



Unit 10, Lesson 40

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: PAUL'S JOURNEYS

ACTS—VARIOUS PASSAGES

THE STORY HOME

Throughout the book of Acts, we read of Paul's many journeys. By sea and on foot, he traveled to different countries telling people the good news of God's love by sending His Son, Jesus. Paul also started churches of like-minded believers. Paul was the first missionary! The believers who came to know Christ then are called converts or early Christians. Today your children saw a video about Paul's shipwreck. He was on his way to Rome as a prisoner. Paul lived in Rome for about two years as a prisoner, but he did not let this stop him from sharing the good news of God's love! Instead, Paul spent his time under house arrest teaching about Jesus and writing letters to the churches he had started on his many missionary journeys.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Paul walked to different countries telling people about Jesus. I wonder what it would be like if you walked everywhere. What are some favorite places that you do walk to?
- People who believed Paul's preaching about God, often wanted to meet together as a church. What do you think that means? Can you describe what you think one of those first churches looked like?
- We often think a church is a building. Pretend you can't use a building, where would you meet? Would this still be a church? Explain your response.

TOGETHER HOME

If possible, take a family field trip to a shipyard or nautical museum. If not, look up a shipyard or different types of ships online. Talk about different ships and how sea and water travel used to be the prime method of transportation to far away countries and places. You can also visit the local public library. Search the children's section for books about ships.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Repeat together this month's memory verse, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," Matthew 28:19. Take time to find this verse in the Bible and read it so children become familiar with the pages, look, and feel of the Bible or Bibles in your home. It's important for children to know how to use a Bible and find verses. Then, write the verse on slips of paper and fold up. Find online an origami pattern for a floatable boat. Make paper boats, placing your verse papers inside them. Race your boats in the bathtub, sink, or a tub of water or wading pool. See whose verse ship wins the race, or do you have any shipwrecks like in the Bible story?

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