



### **BIG IDEA**

True story—God helps us share the good news.

### **BIBLE**

#### **Paul and the Shipwreck**

Acts 27:13–44; Matthew 28:16–20

### **ABOUT THIS WEEK**

Every adventure has unexpected setbacks and obstacles that make the journey harder than expected. This week, we'll see how Paul faced a terrifying shipwreck as a prisoner on his way to Rome but never stopped trusting God and sharing the good news with those around him. His story reminds us that no matter what challenges we face, **true story—God helps us share the good news.**

### **MEMORY VERSE**

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." — Romans 1:16a (NIV)



## **DISCUSSION**

### *BIBLE QUESTIONS*

- **After the storm hit them, what was Paul's message to everyone on the ship?** That an angel visited him and said no one would be lost, but the ship would be destroyed.
- **As everyone on the ship was waiting to run aground on the island, what did Paul urge them to do?** He told them to eat so they could keep their strength.
- **What were the soldiers on board planning to do when the ship was wrecked and they had to swim to shore?** They were going to kill all the prisoners on board, but Paul stopped them.
- **Read Matthew 28:19. What mission did Jesus give his disciples? How did he promise to help them?** To go and tell everyone about Jesus. Jesus promised to always be with them.

### *APPLICATION QUESTIONS*

- **What is the good news of Jesus?**
- **What might stop you from sharing the good news?**
- **How can you share the good news of Jesus with someone today?**

## **ACTIVITY**

### *WHAT TO DO*

Distribute empty cork bottles (or any small plastic bottles), blank paper, and writing and drawing utensils. For added fun, provide some sand and small shells to add inside the bottle, too.

### *WHAT TO SAY*

**In many adventure stories out at sea, a message in a bottle is a way to call for help, share an important secret, or guide someone to safety. Paul, in today's Bible adventure, was like a human "message in a bottle"—he shared God's messages of hope even when the situation looked hopeless. Write or draw your own message in the bottle to share about why you love Jesus. Keep your bottle to remind you that through the calm or storm, this is a true story—God helps us share the good news!**