

## ***Bible Stories for Young Children***

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# ***ON THE WAY TO ROME / SHIPWRECKED***

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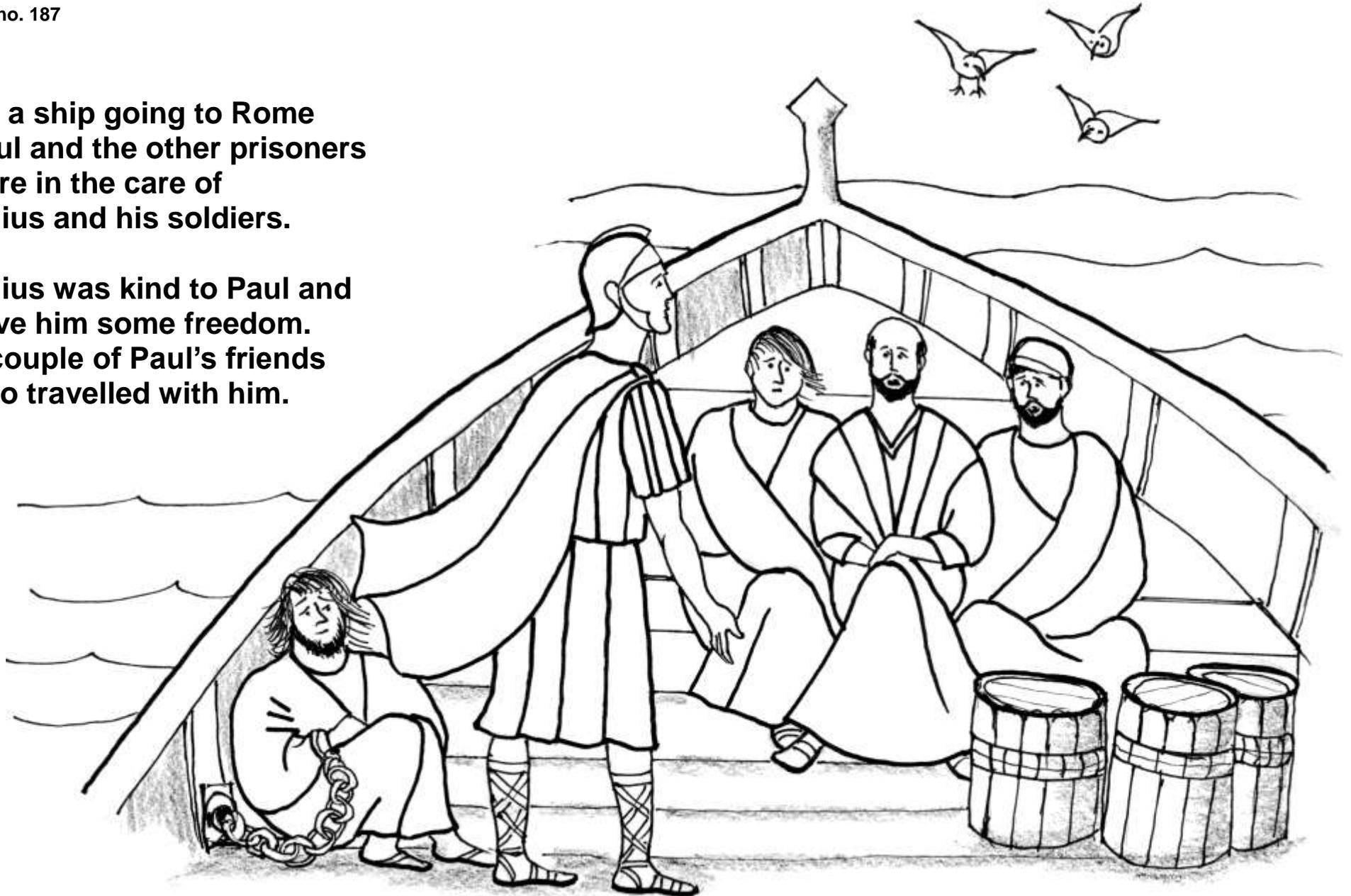
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**ACTS 27:1-44**  
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**On a ship going to Rome  
Paul and the other prisoners  
were in the care of  
Julius and his soldiers.**

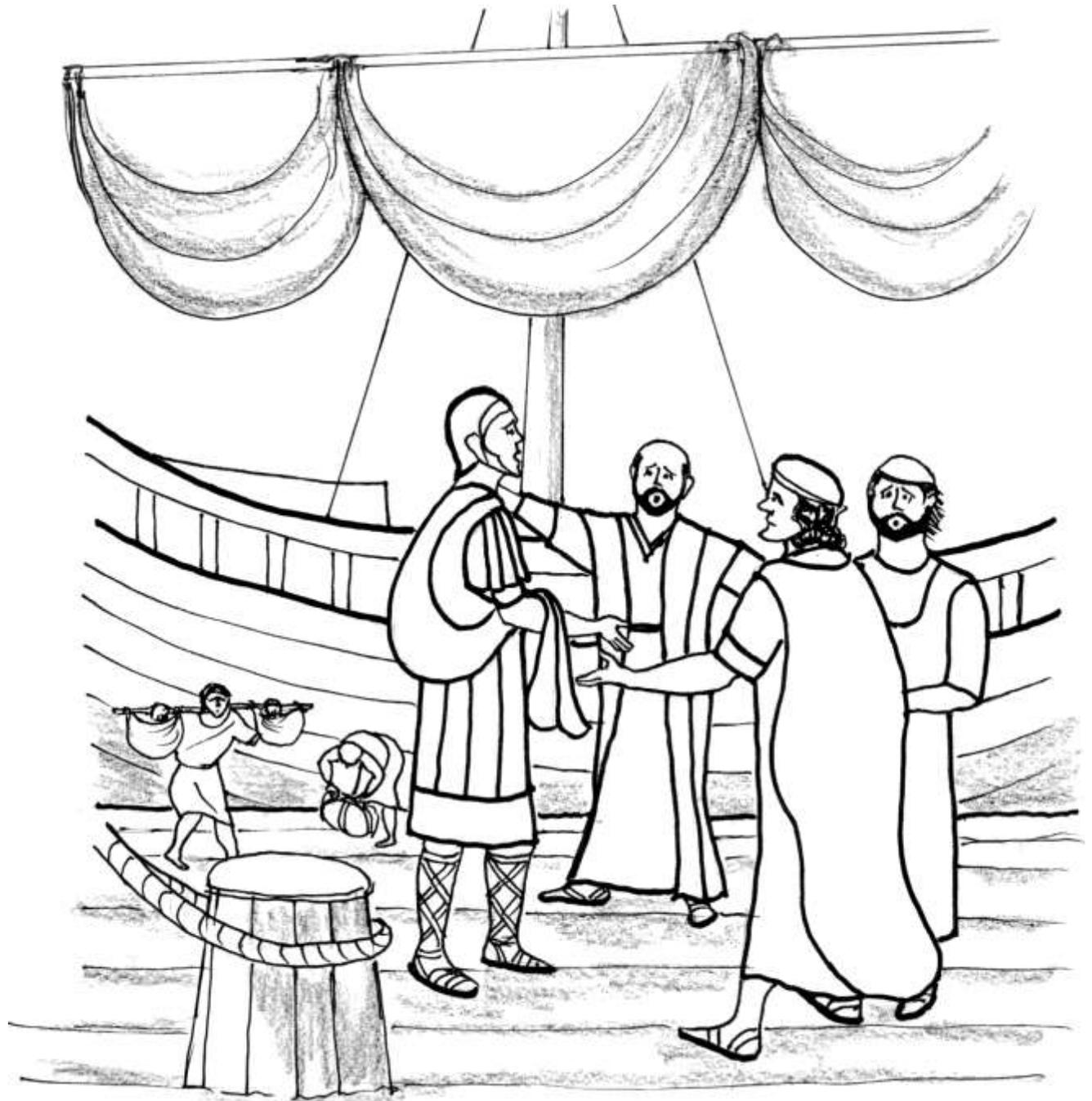
**Julius was kind to Paul and  
gave him some freedom.  
A couple of Paul's friends  
also travelled with him.**



**After they left Myra  
a strong wind blew  
against the ship.  
It was hard going,  
but they managed to get to  
Safe Harbour.  
It was winter time.**

**Paul said,  
'I see that there is  
danger ahead.  
If we sail on, the ship  
and everything on it  
will be lost,  
even our lives may be lost.'**

**The captain of the ship  
did not want to stay in  
Safe Harbour during winter.  
He wanted to go on  
to Phoenix.**



**Everyone else wanted  
to keep going.  
So they set sail.**

**Then suddenly  
a strong wind blew  
the ship along.  
The sailors tried to  
control the ship,  
but they could not.**

**The cargo was  
thrown overboard.  
Ropes were tied around  
the ship for support.  
The storm only got worse.**

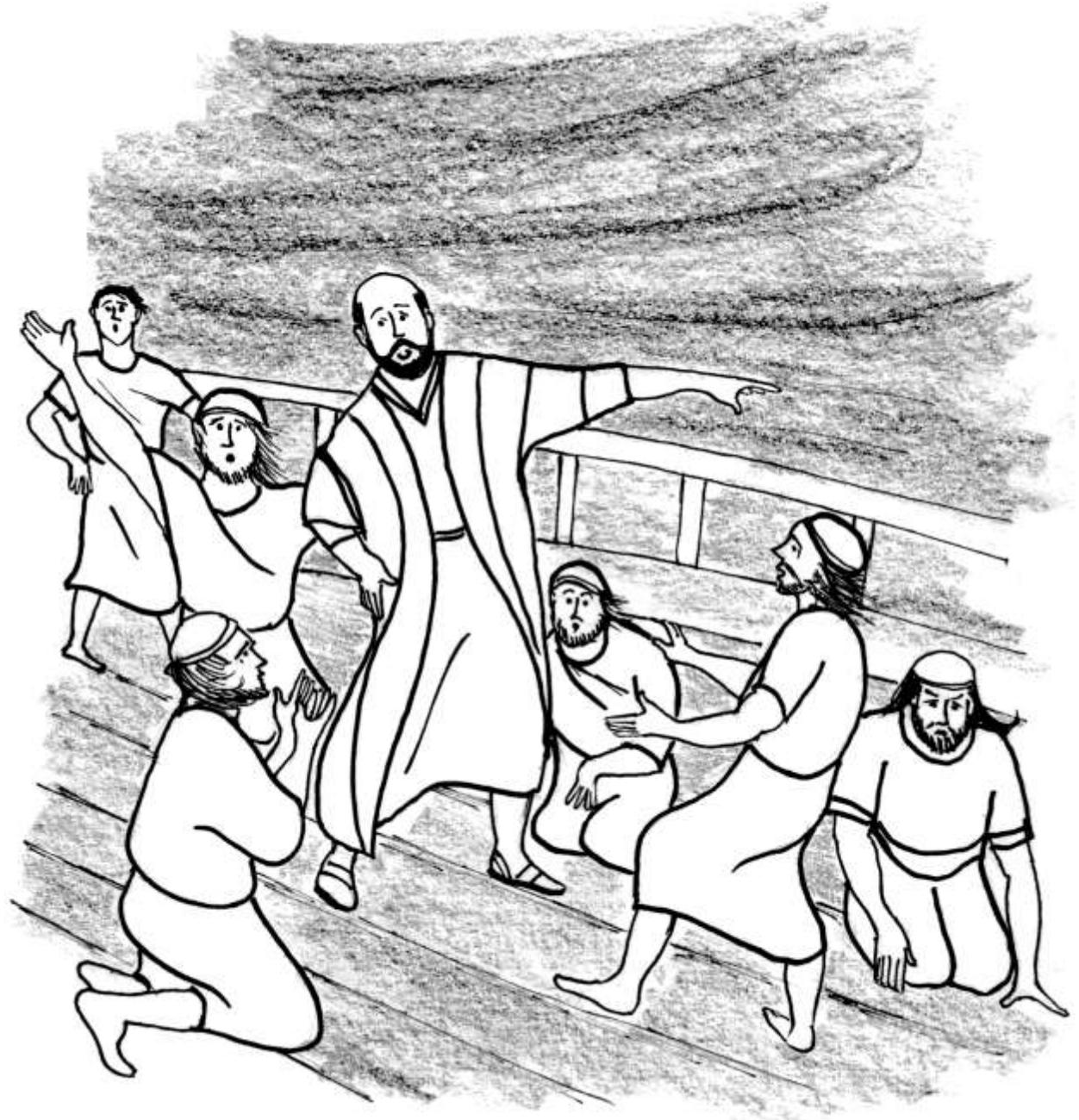
**It was dark.  
Neither the sun nor the stars  
could be seen.  
Everyone was frightened  
and thought they would die.  
No one wanted to eat.**



**Paul stood up and said,  
'Back in Crete I said  
that it was not safe to sail.  
If you had listened to me  
we would not be here.  
But, take courage.  
No one will die.  
Only the ship will be lost.**

**'Last night an  
angel of God came to me.  
God is the One I worship  
and belong to.  
He told me not to be afraid,  
for I am to stand before  
the emperor.  
God will save everyone  
who is on this ship with me.**

**'Do not be afraid.  
I have faith in God  
that He will do what He said.  
The boat is going to  
break up near an island.'**

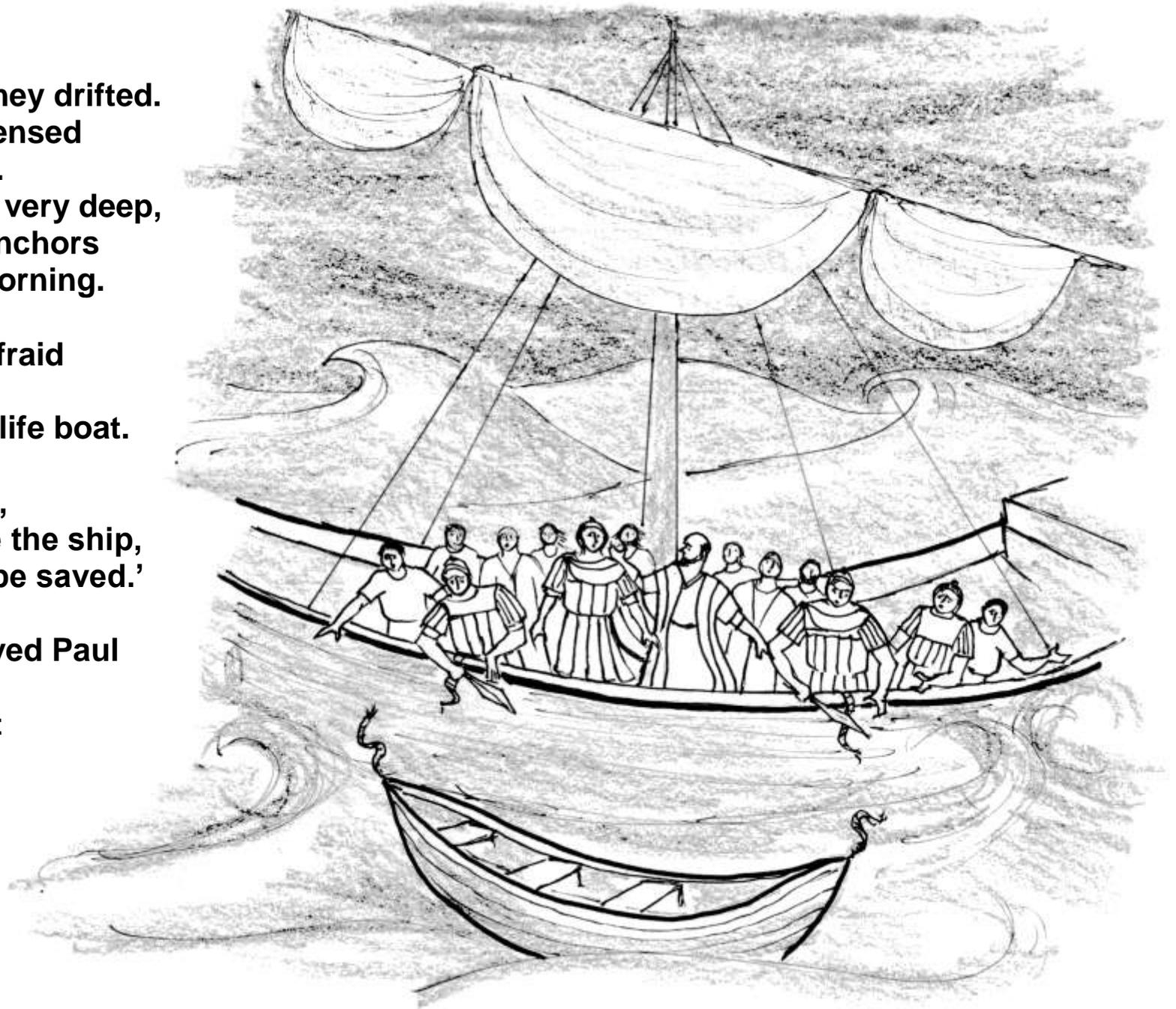


**For several days they drifted.  
Then the sailors sensed  
that land was near.  
The water was not very deep,  
so they dropped anchors  
and waited until morning.**

**The sailors were afraid  
and were about to  
sneak away in the life boat.**

**Paul said to Julius,  
'If these men leave the ship,  
your lives cannot be saved.'**

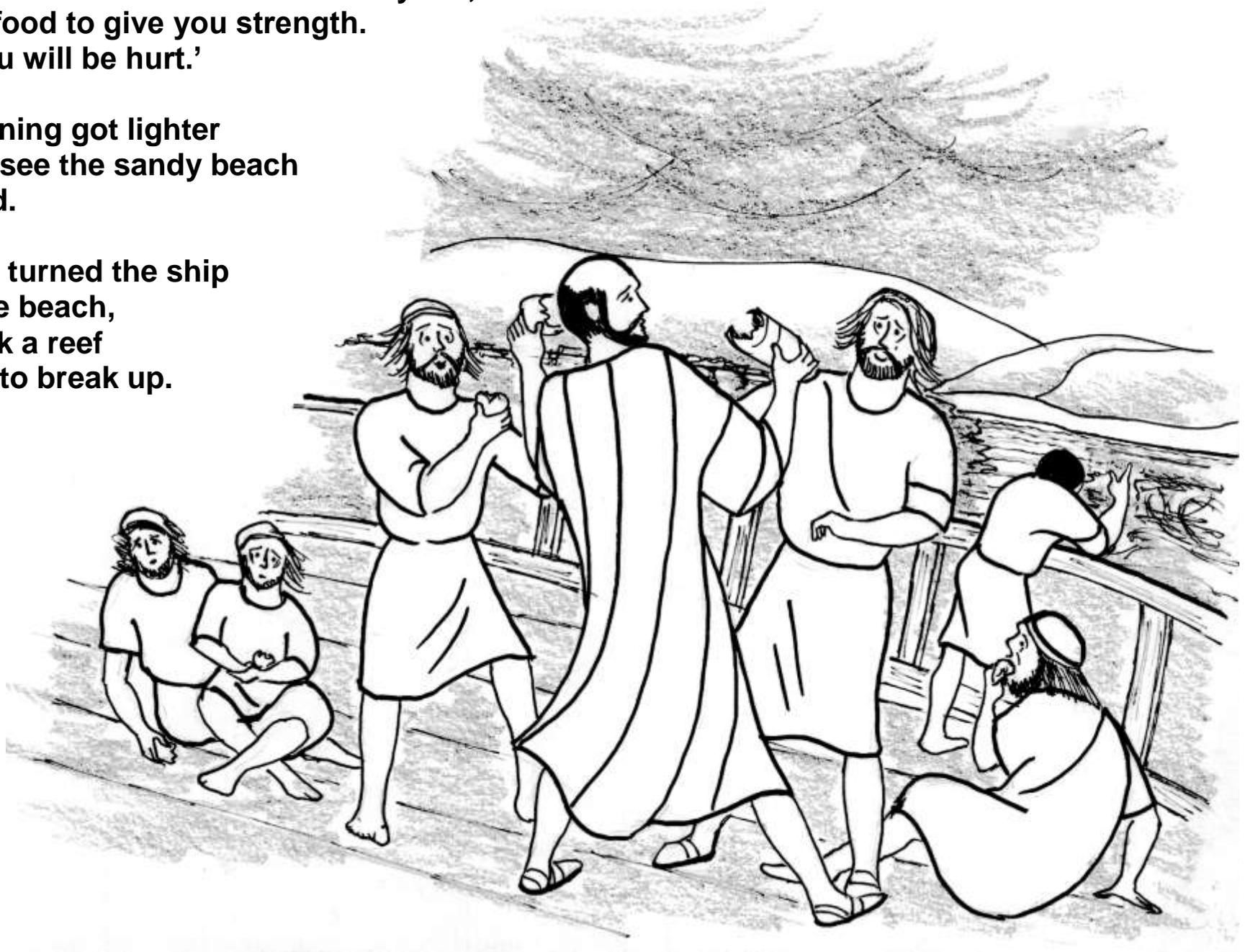
**The soldiers believed Paul  
and cut the ropes  
letting the life boat  
drift away.**



**It was still dark when Paul said to everyone,  
'Eat some food to give you strength.  
None of you will be hurt.'**

**As the morning got lighter  
they could see the sandy beach  
of an island.**

**The sailors turned the ship  
towards the beach,  
but it struck a reef  
and began to break up.**



**Julius said to everyone,  
'Those who can swim, swim to shore.  
Those who cannot swim,  
hold on to a piece of the ship  
and let it take you to land.'**

**God brought everyone  
safely to land  
and everything God  
told Paul came true.**

