

Shipwrecked

Bible Verse

Change your hearts and lives. (Acts 2:38)

Did You Know?

In today's Scripture, Paul is being transported to Italy as a prisoner. The ship Paul was sailing on was delayed in its journey by bad weather. At one point, Paul warned the captain that it was not safe to sail and, if they were to proceed, their ship and cargo would be badly damaged. Paul was offering advice based on his years of sailing experience. Paul's advice was ignored, however, and the ship sailed on.

Paul knew God intended for him to reach Italy in order to help spread the good news there. He reported to the crew and other passengers he had been visited by an angel who assured him the lives of everyone on the ship would be saved. Paul not only had courage, but he encouraged those around him so they would have courage also!

Older elementary-age children are eager to understand traveling. They are also eager to learn about those who spread God's Word. Give them the opportunity to explore where Paul traveled throughout the session.



Bible Story

Acts 27

Anchor Point

Knowing Jesus changes your heart and life.

Your Lesson

JUMP IN:

- ☐ Welcome
- ☐ Prisoner
- ☐ Shipwreck
- ☐ Just the Bible

DIVE DEEPER:

- ☐ Deep Blue Bible Adventure

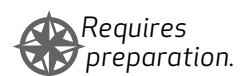
- ☐ Shipwrecked

GROW STRONGER:

- ☐ Baking Soda Boat
- ☐ Learn & Serve with the Deep Blue Kids
- ☐ ZANG

WORSHIP:

- ☐ Prayer and Praise
- ☐ Bible Stories & Stuff





JUMP IN!

After welcoming the children, lead them into the Bible story with at least one of the following activities.



≈ TIP ≈

Today is the last session of the unit. Remember you can do a review with the Trivia questions on the Adventure DVD.

WELCOME

Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 2 & 31, Adventure DVD, DVD player, tape; offering basket



Hang the Attendance Chart (Class Stuff—pp. 2 & 31).

- Play “Changing Hearts, Changing Minds” (Adventure DVD) as the children are arriving.
- Welcome the children and ask them to record their attendance and place any offering in the offering basket.

PRISONER

Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 27, pens or pencils

- Hand out “Prisoner” (p. 27) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.



SHIPWRECK

Supplies: Kids Stuff—p. 28, pens or pencils

- Hand out “Shipwreck” (p. 28) and pens or pencils. Encourage each child to complete the puzzle.

JUST THE BIBLE

Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 8 & 25, 22



Hang the “Unit 3 Bible Verse” and “Unit 3 Bible Verse Signs” posters (pp. 8 & 25, 22).

- Read the verse together and teach the children the signs for the verse.
- Have the children sign and say the Bible verse with you several times.

DIVE DEEPER

DEEP BLUE BIBLE ADVENTURE

Supplies: Bible Stories and Stuff—“Songbook,” Adventure DVD, DVD player, TV or projector and screen

- Hand out the “Songbook” (Bible Stories & Stuff). Using the songbook, invite the children to sing along with “Changing Hearts, Changing Minds” (Adventure DVD).
- Show the children the Adventure DVD for today’s session.

SHIPWRECKED

Supplies: CEB Kids Bibles, Class Stuff—pp. 20 & 13



Hang the poster “Change Your Hearts Collage” (pp. 20 & 13).

SAY: Our Bible story is found in Acts 27:1-44 today. Let’s read the story together.


ASK: I wonder:

- How do you think Paul and the other prisoners felt getting on the ship?
- How you felt hearing the story?
- How Paul was sharing God's love to the others on the ship?
- How God is working in this story?

GROW STRONGER

BAKING SODA BOAT

Supplies: Leader Guide—p. 83, empty plastic bottle with lid, masking tape, straw, scissors, baking soda, white vinegar, tub of water, permanent markers, tissue or piece of paper towel, tablespoon measure

 Copy "Baking Soda Boat" (p. 83) for each child.

SAY: Paul, the centurion, and all the prisoners set sail. The ship was destined for Italy. But it was almost winter and the weather was rough. Because the weather is rougher in the winter, the ship ran aground on a sandbar. This meant everyone had to get off the ship for safety. Today we are making a baking soda boat. Each person's boat will have the opportunity to sail across our water.


- Follow the directions on the handout "Baking Soda Boat" to create a boat.

LEARN AND SERVE WITH THE DEEP BLUE KIDS

SAY: This quarter we have learned a lot about Alaska. Let's go around the group and everyone can share something they learned about Alaska.

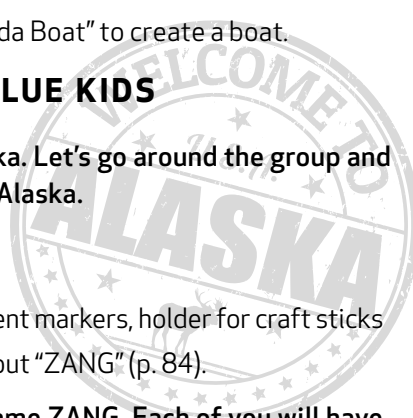
ZANG

Supplies: Leader Guide—p. 84, craft sticks, permanent markers, holder for craft sticks

 Prepare the craft sticks as indicated on the handout "ZANG" (p. 84).

SAY: As a way to review, we are going to play the game ZANG. Each of you will have an opportunity to pull a stick out and answer the question. If you get the ZANG stick, the next time you get a question you get to pass it on to another person in the room.

- Invite children to play the game.



WORSHIP

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Supplies: Adventure DVD, Bible Stories and Stuff—"Songbook," DVD player, TV or projector and screen, table, fabric for covering table, candle, cross on the table, stick notes, markers, large piece of paper



On a large piece of paper write "Change is ..."

- Sing together "Changing Hearts, Changing Minds" (Adventure DVD).

SAY: As we gather together for worship, let's remember our anchor point today is "Knowing Jesus changes your heart and life." Our anchor point helps us to remember we need to tell the world about the Resurrection. While thinking about what it means to tell the world about Jesus, let's light our candle for worship. *(Light the candle.)*

SAY: We have been talking about changing our hearts and lives. Jesus changed the way people loved God and one another. The direction of Paul's life drastically changed when he encountered the risen Jesus, and Paul's ministry changed countless other lives, both Jews and Gentiles.

ASK: What does change mean?

- Invite children to write ideas on sticky notes and place them on the large piece of paper.
- Hang the "Change is ..." paper up in the room to help remember the Bible stories.

ASK: Are there any prayer requests?

PRAY: Gracious God, thank you for Paul and how he shared about Jesus. Thank you that we know Jesus and can change. Amen.

SAY: Remember to take home your Bible Stories & Stuff for session 13.



TIP

Do you have children waiting at the end of class? Check out the Deep Blue app at the QR code below.



Baking Soda Boat

Supplies

empty plastic bottle with lid, masking tape, a straw, scissors, baking soda, white vinegar, tub of water, permanent markers, tissue or piece of paper towel, tablespoon measure

- Give everyone an empty plastic bottle and markers. Encourage them to decorate their boat with the markers.
- Using the scissors cut a small hole in the bottom of the water bottle.
- Cut the straw into 3 pieces.
- Use one piece of straw and insert into the hole.
- Tape around the straw to make sure it does not fall out.
- Remove the lid of the bottle.
- Hold the boat on its side and pour about 3 tablespoons of vinegar into the bottle.
- Place about 2 tablespoons of baking soda into the tissue.
- Put the tissue into the bottle and replace the bottle lid.
- Place into the water on its side.
- Watch the boat go.



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ZANG

Supplies

large craft sticks, permanent marker, holder for sticks

Write the questions on the craft sticks. Place the sticks in a holder and invite the children to pull a stick from the holder and answer the question. To create more of a challenge, give the children a time limit of about 10 seconds. If a child pulls the "ZANG" stick they get to pass their next question to someone else in the group. You are welcome to add more questions relating to the unit Scripture readings. Remember, the answers are in the Scripture readings for the unit.

This is a great game to keep for future activities. Add questions as you cover other Scripture readings.

Questions

Who was Lydia?
What did Lydia sell?
How did Lydia meet Paul?
How did Lydia change?
Who was traveling with Paul?
What did the woman have?
Why were Paul and Silas sent to jail?
What released Paul and Silas?
How did the jailer change?
What blew in the place where the disciples were staying?
What did the disciples see in the room?
How did the disciples share the Word of God?
How many people changed their ways?
Where was the ship that Paul was on heading?
Who visited Paul while he was on the ship?
What was thrown overboard while the ship was in the storm?
ZANG

