

Paul is Shipwrecked

This is a story about St Paul from Acts 27. Paul has been sent to Rome to go on trial before Caesar. The only crime he had committed was to talk about Jesus! Paul was so grateful to Jesus for turning his life around. He spent the rest of his life talking and writing about Jesus; in fact, he wrote 13 books! He also spent a lot of his time in prison and now he is off to Rome to be tried in front of Caesar all because he has been talking about Jesus.



God promised Paul that he would get safely to Rome even though he was in a terrible storm and then his ship was wrecked!

The story of Paul and the Shipwreck

Acts 27:1-44; 28:1-14.

For two years Paul was held prisoner in Caesaria. Then he and some other prisoners are put on a boat, and they start for Rome. When they pass near the island of Crete, a terrible storm hits them. The wind blows so hard the men can't steer the boat. And they can't see the sun during the day or the stars at night. Finally, after many days, those on board give up all hope of being saved.



Then Paul stands up and says:

"Not one of you will lose his life; only the boat will be lost. For last night an angel of God came to me and said, 'Don't be afraid, Paul! You must stand before the Roman ruler Caesar and God will save all those who are sailing with you.'"

About midnight on the 14th day after the storm began, the sailors notice that the water is becoming less deep! Because of fear of smashing into some rocks in the dark, they drop their anchors. The next morning, they see a bay. They decide to try to sail the boat right up onto the beach there.

Well, when they get closer to shore, the boat hits a sandbank and gets stuck. Then the waves begin to smash it, and the boat starts to break in pieces. The army officer in charge says:

"All of you who can swim jump into the sea first and swim ashore. The rest of you jump in after them, and grab some pieces from the boat to hold onto."

And that's what they do. In this way all 276 persons who were on the boat get to shore safely, just as the angel promised.

The island is called Malta. The people are very kind, and they take care of those from the boat. When the weather gets better, Paul is put on another boat and taken to Rome

We have a God who can be trusted and whatever is happening He will see us through. Paul believed that and so can we.

God has promised,

"I will never leave you; I will never run away from you."

(Hebrews 13:5)

... and Hebrews 10:23, tells us that

'We can trust God to do what he promised.'

Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you that you always keep your promises.

Thank you for the promise that you will never leave us or turn us away.

Amen

Links for the story of Paul's shipwreck

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJ2jfwioE14&t=1s> The story of Paul's Shipwreck

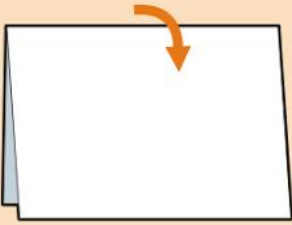
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U16uNUKNvVM&t=41s>

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Instructions on how to make a paper boat for Paul.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=esnS6NWg7_Q

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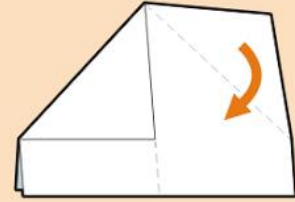
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Fold in half, top to bottom.

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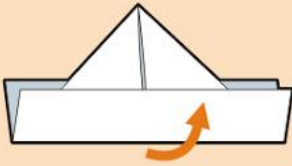
To find centre, fold in the
other direction and unfold.

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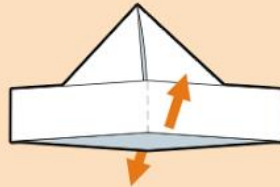
Fold corners down
using centre fold as a guide.

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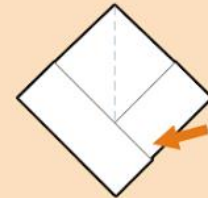
Fold flaps up on
both sides.

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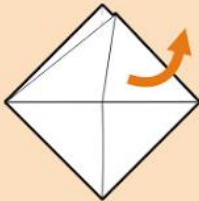
Put thumbs in middle
and open out...

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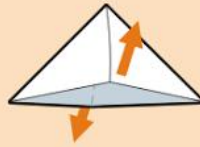
...until it makes a square.
Tuck corners of one flap
under the other.

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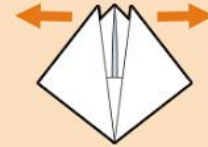
Fold up at both sides.

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Put thumbs in middle
and open out again...

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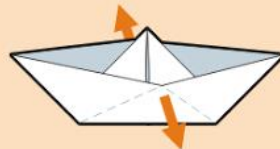
...until it makes a square.
Pull corners out...

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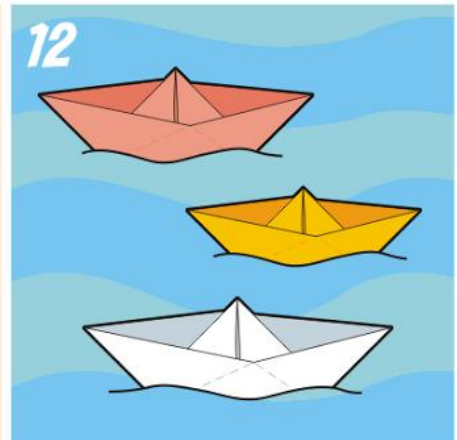
... and press flat.

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Open out to make boat shape.

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Pauls Shipwreck Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle.
The words can be right to left, up and down, or diagonally.

E N D R C A T S A F E T Y N E
S E A I A T B H E N I S M O D
S U M I R E N D R E S A T V E
A I S I G N S L L A W A C I D
N N T A O I Q A A T I E O I T
G T E M D D O R I R M P A U L
E U L L H A C O N L E Q S I S
L O N C E N T U R I O N T A N
D R E V E G E X E R I R I U R
L A O R E E O L O R S I S E R
S E W E U R I F A I T H M V E
L A I Q U O T N O N S E C T E
T U N D O U O R E S H I P Q U
Z R D G A S I T E U F E T V U
L A S R E R S M O L B E A C H

ANGEL
BEACH
CARGO
CENTURION

COAST
DANGEROUS
FAITH
PAUL

SAFETY
SAILORS
SEA
SHIP

SWIM
WINDS



Paul's Shipwreck Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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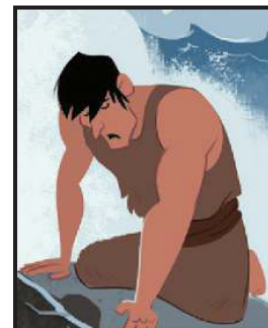
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Clue: What did Paul have?

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