

# Paul is Shipwrecked

## An interactive re-telling using a parachute

*Lay the parachute flat on the ground. Choose children to be Paul, the other prisoners, Julius and his soldiers, and the captain and crew. As they are called, the children go into the middle of the parachute in a line. Once everyone is on the parachute, they lift up either side of it and hold it at waist height to look like a boat.*

Paul was a prisoner and was on his way to Rome on by boat with a bunch of other prisoners. *[climb aboard Paul and all the other prisoners]*

Julius a Roman centurion was looking after the prisoners with some of his soldiers *[climb aboard Julius and soldiers]*

The captain and the crew were also onboard. *[climb on the captain and crew]*

The boat set sail from Jerusalem and at first the journey went very well.



*Everyone should now step off the parachute and stand at the edge. Lift the parachute in both hands. Make waves by moving hands up and down smoothly from the elbow.*

Out on the open sea, the weather was good for sailing. There was quite a strong headwind which helped the boat sail along. *[make waves with the parachute]*

The boat bobbed up and down on the waves.



But then the wind died down to the gentlest breeze. *[make very gentle ripples with the parachute]*

The ship slowed down and by the time they reached the island of Crete they were already running late.

Paul suggested they stay over winter in Crete because winter brought storms and made sailing dangerous, but the captain and crew didn't want to wait. They decided to keep going. It wasn't long though before the weather changed. A hurricane blew up. *Everyone should hold on tight to the parachute and vigorously move hands up and down.* The boat was tossed about like a toy on the water.



They crew threw the cargo overboard, and they dropped the anchor, but the storm went on and on. Finally, the boat drew near to the island of Malta.

*Mime throwing cargo off the boat and dropping the anchor. Keep flapping the parachute vigorously.*

*Children can come back into the middle of the parachute again and make the boat shape by standing one behind the other and holding on to both sides of the parachute.*

Paul told everyone on board that God had sent an angel to tell him they would all be saved but the ship would be lost in the storm. He encouraged them to eat something and to take courage because God was with them! *[Children can sway from side to side]*

As they tried to sail towards land, the boat hit a bank of sand and the bow of the boat got stuck. *[Children can give themselves a jolt]* The stern was broken up into pieces by the pounding waves. Julius, the Roman centurion ordered everyone to 'ABANDON SHIP' and 'SWIM FOR SHORE'.



*Children should quickly jump out of the parachute and 'swim' to the edges of the room.*

Everyone on the boat reached the island safely and were looked after by the islanders. Paul thanked God for protecting them.