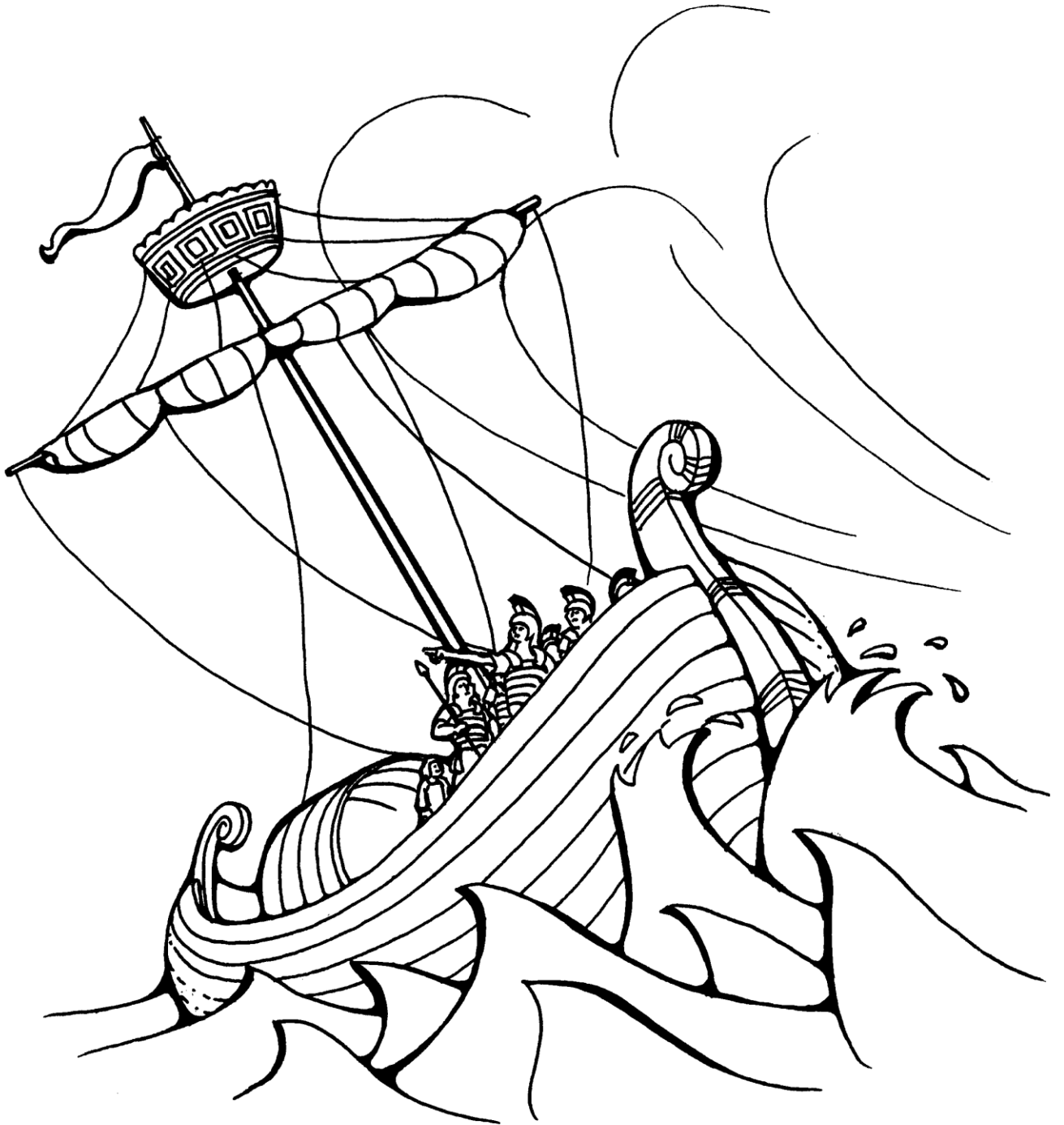


Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 268: VOYAGE TO ROME
ACTS 27:1-12

It was decided that we would sail for Italy. An army officer named Julius, who served in the emperor's special army, was put in charge of guarding Paul and some other prisoners on the trip. We got on a ship from the city of Adramyttium that was ready to sail to different places in Asia. Aristarchus, a man from Thessalonica in Macedonia, went with us. The next day we came to the city of Sidon. Julius was very good to Paul and gave him freedom to go visit his friends there, who gave him whatever he needed. We left that city and sailed close to the island of Cyprus because the wind was blowing against us. We went across the sea by Cilicia and Pamphylia. Then we came to the city of Myra in Lycia. There the army officer found a ship from the city of Alexandria that was going to Italy. So he put us on it. We sailed slowly for many days. It was hard for us to reach the city of Cnidus because the wind was blowing against us. We could not go any farther that way, so we sailed by the south side of the island of Crete near Salmone. We sailed along the coast, but the sailing was hard. Then we came to a place called Safe Harbors, near the city of Lasea. We had lost a lot of time, and it was now too dangerous to sail, because it was already after the Jewish day of fasting (which was the time when the stormy season began). So Paul warned them, "Men, I can see that there will be a lot of trouble on this trip. The ship, everything in it, and even our lives may be lost!" But the captain and the owner of the ship did not agree with Paul. So the army officer accepted what they said instead of believing Paul. Also, that harbor was not a good place for the ship to stay for the winter, so most of the men decided that we should leave there. They hoped we could reach Phoenix, where the ship could stay for the winter. Phoenix was a city on the island of Crete. It had a harbor that faced southwest and northwest.

VOYAGE TO ROME

(ACTS 27:1-12)



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

268. VOYAGE TO ROME

ACTS 27:1-12

MEMORY VERSE:

"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy.... **ACTS 20:24**

Review Questions **True or False**

1. When they decided to sail to Italy a centurion named Julius was put in charge of Paul and the other prisoners.
2. Julius did not treat Paul with kindness, and did not let him go to his friends.
3. The officer found a ship from Alexandria that was going to Italy and put Paul and the other prisoners on it.
4. Everywhere they sailed, the wind was blowing against them and it made sailing hard.
5. They did not lose a lot of time, and it was after the Jewish festival of fasting, so sailing was not dangerous now.

Questions

1. When the centurion named Julius was put in charge of Paul and the other prisoners, was he nice to Paul?
2. What did Julius let Paul do when they went to the city of Sidon?
3. Where were they trying to take Paul? (Italy)
4. The sailors and Paul lost a lot of time sailing. Why?
5. After they got to a place called Safe Harbors, it was already after the Jewish holiday of fasting. Was it safe to sail then?
6. When Paul told them that it was not safe to sail, and they may lose everything if they decided to sail, did they listen to Paul?

Lesson 268 Discussion & Activity

Tell the One You See!

Seat your class in a circle. Have them all turn to face the person to their left. Everyone should be looking at a back. Have the first person tell the phrases of a story one at a time, then that person tells the person he is facing and so on. The story should get all the way around and back to you. This is how the gospel is spread; you tell someone then they can tell someone, and on and on!

Story for the children to tell the other children (you can help the younger children tell the story):

Once there was a man named Julius. He became an officer in a big army. One day Julius had to take a man named Paul to Rome. Julius sailed on some ships to take Paul to Rome. Julius was very nice to Paul and let him go see some of his friends.

OPTIONAL CRAFT:

Voyager's File

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

As many sheets of 8 1/2"x 11" cardstock (you can use construction paper if you can't find card stock. There should be some card stock in one of the cabinets in a class room) as the number of children in your class, regular paper, ribbon, string or yarn, glue or staples, stickers and markers.

Many of us move around quite a lot these days. Help the children in your class to keep some of the memories of what the Lord has done in their lives with this little folder. The more durable you are able to make it, the longer it will last.

Give each child an 8 1/2 " x 11" piece of cardstock and 3 – 4 sheets of regular paper.

Fold the cardstock in half, lengthwise so that is a long narrow journal. This will be the cover of the children's journal.

Fold the regular paper in half, lengthwise and glue to the inside of the cardstock.

Using a hole punch, make two or three holes at the fold of the cardstock. Tie ribbon or yarn through the holes for decoration. Have the children write "My Voyages with Jesus (younger children, write it for them)." Allow the children to decorate the rest of the journal with stickers and markers.

Tell them they can keep special memories of where they live, places they go to, friends they have and people they pray for. Start them off today with a little note saying, "The best place to witness is exactly where God has placed us!"

Younger children can glue stickers, silly straws or movie ticket stubs, pictures, etc. in their journals or draw pictures in them!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to share the good news of Jesus wherever the Lord places us. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.