

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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Unit 1, Session 5

CONNECTION POINT:

In Jesus's presence, we have no need to fear.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Most of us as kids felt uneasy when we were alone in a dark or unfamiliar place. Walking on a dark street is a lot easier if someone is walking with us. The greatest comfort comes from the presence of Jesus. We may still be in trying circumstances, but His powerful and assuring presence reminds us that we have no need to fear.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: Act 27–28

Live It Out: Review the Bible story. Say that Paul was a missionary who told many people about Jesus, and we can read about him in the Bible.

Paul was a prisoner because he taught about Jesus. Paul was on a ship to travel to Rome. The wind made it difficult to sail.

Paul told the captain, "The trip ahead is dangerous." The captain wanted to find a safer place for his ship. The ship sailed into a large storm that lasted several days.

Paul said, "Do not be afraid. An angel told me everyone on the ship would live."

The next morning, the ship hit land and was wrecked. All the men jumped off the ship and floated or swam for the shore. They were on the island of Malta.

Paul healed sick people in Malta and told people about Jesus. After three months, Paul sailed to Rome. Paul and the soldier guarding him stayed in a house. Paul spoke to the Jews in Rome. People came to his house to talk to him about God and Jesus.

KIDS

Scripture: Act 27–28

Live It Out: Tell your child that Paul depended on the Holy Spirit to help him in Rome. Work together to find other scriptures where Paul talks about the Holy Spirit.

Paul had been arrested, and he asked to speak to the leader of the Roman Empire. Caesar was in Rome, so Paul got on a ship with other prisoners headed to Rome.

Along the way, the ship faced many storms. One storm was so bad, the sailors threw equipment and supplies overboard to keep from sinking.

Paul told the sailors an angel told him that everyone would be safe.

Finally the men spied land, but their ship hit a sandbar and wrecked. Everyone jumped from the ship. All the people from the ship made it safely to the island.

The people on the island were kind. Paul taught about Jesus and healed people.

After three months, the group finally reached Rome. Paul was allowed to live in a rented house by himself with a guard. He told visitors about the kingdom of God.

STUDENTS

Scripture: John 6:16–21

- Why did the people follow Jesus? How do people see Jesus the same way today?
- When have you found yourself in a situation where the challenges were bigger than your abilities?
- In your own words, what was the purpose of Jesus's miracles?

Live It Out: In this life, we will experience storms and trials, and at times we might be tempted to fear. Thankfully, after Jesus ascended to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to minister to God's people in many ways, including providing comfort, direction, and strength when we're afraid.

Believers are not exempted from trials and storms in this life. Who does your family know in your church who is facing a storm? As a family, pray for this person and plan out ways you can offer him or her encouragement.