



Shipwrecked: 4-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum

💡 Big Idea: When life feels stormy or stuck, God is with us. He protects, leads, speaks, and even uses unexpected people to bring help.

📖 Memory Verse: Psalm 46:1 — “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

🔍 Theme Hook: A playful island survival game-show spoof. Each week kids tackle “challenges,” open a weathered field file for the Bible story, and finish with a kind, positive Rescue Council—voting which fictional castaway receives a supply crate or encouragement (never voting real kids “off”). Optional team bandanas/leis and island décor amplify the fun.

✝️ Gospel Connection: Jesus rescued us through His death and resurrection; now He is with us in every storm. We practice trusting Him, praising Him first, listening for His voice, and helping others.

4-Week Lesson Overview

Week 1 – Castaway Island

- Bible Story: : Paul and the Snake Island (Acts 28:1–10)
- Key Discovery: God protects and heals—and He calls us to show kindness.
- Takeaway: I can always: Trust God’s care and bless others.

Week 2 – Stranded and Singing

- Bible Story: Jehoshaphat’s Wild War (2 Chronicles 20)
- Key Discovery: Praise God first—He fights our battles.
- Takeaway: I can always: Pray and praise before I panic.

Week 3 – Lost but Not Alone

- Bible Story: Elijah’s Burnout in the Cave (Father’s Day) (1 Kings 19)
- Key Discovery: God meets us in quiet whispers and gives what we need.
- Takeaway: I can always: Slow down, listen for God, and receive His strength.

Week 4 – Waves and Warnings

- Bible Story: Paul’s Shipwreck with Julius (Acts 27–28)
- Key Discovery: God keeps His promises and works through surprising helpers.
- Takeaway: I can always: Stay together, follow God’s guidance, and help others.



Psalm 46:1 NIV

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strength, an ever-present
help in trouble.



Week 1 – Castaway Island

- Bible Story: Paul on Malta (Acts 28:1–10)
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Week 1 – Supply List

Group Game – Tropical Supply Hunt

- 10–12 paper “supply cards” labeled: FOOD, WATER, FAITH, FRIENDS, HOPE, PRAYER, GOD’S WORD, KINDNESS, LOVE, COURAGE
- small bucket, box, or beach bag labeled “Survival Kit”
- upbeat tropical music

Object Lesson – The First-Aid Kit

- small first-aid kit (real or pretend)
- visible items: bandage, wipes, ointment, small cross or paper heart
- optional: gloves or toy stethoscope

Bible Story Teaching

- Bible

Word Search & Coloring Page

- printed word-search handouts (provided below, 1 per child)
- printed coloring page (provided below, 1 per child)
- crayons or colored pencils

Craft – Island Survival Badge

- white or colored paper (1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- scissors (optional – pre-cut circles for younger kids)
- safety pins or tape (to wear badge)



Introduction Game (5 minutes)

Tropical Supply Hunt

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- optional: small bucket, box, or beach bag labeled “Survival Kit”

TEACHER: Islanders, today’s island challenge is called The Tropical Supply Hunt! Just like Paul and his friends found help and kindness on an island after the shipwreck, we’re going to look for the things God gives us to help us survive life’s storms.

Setup

1. Hide the paper supply cards around the room before class.
2. Place the empty “Survival Kit” at the front of the room.

How To Play

1. Say: “When I shout ‘*Shipwrecked!*’ you’ll begin searching for God’s survival supplies!”
2. Kids find one card at a time and bring it back to the Survival Kit.
3. Once all cards are found, gather everyone around the bag and read each word aloud.

Debrief: God always provides what we need. He gives us friends, hope, and courage to help others—just like Paul did on Castaway Island.



Object Lesson (5 minutes)

The First-Aid Kit

Supplies Needed

- a small first-aid kit (real or pretend)
- a few visible items:
 - bandage (represents protection)
 - antibiotic ointment or wipes (represents healing)
 - small cross or paper heart (represents God's love)
- optional: plastic gloves or a toy stethoscope for fun

TEACHER: Islanders, when Paul was shipwrecked on the island, God didn't just keep him safe—He helped Paul care for others too. Let's see what a first-aid kit can teach us about God's kindness.

Hold up the kit.

This is a first-aid kit. It helps us when we're hurt or sick. Did you know that God has His own kind of 'first-aid kit' for our hearts?

Hold up the bandage.

Bandages protect our wounds while they heal. God protects us too—He wraps us in His care when we're scared or hurting.

Hold up the ointment or wipes.

These help clean a wound so it can get better. God heals our hearts with His love and forgiveness.



Hold up the heart or cross.

This reminds us that Jesus is the greatest healer. He fixes our relationship with God and helps us show kindness to others. When Paul was shipwrecked, God used him to heal people and show kindness. We can be part of God's healing plan too when we care for others.

Main point: God protects and heals—and He calls us to show kindness to others.

Debrief: Even in hard times, God gives us what we need to help others. His love is the best medicine for every heart.



Bible Story (15 minutes)

Week 1 - Paul on Malta

TEACHER: Islanders, imagine being shipwrecked—your boat breaks apart, you swim to shore, and everything is cold and rainy. That’s what happened to Paul! But even there, God was with him. Let’s open our “field file” and see how God protected Paul and helped him show kindness.

After Paul’s shipwreck, everyone reached the island of Malta safely. The islanders didn’t even know Paul, but they showed kindness and helped the tired travelers. God used Paul to heal people and show that His power is real—even far from home.

READ (NIV): Acts 28:1–2

“Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold.”

The islanders didn’t know Paul, but they helped anyway. Their kindness showed God’s love in action!

READ (NIV): Acts 28:3–5

“Paul gathered a pile of brushwood, and as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand... But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects.”

When the snake bit Paul, everyone thought he would die—but God protected him! Paul didn’t panic; he trusted God to take care of him.

READ (NIV): Acts 28:8–9

“His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever and dysentery. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured.”

Paul didn't just receive kindness—he gave it too! God used him to heal and bless others. The people saw God's power and believed in His goodness.

Summary: Even though Paul was shipwrecked, he wasn't alone. God was protecting him, providing help, and using him to care for others.

Say together: God protects and heals—and He calls us to show kindness.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: God sent Jesus to rescue us when we were stuck in sin. Just like Paul trusted God on the island, we can trust Jesus to protect and save us. He's our helper in every storm!



Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

TEACHER: Islanders, Paul's story reminds us that God protects us and helps us care for others. Even when life feels stormy or confusing, God is still with us—ready to help and heal.

Discussion Questions

1. How did the islanders show kindness to Paul and his friends after the shipwreck?
2. What happened when the snake bit Paul? How did God protect him?
3. How can you show God's kindness to someone who needs help this week?

PRAYER: *God, thank You for being with us in every storm. Thank You for protecting Paul and using him to show kindness to others. Help us to trust Your care and to share Your love with people around us. Give us courage to help others, even when life feels tough. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



Paul on Malta (Acts 28:1-10)



Word Search Puzzle

ACTS – BLESS – FIRE – FRIENDS – GOD – HEAL

ISLAND – KINDNESS – MALTA – PAUL – PROTECT – SNAKE – TRUST

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



Word Search Answers

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



Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

Island Survival Badge

Supplies Needed

- white or colored paper (1 sheet per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- scissors (optional – pre-cut circles for younger kids)
- safety pins or tape (to wear the badge)



TEACHER: Islanders, today we learned that God protects and heals—and He calls us to show kindness! Just like Paul helped people on the island, we can help others too. We’re going to make Island Survival Badges to remind us that we’re on God’s rescue team.

1. Give each child a circle cut from paper.
2. At the top, have them write: God Protects and Heals.
3. In the center, draw an island scene—palm trees, sunshine, maybe a little fire for warmth.
4. Around the edge, add words or pictures that show kindness: *help, share, pray, smile.*
5. When finished, tape or pin the badge to each child’s shirt.
6. Say together: I can always trust God’s care and bless others!

Debrief: When we show kindness and trust God like Paul, we become helpers in His rescue plan—no matter what storm we face.



Week 2 — Stranded and Singing

- Bible Story: Jehoshaphat's Wild War (2 Chronicles 20)
- Key Discovery: Praise God first—He fights our battles.
- Takeaway: I can always pray and praise before I panic.

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Week 2 – Supply List

Group Game – Battle Song Freeze

- upbeat worship or tropical-style praise music
- open space for movement
- optional rhythm shakers or small drums

Object Lesson – The Spinning Storm

- empty plastic bottle or small desk fan
- optional bowl or container (if using water bottle)
- Bible (for Psalm 46:1)

Bible Story Teaching

- Bible

Word Search & Coloring Page

- printed word-search handouts (provided below, 1 per child)
- printed coloring page (provided below, 1 per child)
- crayons or colored pencils

Craft – Victory Flag

- paper rectangles (white or colored – 1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- craft sticks, straws, or pencils (for flagpoles)
- tape or glue



Introduction Game (5 minutes)

Battle Song Freeze

Supplies Needed

- upbeat worship song or tropical-style praise music
- open space for dancing or marching
- optional: rhythm shakers or small drums

TEACHER: Islanders, today's challenge reminds us of what King Jehoshaphat's army did—they praised God *before* the battle even began! Let's practice praising first with our Battle Song Freeze!

Setup

1. Have everyone spread out in an open space.
2. Explain that when the music is playing, they can dance, jump, or march in place to celebrate God.
3. When the music stops, they must freeze and shout: "Praise first!"

How To Play

1. Play the music and let kids move joyfully.
2. Stop the music suddenly. Everyone freezes and shouts, "Praise first!"
3. Restart the music and play several rounds, adding fun challenges each time (like "freeze with your hands up," or "freeze in a silly praise pose").

Debrief: When we praise before we panic, we remember that God is in control and fights for us. Praise is powerful!



Object Lesson (5 minutes)

Supplies Needed

- empty plastic bottle or small desk fan
- optional bowl or container to set it in (if using a bottle of water)
- Bible (for reading the key verse: Psalm 46:1)

TEACHER: Islanders, storms can feel scary—especially when everything seems out of control. King Jehoshaphat and his people faced a huge “storm” when an army came against them. But instead of panicking, they praised God first!

Let’s see what that looks like.

1. Hold up the bottle and spin it quickly (or turn on the small fan).
“This spinning storm reminds us of how our hearts can feel—fast, worried, and noisy.”
2. Let it spin for a moment, then gently stop it with your hand.
“When we stop and praise God, He brings peace to the storm. Worship reminds us that God is strong and in control.”
3. Read **Psalm 46:1** — *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”*
4. Say: “Jehoshaphat’s army sang before the battle, and God fought for them! Praise helped them remember who God is.”

Main point: Praise calms our fears and helps us trust God instead of panicking.

Debrief: When life feels stormy, we can choose to sing and pray first—because God always fights for His people.



Bible Story (15 minutes)

Week 2 – Jehoshaphat’s Wild War

TEACHER: Islanders, imagine you’re stranded on an island, and a giant storm is coming. You don’t have weapons or a boat—just a drum and your voice. What would you do? That’s what King Jehoshaphat and God’s people faced in today’s Bible story.

Jehoshaphat was a good king who loved God, but one day, he got some terrible news: three enemy armies were coming to attack! Instead of panicking, he gathered everyone to pray and praise God together.

READ (NIV): 2 Chronicles 20:3–4

“Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord.”

When trouble came, Jehoshaphat didn’t run away—he stopped and prayed. Everyone joined him to ask for God’s help.

READ (NIV): 2 Chronicles 20:21

“After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise Him for the splendor of His holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: ‘Give thanks to the Lord, for His love endures forever.’”

Instead of swords, God’s people carried songs! The choir led the army into battle singing praises. That’s how much they trusted God to fight for them.



READ (NIV): 2 Chronicles 20:22–23

“As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.”

When the people started singing, God worked a miracle—the enemy armies became confused and turned against each other! God gave His people victory without them even having to fight.

Summary: Jehoshaphat’s people won the battle by praising first. God wants us to do the same—trust Him and worship instead of worrying.

Say together: Praise God first—He fights our battles!

GOSPEL CONNECTION: When Jesus faced the greatest “battle” on the cross, He trusted God completely. Because of His victory, we can face our problems with faith instead of fear. Jesus gives us peace and courage in every storm.



Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

TEACHER: Islanders, when King Jehoshaphat faced trouble, he didn't panic—he prayed and praised God first. That's our big clue this week: praise comes before victory. When we remember who God is, our hearts grow brave and calm.

Discussion Questions

1. What did King Jehoshaphat do first when he heard the enemy armies were coming?
2. Why do you think the singers went in front of the army instead of the soldiers?
3. What's something you can do to praise God when you feel worried or scared?

PRAYER: God, thank You for fighting our battles when we feel afraid. Thank You for reminding us that praise is powerful and that You're always with us. Help us to sing, pray, and trust You before we panic. Fill our hearts with joy and courage like Jehoshaphat's people had. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Jehoshaphat's Victory (2 Chronicles 20)



Word Search Puzzle

ARMY – BATTLE – FAITH – GOD – HELP – JEHOSHAPHAT

JUDAH – PRAISE – PRAY – SING – STORM – TRUST – VICTORY

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



Word Search Answers

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



Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

Victory Flag

Supplies Needed

- paper rectangles (white or colored – 1 per child)
- crayons or washable markers
- craft sticks, straws, or pencils (for flagpoles)
- tape or glue

TEACHER: Islanders, when King Jehoshaphat’s army faced danger, they didn’t raise swords—they raised songs of praise! Today we’re going to make Victory Flags to remind us that praising God is our way of showing courage and faith.

1. Give each child a paper rectangle and a craft stick.
2. Have them tape or glue one short side of the paper to the stick to make a flag.
3. On the flag, write one of these phrases (or make up your own):
 - *“Praise Before Panic!”*
 - *“God Fights My Battles!”*
 - *“Victory Belongs to God!”*
4. Decorate with bright colors, waves, hearts, lightning bolts, and musical notes.

Say together: Praise God first—He fights our battles!

Debrief: Every time we praise God, we lift our “victory flag.” He’s stronger than any storm, and He always keeps His promises.





Week 3 — Lost but Not Alone

- Bible Story: Elijah's Burnout in the Cave (Father's Day) (1 Kings 19)
- Key Discovery: God meets us in quiet whispers and gives what we need.
- Takeaway: I can always slow down, listen for God, and receive His strength.

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Week 3 – Supply List

Group Game – Find the Shelter

- 2–3 large sheets, blankets, or play tents (to use as shelters)
- upbeat music for movement
- optional: paper raindrops or tissue “wind” pieces

Object Lesson – The Heavy Backpack

- 1 backpack
- several heavy items (books, water bottles, toys, etc.)
- optional paper slips labeled “worry,” “fear,” “tired,” “busy”

Bible Story Teaching

- Bible

Word Search & Coloring Page

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- crayons or colored pencils

Craft – Whisper Wind Chime

- paper (white or colored – 1 sheet per child)
- scissors (optional – pre-cut for younger kids)
- yarn or string (about 12 inches per strip)
- tape or glue
- crayons or washable markers
- optional: hole punch



Introduction Game (5 minutes)

Find the Shelter

Supplies Needed

- 2–3 large sheets, blankets, or play tents (to use as shelters)
- upbeat music for movement
- optional: small paper rain drops or tissue “wind” pieces for effect

TEACHER: Islanders, in today’s story, Elijah was tired, afraid, and hiding in a cave—but God met him there and gave him strength. Our game is called Find the Shelter, because when life feels stormy, God is our safe place!

Setup

1. Spread out your “shelters” (blankets, tents, or sheets draped over chairs) around the room.
2. Explain that when you say “STORM!”, everyone must run to find a shelter to hide under.
3. When you say “SUNSHINE!”, everyone comes back out to dance and play again.

How To Play

1. Play upbeat island-style music.
2. Call out “STORM!”—kids rush to a shelter.
3. After a few seconds, say “SUNSHINE!”—kids return to dancing.
4. Repeat several rounds, each one a little shorter or faster.



TEACHER: When Elijah was scared, God gave him a safe place to rest. But God didn't just protect him—He spoke to him in a gentle whisper.

Debrief: Even when life feels stormy or lonely, God is our shelter. He keeps us safe and gives us peace when we stop and listen to His voice.



Object Lesson (5 minutes)

The Heavy Backpack

Supplies Needed

- 1 backpack
- several heavy items (books, water bottles, toys, etc.)
- optional: paper slips labeled “worry,” “fear,” “tired,” “sad,” “busy”

TEACHER: Islanders, sometimes life feels really heavy—like we’re carrying a huge backpack full of worries! Elijah felt that way too. He was tired, scared, and thought he was all alone. But God didn’t yell at him—He gave him rest, food, and a gentle whisper to remind him, “*You’re not alone.*”

Hold up the backpack.

This backpack represents the things that weigh us down—our worries, fears, or problems.

Add items one at a time, naming each one (“This is fear,” “This is stress,” “This is being too busy”). Have a child come up and try to carry the backpack.

It’s heavy, right? Elijah felt like this too—tired and worn out.

Now, take out one item at a time while saying:

When we talk to God, rest in Him, and listen for His voice, He lifts our burdens.

When the backpack is light, have the child put it on again.

TEACHER: When life feels heavy, we can slow down, pray, and rest. God never leaves us alone—He helps us stand strong again.



Bible Story (15 minutes)

Week 3 – Elijah’s Burnout in the Cave

TEACHER: Islanders, have you ever felt worn out, sad, or like you just wanted to hide? That’s how the prophet Elijah felt in today’s story. But even when he ran away, God never left him. God gave him rest, food, and comfort—and spoke in a gentle whisper.

Elijah was one of God’s prophets who had done big, brave things. But after a dangerous mission, he became scared and tired. He ran into the wilderness and hid in a cave, feeling alone and hopeless. That’s when God showed him something amazing—He wasn’t far away at all.

READ (NIV): 1 Kings 19:3–4

“Elijah was afraid and ran for his life... He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. ‘I have had enough, Lord,’ he said.”

Elijah was exhausted and thought he couldn’t go on. But God sent an angel to bring him food and water so he could rest.

READ (NIV): 1 Kings 19:11–12

“Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart... but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.”



God didn't speak through loud or scary things—He spoke softly. Sometimes, we need to slow down and be quiet to hear Him.

READ (NIV): 1 Kings 19:13–15 (Summary)

Elijah came out of the cave, and God told him what to do next. He reminded Elijah that He still had a plan and that Elijah wasn't alone.

God gave Elijah a new mission and reminded him that there were still others who loved Him. God's whisper brought peace and strength back to Elijah's heart.

Summary: Even when Elijah felt completely alone, God met him in the quiet. He gave him food, rest, and purpose again.

Say together: God meets us in quiet whispers and gives what we need.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: When we feel worn out or lonely, Jesus meets us too. He gives us peace, strength, and hope. Just like God comforted Elijah, Jesus comforts us and helps us keep going.



Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

TEACHER: Islanders, Elijah's story shows us that even the strongest people need rest and quiet time with God. When we feel tired or afraid, God doesn't shout—He speaks gently and gives us strength.

Discussion Questions

1. How did God take care of Elijah when he felt tired and afraid?
2. Why do you think God spoke in a whisper instead of something loud like wind or fire?
3. What helps you feel close to God when life feels hard or noisy?

PRAYER: God, thank You for always being with us, even when we feel tired or alone. Thank You for speaking to us in quiet, peaceful ways. Help us to rest in You, listen for Your voice, and remember that You give us the strength we need every day.
In Jesus' name, Amen.



Elijah Hears God's Whisper (1 Kings 19)



Word Search Puzzle

ANGEL – CAVE – EARTHQUAKE – ELIJAH – FIRE – GOD

HELP – LISTEN – QUIET – REST – STRENGTH – TRUST – WHISPER

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



Word Search Answers

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



Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

Whisper Wind Chime

Supplies Needed

- paper (white or colored – 1 sheet per child)
- scissors (optional – pre-cut for younger kids)
- yarn or string (about 12 inches per strip)
- tape or glue
- crayons or washable markers
- hole punch (optional)



TEACHER: Islanders, God spoke to Elijah in a gentle whisper.

Today, we're going to make Whisper Wind Chimes to remind us that God's voice brings peace and strength when we listen.

1. Give each child a half sheet of paper to cut (or tear) into 4–5 long strips.
2. On each strip, have them write a word – like *REST*, *HOPE*, *TRUST*, etc.
3. Decorate each strip with calm colors, hearts, clouds, or soft waves.
4. Punch or tape one end of each strip to a piece of yarn.
5. Tape all the yarn pieces to a round piece of paper or stick to make the “top” of the chime.
6. Hang it up and gently blow on it to watch it move – like a whisper in the wind.

Say together: God meets me in quiet whispers and gives what I need.

Debrief: When we slow down and listen to God, His Spirit fills us with peace that moves gently through our hearts – just like the breeze.



Week 4 – Waves and Warnings

- Bible Story: Paul's Shipwreck with Julius (Acts 27–28)
- Key Discovery: God keeps His promises and works through surprising helpers.
- Takeaway: I can always stay together, follow God's guidance, and help others.

Video Bible Stories: Use this link to access recommended Bible story videos and bonus content for this curriculum series. <https://linktr.ee/ShipwreckedLessons>

Parent Connect: Print extra copies of this overview page to share with the families in your ministry.



Week 4 – Supply List

Group Game – Captain Says

- open space for movement
- optional: paper sailor hats or name tag labeled “Captain”
- optional: ocean sounds or upbeat nautical music

Object Lesson – The Guiding Light

- flashlight or small lantern
- optional: darkened room
- Bible

Bible Story Teaching

- Bible

Word Search & Coloring Page

- printed word-search handouts (provided below, 1 per child)
- printed coloring page (provided below, 1 per child)
- crayons or colored pencils

Craft – Paper Plate Boat

- paper plates (1 per child)
- construction paper (for sail and waves)
- crayons or washable markers
- glue sticks
- scissors (optional – pre-cut for younger kids)
- optional: craft sticks or straws for boat masts



Introduction Game (5 minutes)

Captain Says

Supplies Needed

- open space for movement
- optional: paper sailor hats or name tag labeled “Captain” for the teacher or leader
- optional: ocean sounds or upbeat “nautical” music

TEACHER: Islanders, today’s challenge is called Captain Says! Just like sailors follow their captain’s orders to stay safe in a storm, we can follow God’s guidance to stay safe in life’s storms.

Setup

1. Have everyone stand in an open space.
2. Explain that you’ll be the “Captain.” Kids must *only* follow commands that start with “Captain says...”
3. If they move when you don’t say “Captain says,” they’re out for that round (or do a fun mini challenge like 3 “rowing motions”).

Sample Commands

- “Captain says hoist the sail!” (arms up)
- “Captain says row the boat!” (paddle motion)
- “Captain says watch for waves!” (hand over eyes)
- “Captain says hold on tight!” (hug yourself)



- “Drop the anchor!” (squat down) ← *don’t say “Captain says” first sometimes!*

How To Play

1. Start slowly, then get faster each round.
2. Let different kids take turns being the Captain if time allows.

TEACHER: When Paul was on a ship in a real storm, everyone had to follow his directions to stay safe. Paul listened to God, and that’s how they made it through.

Debrief: When we follow God’s voice, He helps us make good choices and stay safe—just like a good Captain guiding His crew through the storm.



Object Lesson (5 minutes)

The Guiding Light

Supplies Needed

- flashlight or small lantern
- optional: turn off room lights or close blinds
- Bible

TEACHER: Islanders, have you ever been caught in the dark without a flashlight? It's hard to know where to step or what's ahead! In today's story, Paul and his friends were sailing through a storm so dark and scary that they couldn't see anything—but God guided them safely through it.

1. Turn off the lights or darken the room.

“Let's imagine being on a boat in a storm. The wind is blowing, the waves are crashing—what would you feel?”

2. Shine the flashlight.

“Even when it's dark, this light helps us see the way forward. God's truth is like this light—it helps us stay calm and know which way to go.”

3. Read **Psalm 119:105** — *“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”*

4. Say: “Just like the sailors followed Paul's guidance from God, we can follow God's Word to find peace and safety.”

Main point: God keeps His promises and guides us through life's storms. His Word is our light when everything feels dark. When life feels confusing or scary, we can trust God to guide us. His light always shows the right way to go.



Bible Story (15 minutes)

Week 4 - Paul's Shipwreck with Julius

TEACHER: Islanders, imagine being on a big ship in the middle of a wild storm! The wind is roaring, the waves are crashing, and the boat is breaking apart. That's what happened to Paul and his friends—but even in the chaos, God kept His promises and guided them to safety.

Paul was a prisoner on a ship headed for Rome. Along the way, a huge storm hit, and everyone thought they would die. But God had already told Paul that He would protect them. Paul believed God—and that faith saved everyone on board.

READ (NIV): Acts 27:18–20

"We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard... we finally gave up all hope of being saved."

The storm was so bad that even the sailors gave up hope. But Paul didn't—he remembered God's promise.

READ (NIV): Acts 27:23–24

"Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me and said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul... God has graciously given you the lives of all who sail with you.'"

Paul shared God's message with everyone on the ship. Even though he was the prisoner, he became the leader because he trusted God.



READ (NIV): Acts 27:43–44

“The centurion ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. The rest were to get there on planks or other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.”

Just like God promised, *everyone* made it to shore safely! God used Paul’s faith and courage to save others.

Summary: God kept His promise to Paul and everyone on that ship. When storms come—whether real or in life—we can trust God to guide and protect us.

Say together: God keeps His promises and works through surprising helpers.

GOSPEL CONNECTION: Jesus is our rescuer, too. Just like God used Paul to save others, Jesus came to save us from sin and guide us to eternal life. When we follow Him, we’re never alone in the storm.



Discussion Questions & Prayer (5-10 minutes)

TEACHER: Islanders, Paul’s story reminds us that even when life feels stormy, God keeps His promises. He guides us, helps us work together, and sometimes uses unexpected people to bring rescue—just like He used a soldier named Julius to protect Paul.

Discussion Questions

1. What did God promise Paul during the storm?
2. How did Paul show his trust in God when everyone else was afraid?
3. Who are some “helpers” in your life that God uses to guide or protect you?

PRAYER: God, thank You for being our strong and faithful guide. Thank You for keeping Your promises, just like You did for Paul. Help us to trust You when life feels stormy and to work together to help others. Thank You for the people You send to guide and protect us too. In Jesus’ name, Amen.



Paul's Shipwreck (Acts 27-28)



Word Search Puzzle

ANGEL – BOAT – FAITH – GOD – HELP – JULIUS

PAUL – PROMISE – RESCUE – SAFE – STORM – TRUST – WAVES

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



Word Search Answers

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W W G S O A U G O D I
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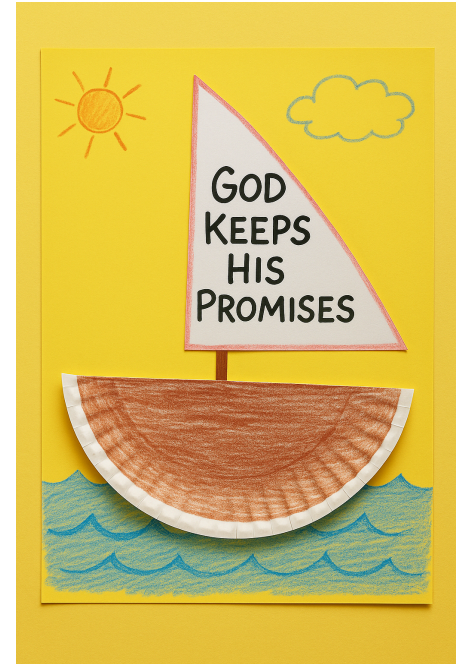


Craft Activity (5-10 minutes)

Paper Plate Boat

Supplies Needed

- paper plates (1 per child)
- construction paper (for sail and waves)
- crayons or washable markers
- glue sticks
- scissors (optional – pre-cut for younger kids)
- optional: craft sticks or straws for the boat's mast



TEACHER: Islanders, today we're learning that God keeps His promises and works through surprising helpers! We're going to make a Paper Plate Boat to remind us that even when storms come, God's plan will carry us safely through.

1. Give each child a paper plate and cut it in half (one half will be the boat).
2. Glue the half-plate onto a full sheet of paper to make the bottom of the boat.
3. Cut out a triangle sail from construction paper and glue or tape it to the top of the boat. (Add a straw or craft stick for the mast if desired.)
4. On the sail, write "God Keeps His Promises."
5. Decorate with crayons—add waves, clouds, sunshine, or even Paul and his friends in the boat.
6. Optional: Add small paper "waves" along the bottom edge for texture.

Say together: I can always stay together, follow God's guidance, and help others!