

Here is a simple guide to help your family pray together.



Pray for **FAMILY MEMBERS.**



Pray for your **NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.**



Pray for **OUR CHURCH.**



Pray for **OUR MISSIONARIES.**



Pray for **PEOPLE WE KNOW WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS.**



Pray for **OUR GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS.**



Pray for **OTHER CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD**—especially those who are treated badly because they are followers of Jesus.

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**Today's Big Idea**

Paul Before Rulers  
Acts 24:22–27; 25:1–14; 26:24–32



**The Main Point**

Paul preached about Jesus to governors and kings.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ Paul preached about Jesus to governors and kings.
- ▶ Paul was unafraid to share the Gospel with anyone.
- ▶ The rulers were convinced Paul had done nothing deserving of jail.
- ▶ Paul asked to see Caesar, and so remained in jail until he could.

**TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION**

God had chosen Paul to take the Gospel to Gentiles, kings, and the Israelites. (Acts 9:15–16) Paul met with people again and again to tell the Good News about Jesus. He wanted everyone to believe that Jesus is Lord. Because Jesus has the power to save people from sin, Paul was willing to do whatever it took to share the Gospel.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

*Open your Bible to Acts 27:13–44; 28:11–16 and read together as a family about when God protected Paul in a shipwreck. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.*

Paul was a prisoner in Caesarea. He had asked to see Caesar about his case, so Paul got on a ship with other prisoners going to Rome. The journey was difficult. Strong winds and rain tossed the ship. All the people on the ship were afraid they would die.

One night, God sent an angel to Paul. The angel told Paul to not be afraid. God would save the lives of everyone on the ship. Paul told everyone on board what God had said.

When the ship got close to an island, the ship struck a sandbar and stopped. The waves crashed into the ship, and it began to break into pieces. An army officer ordered everyone to swim for shore. Those who could not swim clung to the planks and pieces of the ship. They all made it safely to shore. Paul was right; God saved all of their lives.

Three months later, Paul got onto another ship and sailed to Rome. Paul was still a prisoner, but instead of going to jail, Paul was allowed to live by himself in a house. A soldier stayed with him to guard him. People came to Paul’s house and listened to him speak about the kingdom of God and about Jesus. Some of the people believed and followed Jesus.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Who do you think was more afraid in the storm, Paul or the sailors? Why?
- ▶ How did God use the shipwreck for good?
- ▶ What are some hard things in your life that God can use?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Find instructions online to make paper boats. Take your kids to a lake or pond to sail them.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

Paul trusted God to keep His promise to rescue them from the storm. He encouraged the sailors to trust and obey God too. God calls us to trust in His Son, Jesus, who died to rescue us from sin and death, and to tell others this Good News.

## BIBLE READING THROUGH THE WEEK

Take time this week to read the Bible together as a family. Breakfast, dinner, or bedtime—you choose when and where.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Acts 27:13–20	Acts 27:21–32	Acts 27:33–38	Acts 27:39–44	Acts 28:11–16

As you read, ask these questions:

- ▶ What is God teaching us?
- ▶ What does this show us about who God is?
- ▶ What do we need to ask God’s help for to change?
- ▶ How would you share this with a friend?

## UNIT MEMORY VERSE

When I am afraid, I will trust in You. —Psalm 56:3