

CITY SG – May 23rd- 24th, 2026

Bible Story: Paul Shipwrecked • Acts 27–28:10

Bottom Line: Don't give up on God when bad things happen.

Monthly Memory Verse: *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9 NIV

PRE- SERVICE ACTIVITY

What You Need: “Words in the Waves” Activity Page (one per kid), Magnifying glasses (5-7 per bin), markers

What You Do:

- Greet each kid by name with a fist bump, high five, smile, or wave as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Give each kid a “Words in the Waves” Activity Page and a magnifying glass (they may need to share these if there are not enough.)
- Explain that there are words of hope and encouragement hidden in the stormy waves on the paper.
- Challenge the kids to use their magnifying glasses to search for the hidden words.
- Ask kids to circle each word they find (“Hope,” “God,” “Jesus,” “Love”). Encourage them to find as many words as they can.
- Read the words out loud and point to where each word is on the page.
- **Say:** “Great job being detectives! Even when the picture looked like a big, stormy storm, there were good words hidden inside. It's like that in life too. In our true story from the Bible today, a man named Paul was in a real-life, giant storm! But even in the storm, he was looking for God. Let's go find out what happened!”

SMALL GROUP TIME

1. Shipwrecked!

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, paper plate (one per kid), ship cut out (one per kid), markers, glue sticks

What You Do:

- Open your Bible and show the kids where the Bible Story is. (Acts 27–28:10)
- Review the main ideas of the story with these main points:
 - Paul was traveling by ship to Rome to stand trial because he was telling people about Jesus.
 - Wintertime travel by boat is really difficult, and the ship was battered by huge storms!
 - The people on board tried everything they could to survive the storm.
 - But God sent an angel to visit Paul and told him that everyone was going to live.
 - Paul trusted what God had told him, and tried to get everyone on board to trust in God and in what He said too.

- The ship ran aground on an island called Malta. But everyone on board was saved, just like God had said.
- On the island, Paul was able to heal a lot of people through God's power, and the people of Malta were kind to the sailors as they journeyed on!
- Give each child a paper plate and a ship cut out.
- Tell the kids to use the markers to create the scene of Paul traveling on the ship when the storms came:
 - Draw the water and the waves on the bottom, then the storm clouds on the top.
- Use the glue sticks to add the ship onto the scene
- Have the kids write: "God protected Paul" along the bottom of the plate.
- Encourage the kids to hang these scenes somewhere where they can see it and remember that even when bad things happen, God is still with us!



2. Stormy Verse

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles

What You Do:

- Give every kid a Bible and direct them to look up Galatians 6:9.
- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
 - *Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up.* • Galatians 6:9
- Read the verse aloud to the group.
- Tell the kids you're going to make a "sound storm" together while you say the verse.
- Assign each kid a storm sound to make with their body.
 - Some kids can rub their hands together to make a "wind" sound.
 - Some kids can snap their fingers to make a "raindrop" sound.
 - Some kids can gently tap the table or floor to make a "pitter-patter" sound.
 - Some kids can clap every once in a while to make a "thunder" sound.
- Practice making the storm sounds all together, starting quietly and gradually getting louder.
- Once the storm is going, say the Memory Verse loudly over the sounds: "*Let us not become tired of doing good. At the right time we will gather a crop if we don't give up. —Galatians 6:9!*"
- Try it a few times, letting the storm get quiet and then loud again.

3. Paul is Shipwrecked Activity Sheet

Application Activity

What You Need: Paul Shipwrecked activity sheet (one per kid), markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid an activity sheet.
- Let them complete the activities to review the story.

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)
- “Dear God, thank You for being with us when things are hard. Please help [name a few of the hard things the kids mentioned]. Help us to remember Paul’s story and not give up. We know that You’re always with us. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive, ask the kids who they can turn to when bad things happen.