

In God's Big Story

Paul—who was eager to share the good news of Jesus with the Roman emperor, Caesar—was imprisoned and taken onto a ship sailing toward Rome. Miraculously, all passengers survive a catastrophic shipwreck.

Wonder Truth: The Holy Spirit Gives Us Courage

Scripture: Acts 27–28



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PAUL'S SHIPWRECK

ELEMENTARY VIDEO
EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO

WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What is one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?
- How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?

WORD OF WONDER



Work together this week on memorizing this verse!

ELEMENTARY:

Don't live the way this world lives. Let your way of thinking be completely changed. Then you will be able to test what God wants for you. And you will agree that what he wants is right. His plan is good and pleasing and perfect.

—Romans 12:2 (NIrV)

EARLY CHILDHOOD:

Don't copy the ways of the world. Let God transform you.

—from Romans 12:2

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Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

- Jesus met Paul in a miraculous way on the road to Damascus. How has Jesus met you in a special way?
- How has the Holy Spirit started to change the way you think, speak, or act?
- How would you like the Holy Spirit to help change you in the future?
- What's one thing we can pray for the Holy Spirit to help us with today?





Time for a little unsynchronized swimming! Our Bible friend, Paul, was in a shipwreck and lots of people on the sinking ship swam to safety. Paul wasn't worried because the Holy Spirit gave him courage—just like the Holy Spirit will give your family courage too!

As a family, you'll now practice some familiar swimming strokes—and make up a few new ones too.

Gather together at one end of a hallway or on a driveway. Then, as a family, demonstrate your finest form doing the following strokes as you "swim" from one end of the hallway or driveway to the other end. Here are some ideas: breaststroke, backstroke, front crawl, butterfly, snaky slither, dog paddle, goose flap, shark slide, and face-up floater.

Five points if your swimming makes your family laugh. Ten points for recording your swimming technique and viewing it as a family. *Ten thousand* extra points if a grown-up posts the video on a family social media site and invites comments!





Your family will take turns walking across a room toward a blank wall. Walkers will close their eyes (no peeking!), lean forward, put their hands behind their backs, and walk toward the wall. The goal is to get as close to the wall as possible without opening eyes or bumping your nose on it.

Family members will warn the walker when it's time to slow down so noses need not be bent! When you've finished walking, talk about this:

- How did you feel when you were walking and you thought you were near the wall?
- What was helpful as you tried to not bump your nose against the wall?

When someone who loves us and wants what's best for us is helping us, it's easier to be courageous. That's why we can be courageous when the Holy Spirit is in our lives!

