

Bible Stories for Young Children

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PAUL IN MALTA AND ROME

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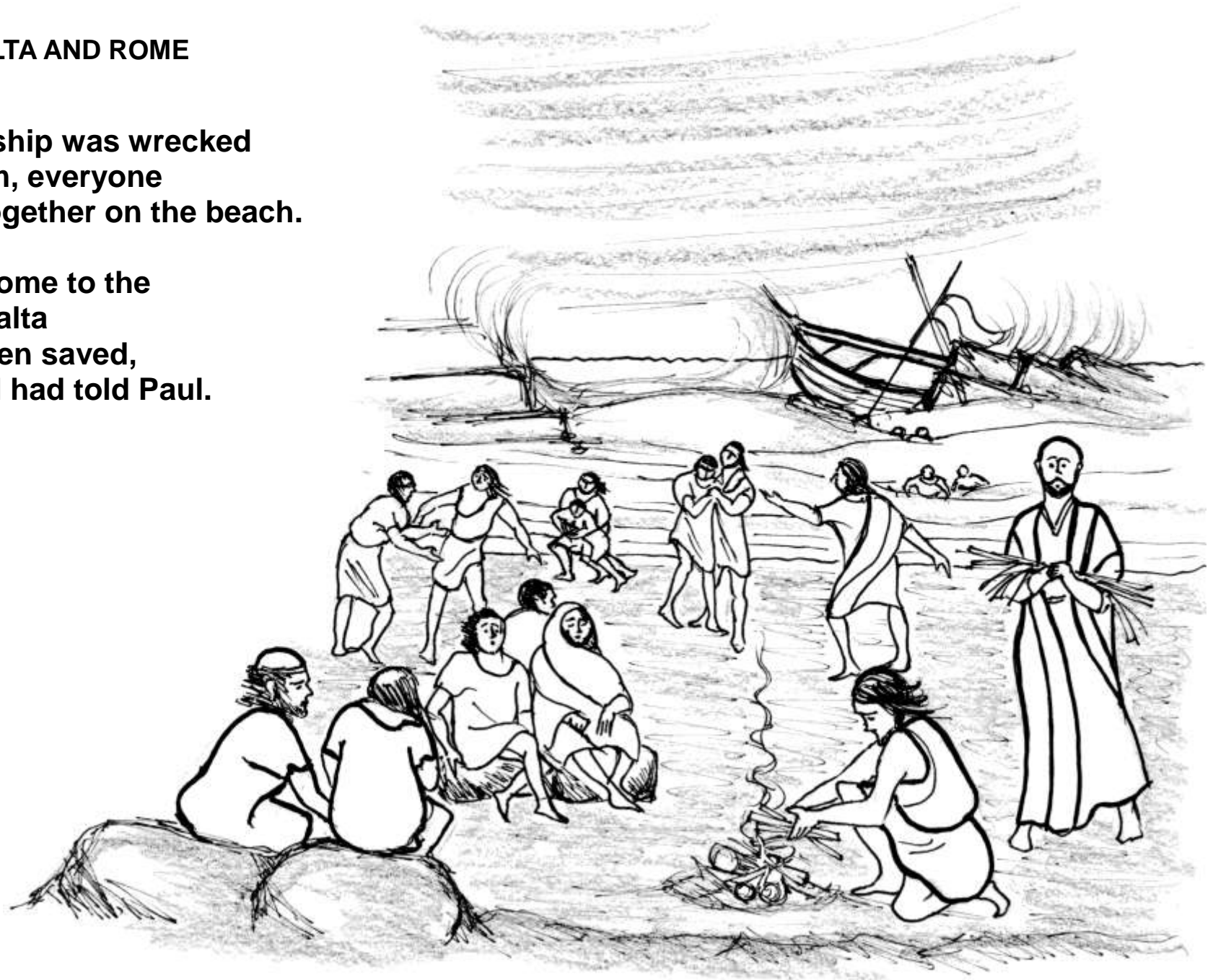
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ACTS 28:1–29
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**After their ship was wrecked
in the storm, everyone
gathered together on the beach.**

**They had come to the
island of Malta
and had been saved,
just as God had told Paul.**



**The people of Malta were very kind.
They made a big fire
to get everyone dry and warm.
Paul helped by gathering sticks.
As he was putting them
on the fire
a poisonous snake wriggled out
and bit him on the hand.**

**The islanders saw it
and thought,
'Paul must have done
something wrong.
Maybe he was a murderer.'**

**But Paul shook the snake off
into the fire and was not hurt.**

**God saved Paul
from the snakebite.**

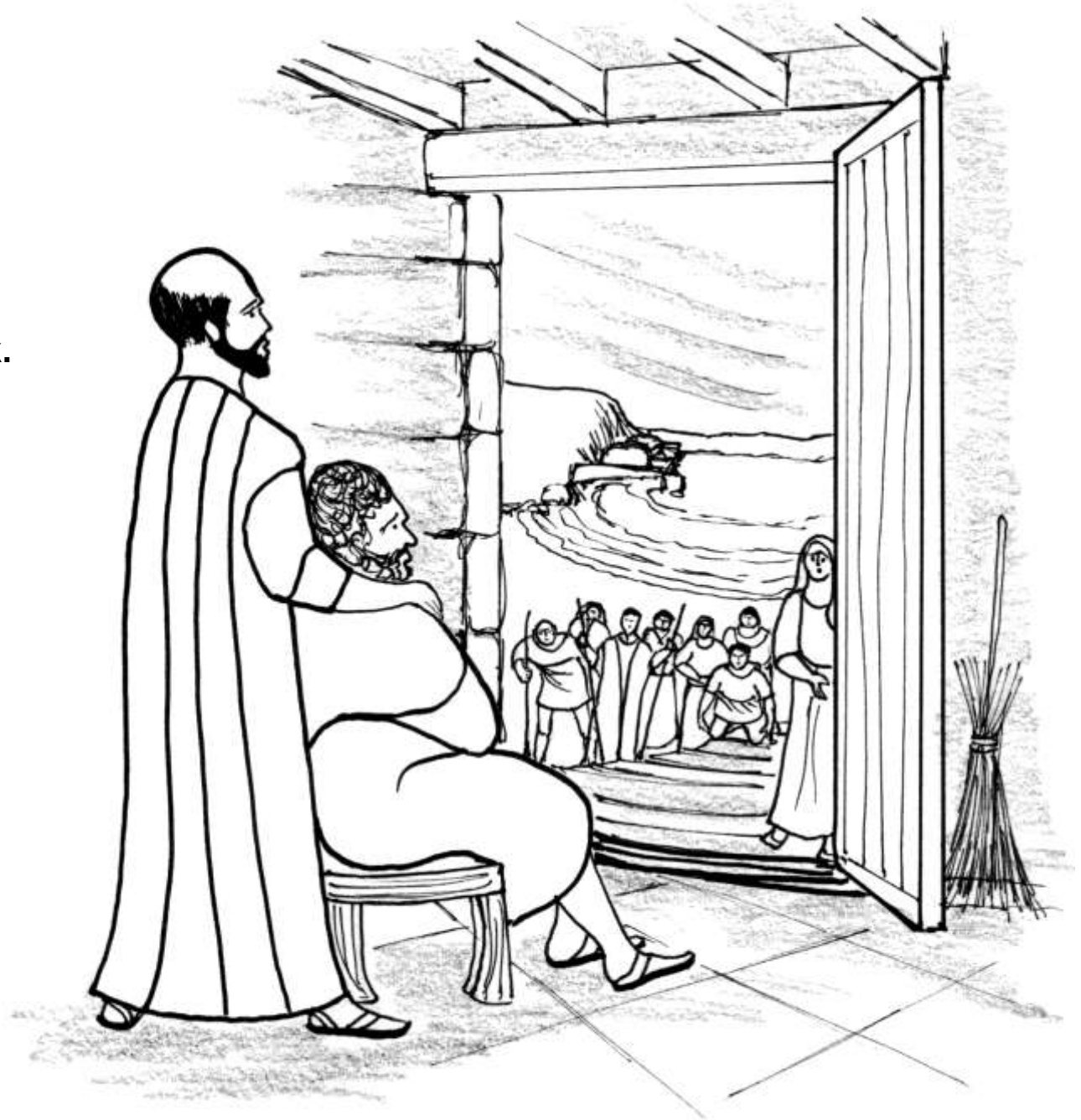
**The islanders did not know God
and when Paul did not die,
they changed their mind
and thought he must be a god.**



**Then Publius,
the headman of the island,
took Paul and his friends
to his home.
He looked after them
for a few days.**

**Paul heard that
Publius's father was very sick.
He prayed for him
and God healed him.**

**When the islanders
heard about this
all the sick people
came to Paul to be healed.**



**Three months went by and winter was over.
A ship was in port ready to go to Rome.**

**The islanders gave them food for
their journey and
Paul and the other prisoners
were taken onto the ship.**



**Paul arrived in Rome.
He was still a prisoner
but was allowed to live
in a house
with a soldier to guard him.**

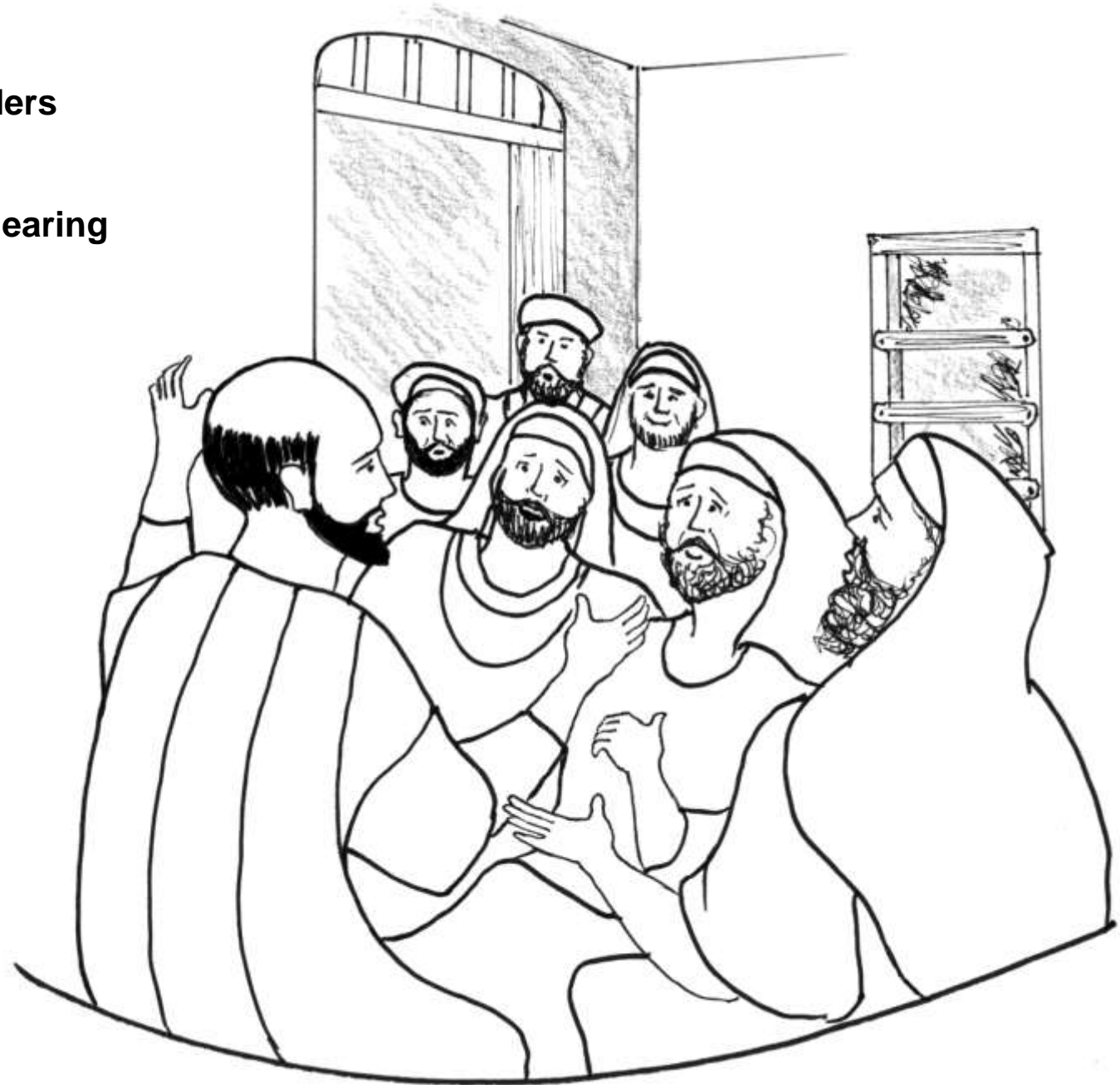
**Many believers heard that
Paul was in Rome
and came to see him.**

Paul thanked God for them.



**He asked the Jewish leaders
to come and see him.
Lots of them came.
They were interested in hearing
what Paul was teaching.**

**He taught them from
the scriptures
about God's kingdom,
and about Jesus,
the Messiah.
They listened carefully.
Some of them
believed in Jesus,
but others did not.**



**Paul stayed in Rome
for a long time.
He wrote lots of letters to churches
and these letters are in the Bible.**

**He told many people
about God's kingdom
and about the Lord Jesus Christ.**

