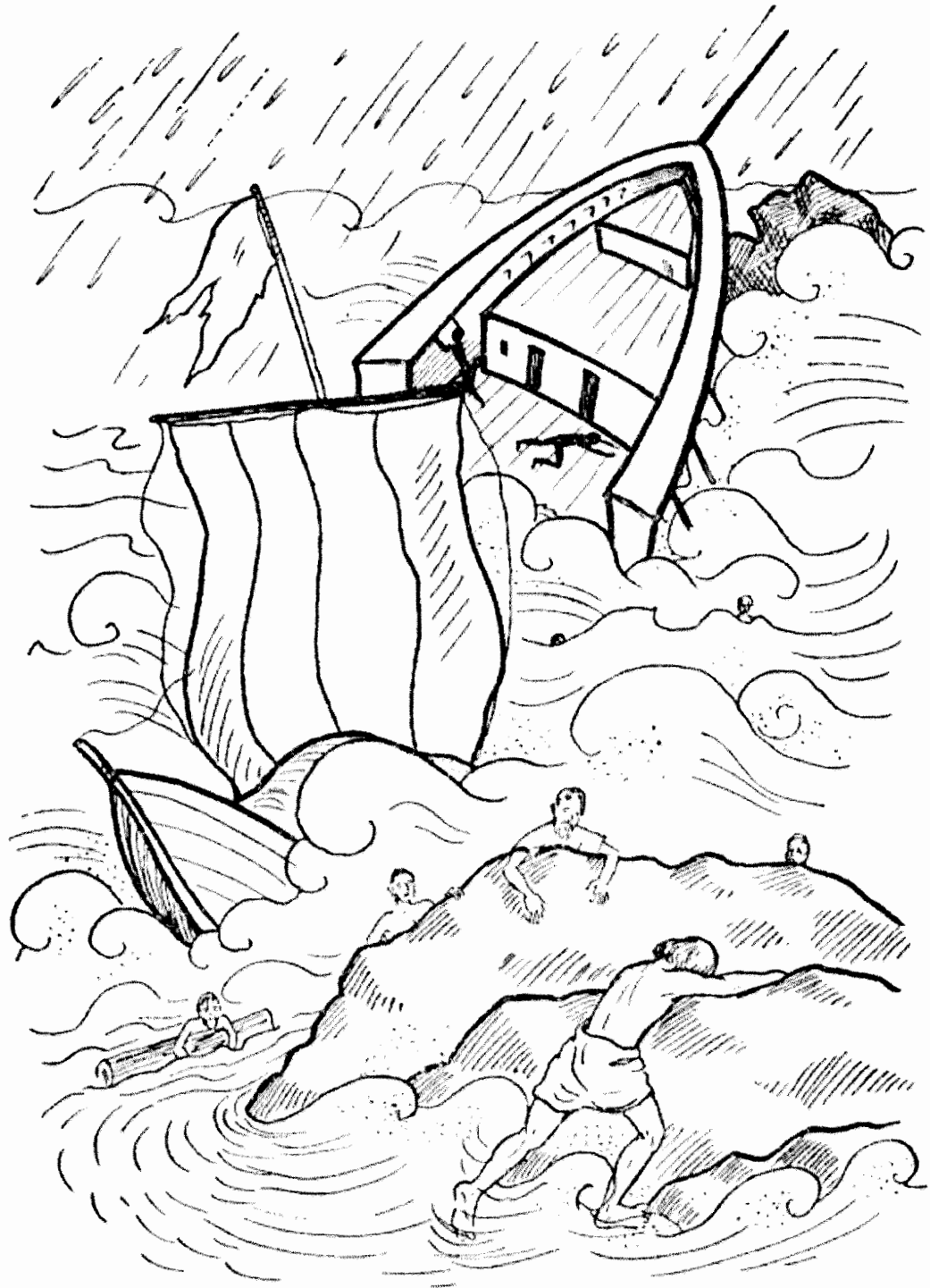
1. Paul sent sail to Rome under guard along with several other prisoners. At their first stop at Myra, Paul was allowed to go to friends there who ministered to him.
2. Setting sail again on another ship, they sailed slowly for many days. The weather became very difficult and dangerous. They came to the harbor of Fair Havens and rested there. After days of fasting, Paul advised them that disaster would come to them with much loss to the cargo if they went on, but they did not listen to him. They set sail again, not wanting to spend the winter there.
3. The weather again became very dangerous and the ship was difficult to manage. For fear of running aground, they had to lighten the ship by throwing the tackle overboard.
4. The ship was caught by a ferocious storm and there was no sight of sun or stars for many days. The crew gave up hope that they would be saved, but Paul spoke to them again, telling them that an angel appeared to him, promising him he would make it to Rome and appear before Caesar.
5. Coming close to land they dropped anchors fearing the ship would be broken up by the rocks. The sailors planned to escape from the ship but Paul warned them unless they stayed on the ship they would not be saved.
6. On day fourteen, Paul urges the soldiers to eat for they had not eaten. He promises them that not a hair on their head would be harmed. They ate and when morning came the ship ran aground. The soldiers planned to kill all the prisoners before they escape. But the centurion wanted to save Paul's life and he kept them from carrying out their plan. Everyone reached land safely.

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Discussion Questions – Paul’s Shipwreck

Read Acts 27

- Why did Paul tell his fellow passengers to be of good cheer?
- What happened to the ship?
- Why did the soldiers think they should kill Paul and the other prisoners?
- How did everyone escape?
- What was the name of the island to which they escaped?
- What happened when they built a fire?
- Why did the people think Paul was a god?
- Where was Paul headed when his ship broke apart?
- Why was he a prisoner?
- What did he recommend the guards do instead of kill everyone?
- What kind of respect did the guard have for Paul?
- Why was Paul so confident?
- After reading these stories, describe Paul’s character.
 - What stands out to you about Paul?
 - Would you want Paul for a friend? Why or why not?
- Think about Paul’s transformation.
 - When Jesus called the sinners to repent, he was asking them to change their thinking and the way they lived their lives. Paul appeared to take a U-Turn with his life.
 - Describe Paul’s transformation.
 - What does his transformation say to us?

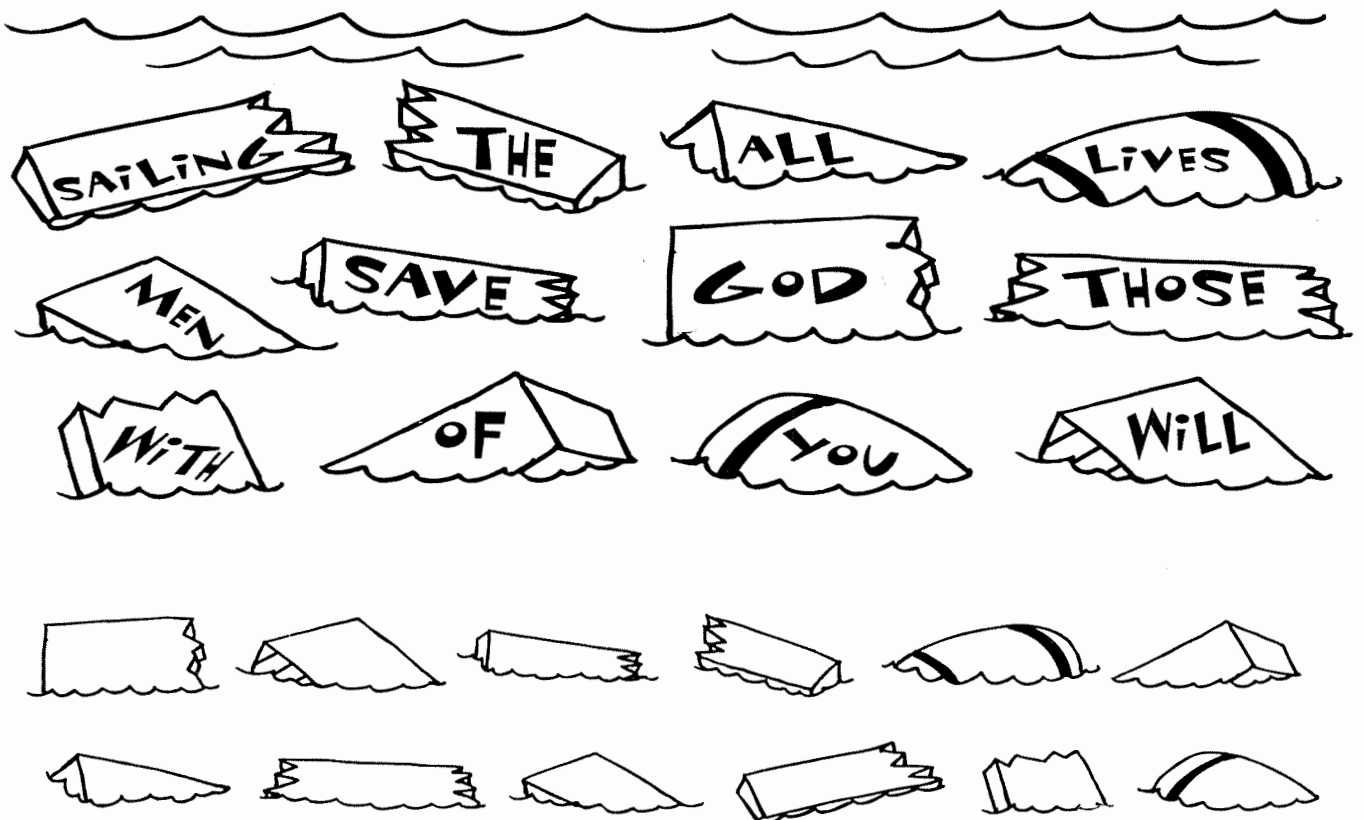


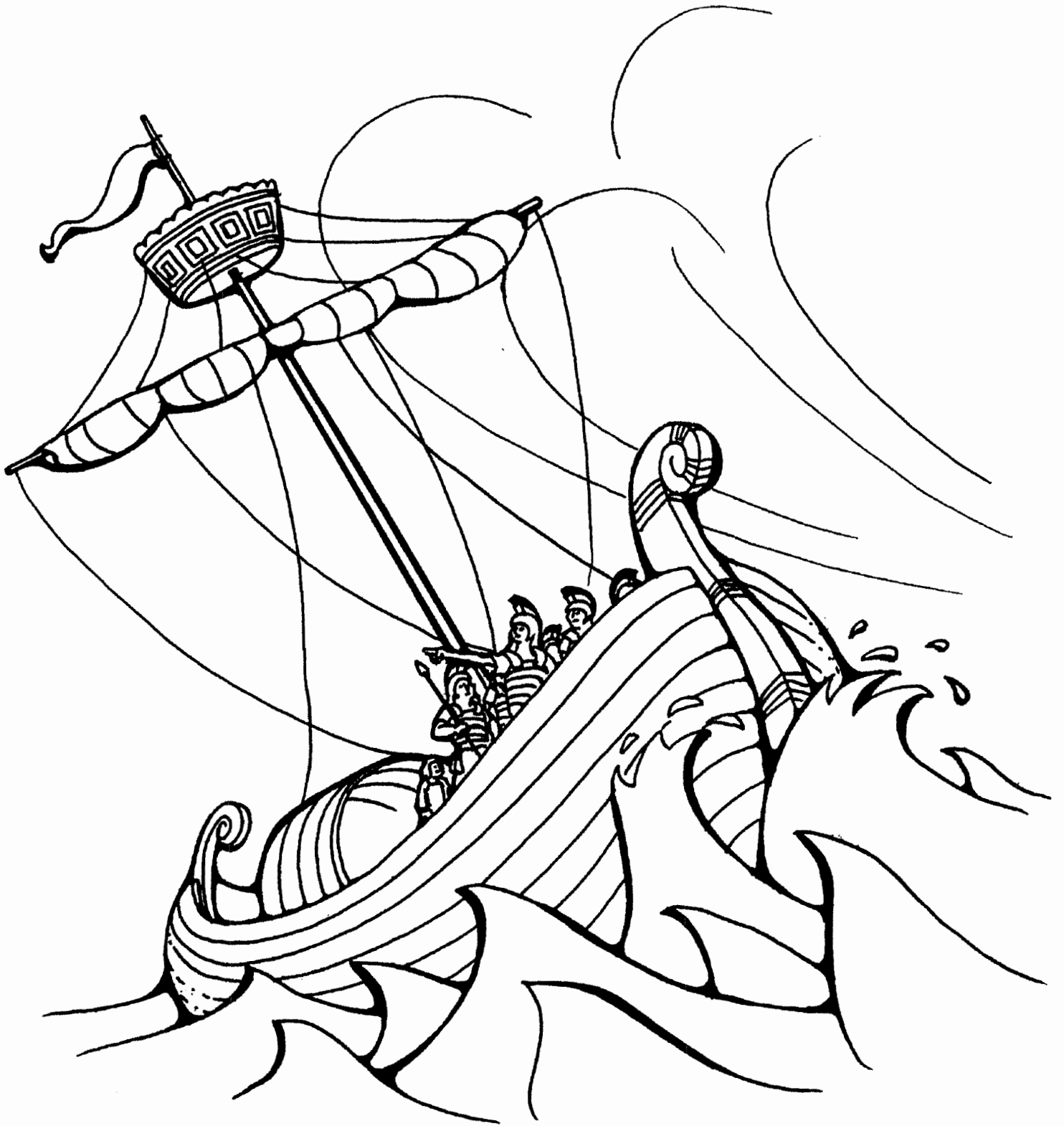
They had to endure many hardships. Paul was shipwrecked on Malta during one of his missionary journeys.

Ship- wrecked!

Paul was a prisoner on a ship going to Rome. He was going to be judged by Caesar, the top man in the Roman government. Paul told the ship captain that he should not sail because it was the time of year for storms, but the captain did not listen to him. Sure enough, the ship got caught in a terrible storm. All 276 people on the ship thought they were going to die. But an angel of the Lord came to Paul in a dream and gave him a message for all the sailors and prisoners on the ship.

What was the message? To find out, untangle the pieces of the wrecked ship. Match each shape with the shapes at the bottom of the page to put the words in order.





"Paul begins his voyage aboard a ship bound for Rome."
Acts 27:1-12

268. VOYAGE TO ROME

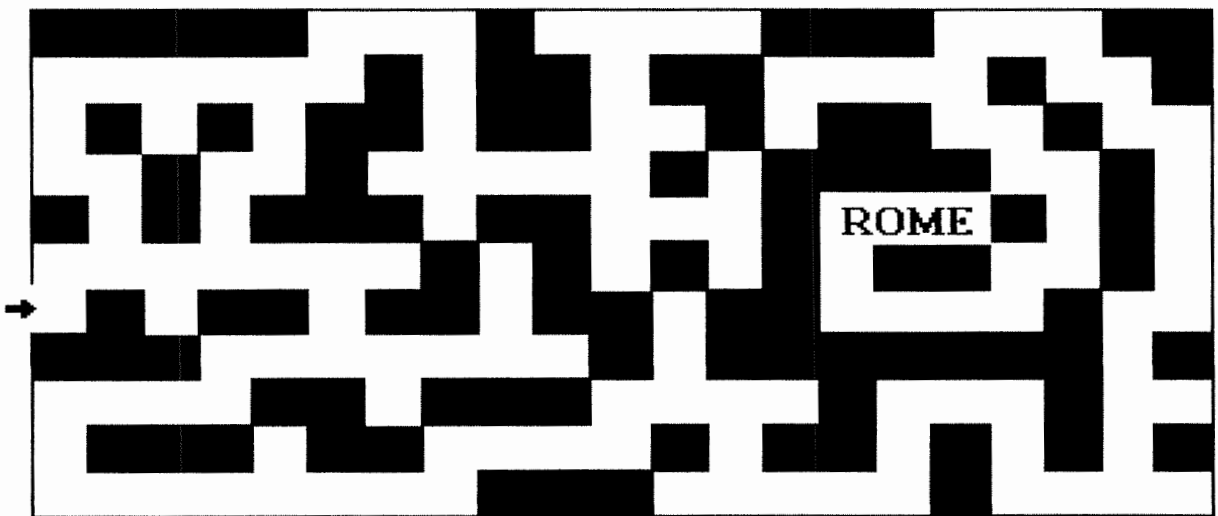
(ACTS 27:1-12)

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 PRISONERS

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268. VOYAGE TO ROME

(ACTS 27:1-12)

MEMORY VERSE:

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TRUE OR FALSE
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TRUE OR FALSE
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TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

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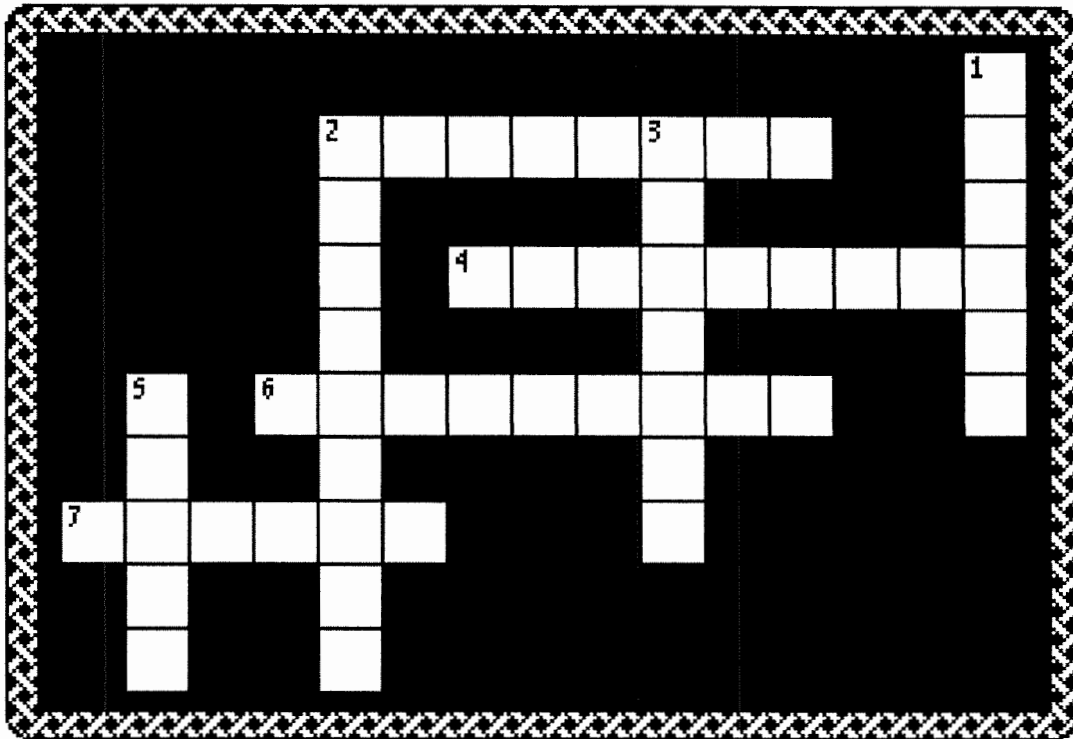
6. Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by Paul than by the things spoken by the helmsman and the owner of the ship. ACTS 27:11
TRUE OR FALSE

FILL IN THE BLANK:

7. "And because the _____ was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there." ACTS 27:12

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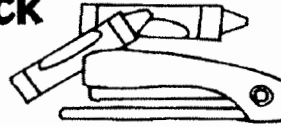
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Paul's Shipwreck

(Craft Page)

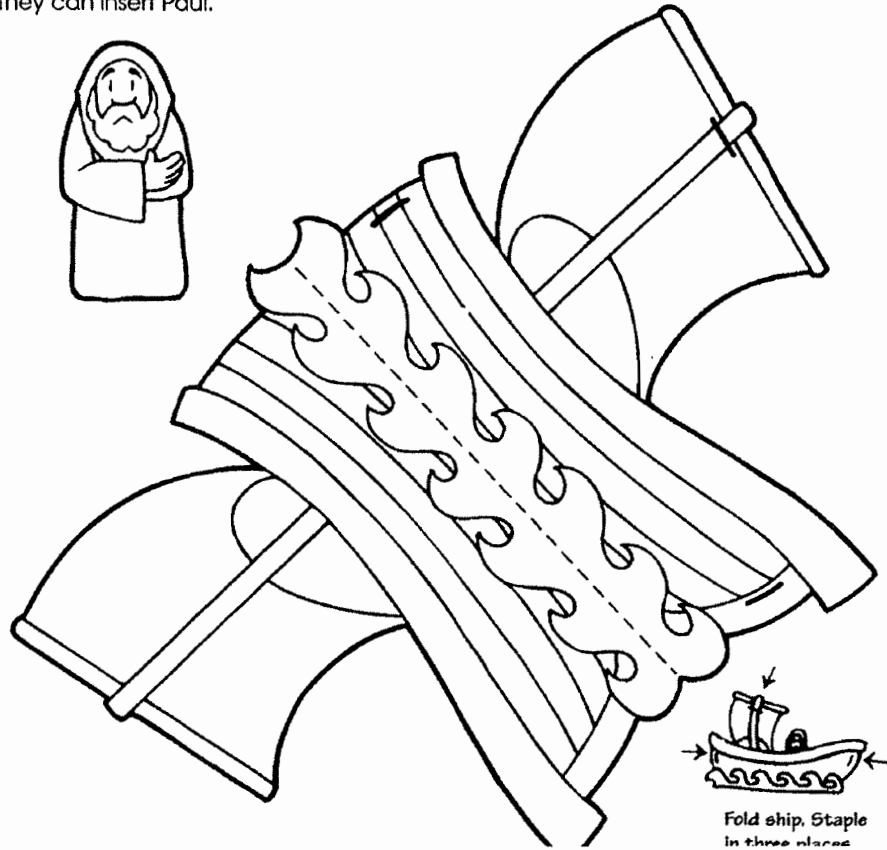


Put Paul in the Ship

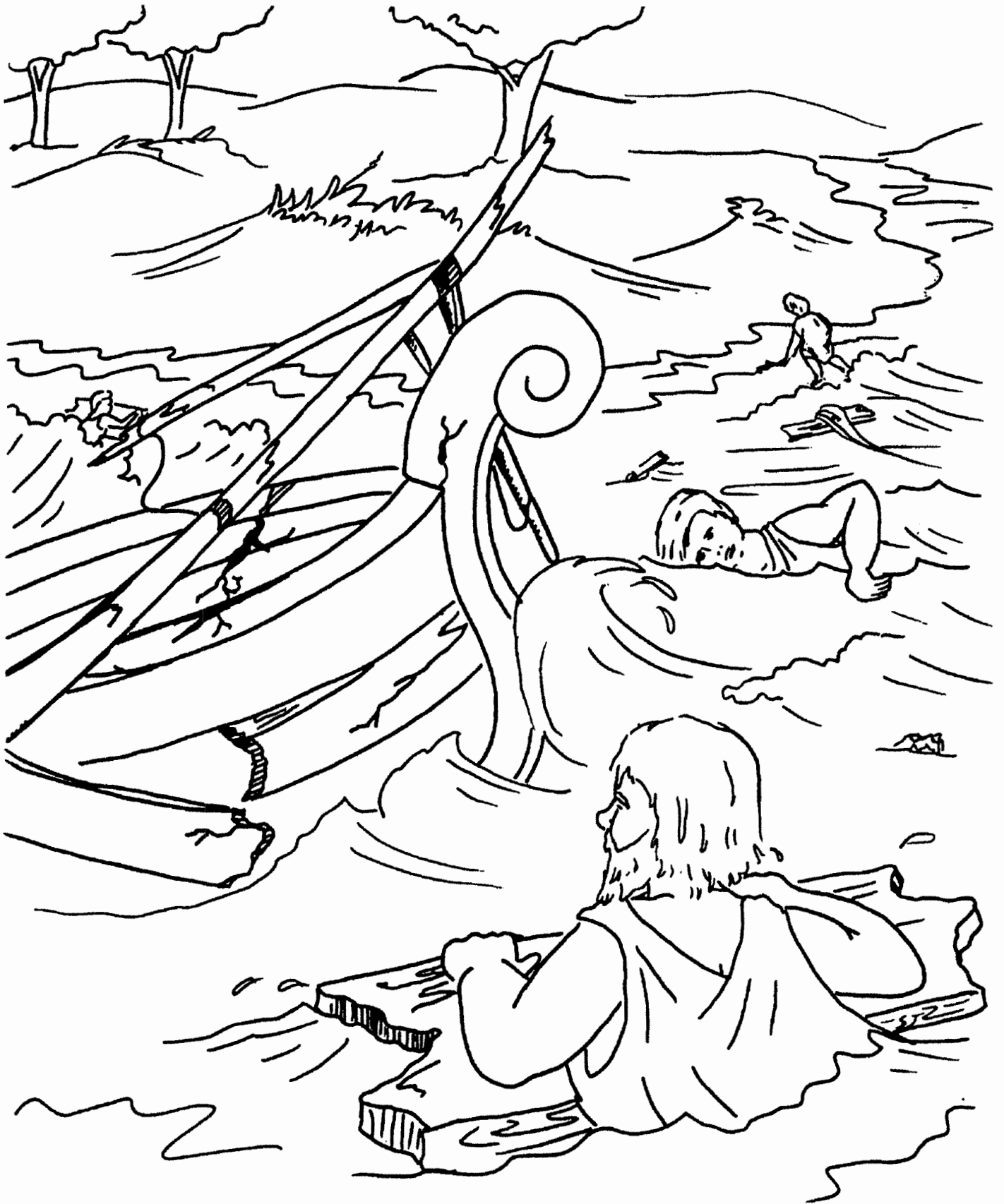
The children can place Paul aboard and carry this ship home to retell the story.

Materials needed: photocopies of this craft page, crayons, scissors, staples

Directions: Let the children color the ship and Paul and cut them out along the bold lines. Then they fold their ships on the dotted lines and staple them as shown. Last, they can insert Paul.



Fold ship. Staple
in three places



“While on the way to Rome, a great storm arose, and Paul and the other prisoners were commanded to jump overboard and swim to land.”
Acts 27:13–28:16