

# Family Devotion

## “Words With Friends”



### **Watt's Up:**

“I Will Use My Words To Help, Not Hurt!”



### **Power Verse:**

“...Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.” - Ephesians 4:29

Do your friends—including you—occasionally have problems saying nice things to each other? Do they sometimes direct sarcastic, rude, or mean comments toward each other? This week's devotion focuses on ways to handle our words, one of the hardest things we have to do as Christians.

Have your kids read the following scriptures aloud (*or read them aloud yourself*):

*Proverbs 10:19* - “Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.”

*Ecclesiastes 5:2* - “Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.”

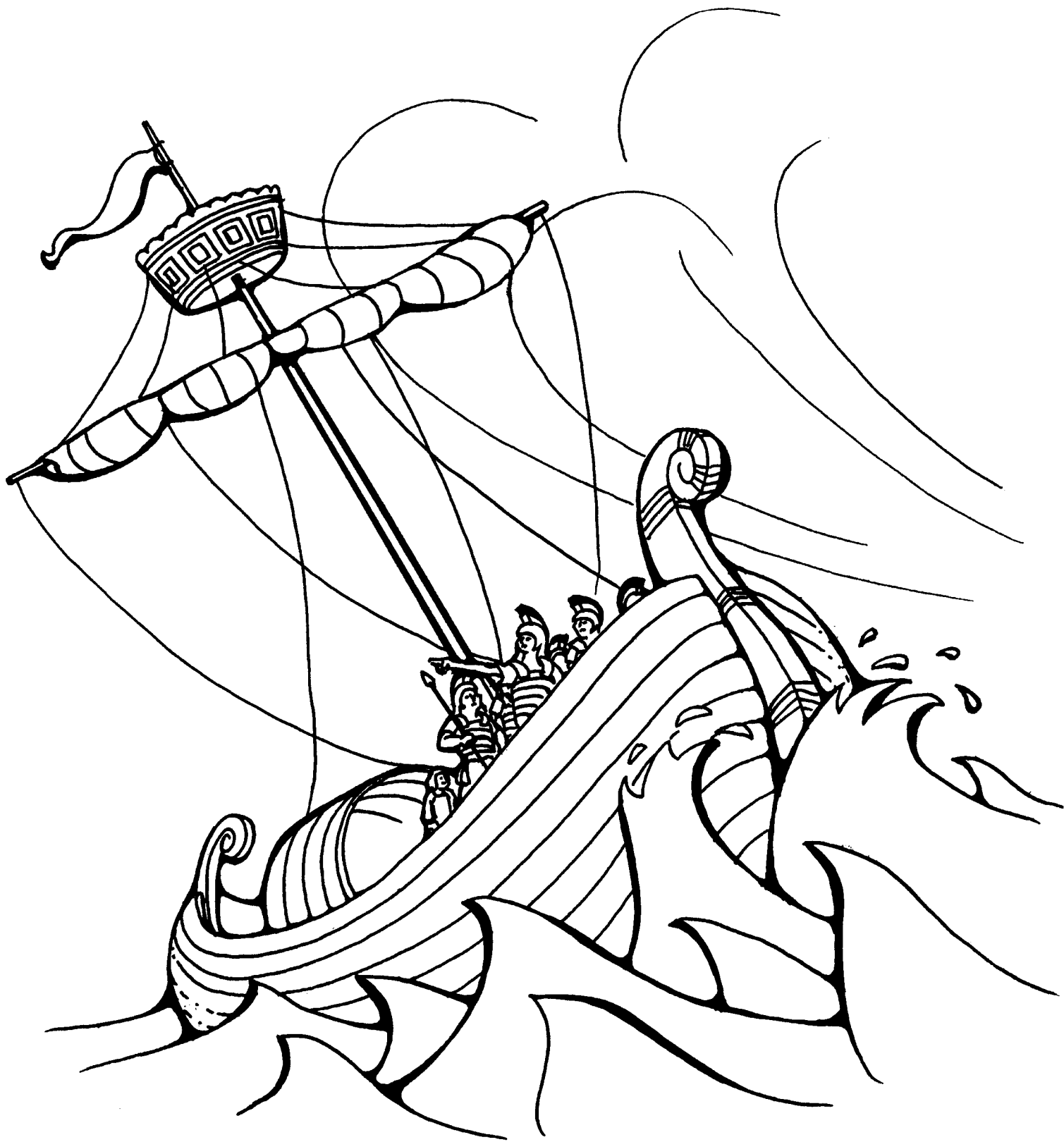
*James 1:19* - “Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry...”

*Proverbs 17:28* - “Even fools are thought wise when they keep silent; with their mouths shut, they seem intelligent.”

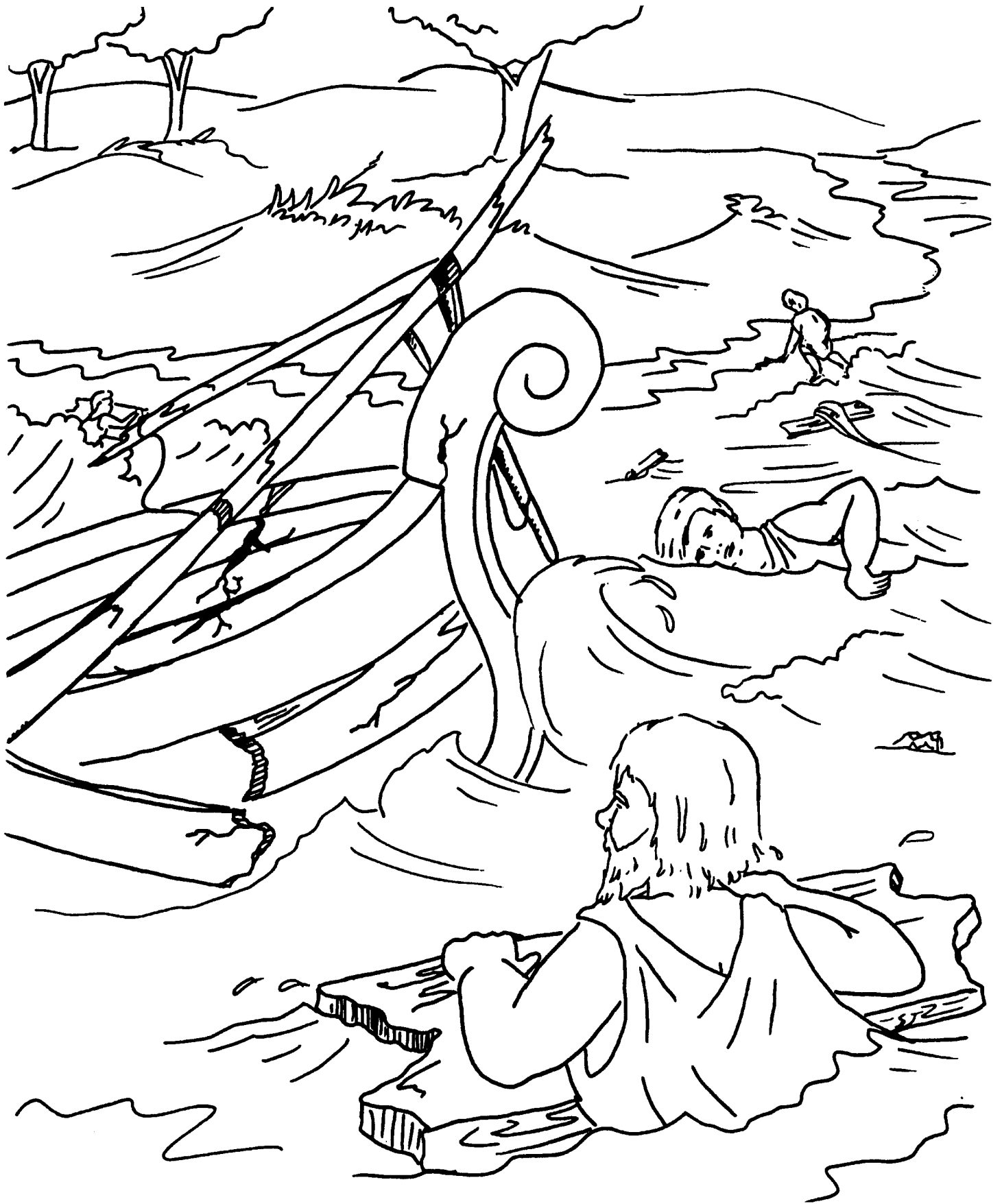
Discuss the following questions:

- What does the Bible say about how much we should talk?
- What are some of the consequences of talking too much?
- What's one of the best ways to keep from sinning with your words?
- How much trouble do you have with blurting out things without thinking about them first? Is it usually a wise thing to do this?
- Why do you think we say mean or rude things to others?

Finish the devotion by praying together. Let everyone have a chance to pray so that the first words out of everyone's mouth are uplifting as you continue in the Game of Life.



"Paul begins his voyage aboard a ship bound for Rome."  
*Acts 27:1-12*



"While on the way to Rome, a great storm arose, and Paul and the other prisoners were commanded to jump overboard and swim to land."

Acts 27:13–28:16

# 268. VOYAGE TO ROME

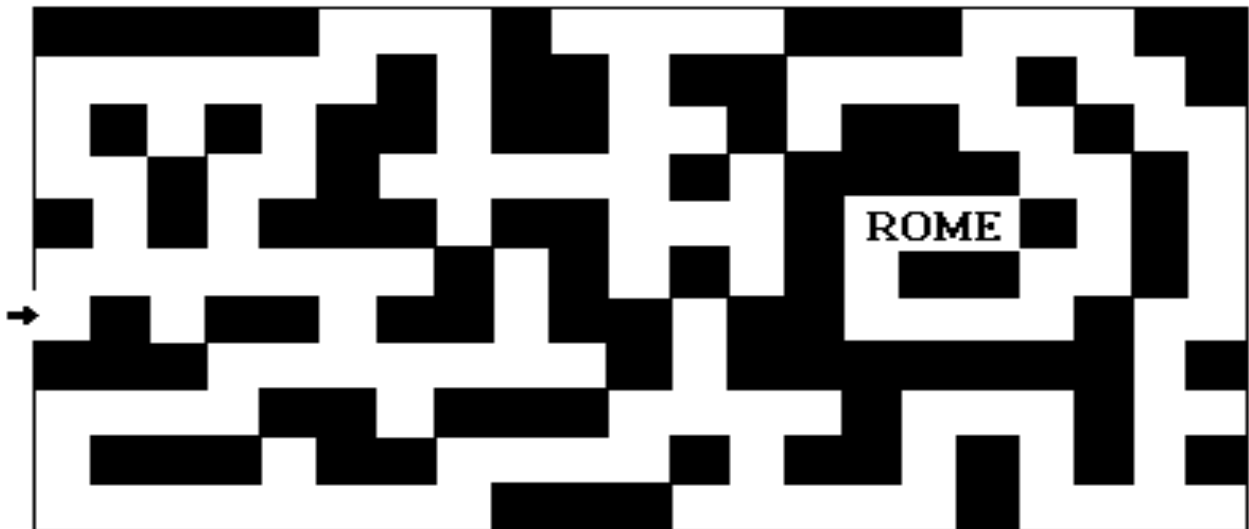
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PAUL  
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SHIP  
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# 268. VOYAGE TO ROME

(ACTS 27:1-12)

## MEMORY VERSE:

*"But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." ACTS 20:24*

## TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul and some other prisoners to one named Julius, a centurion of the Augustan Regiment." **ACTS 27:1**  
**TRUE OR FALSE**
2. Julius treated Paul without kindness and gave him no liberty to go to his friends and receive care. **ACTS 27:3**  
**TRUE OR FALSE**
3. "There the centurion found an Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, and he put us on board." **ACTS 27:6**  
**TRUE OR FALSE**

## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

4. "Now when much time had been spent, and sailing was now (**SAFE, DANGEROUS**) because the Fast was already over, Paul advised them." **ACTS 27:9**
5. "...saying, 'Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with (**DISASTER, SUCCESS**) and much loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but also our lives." **ACTS 27:10**

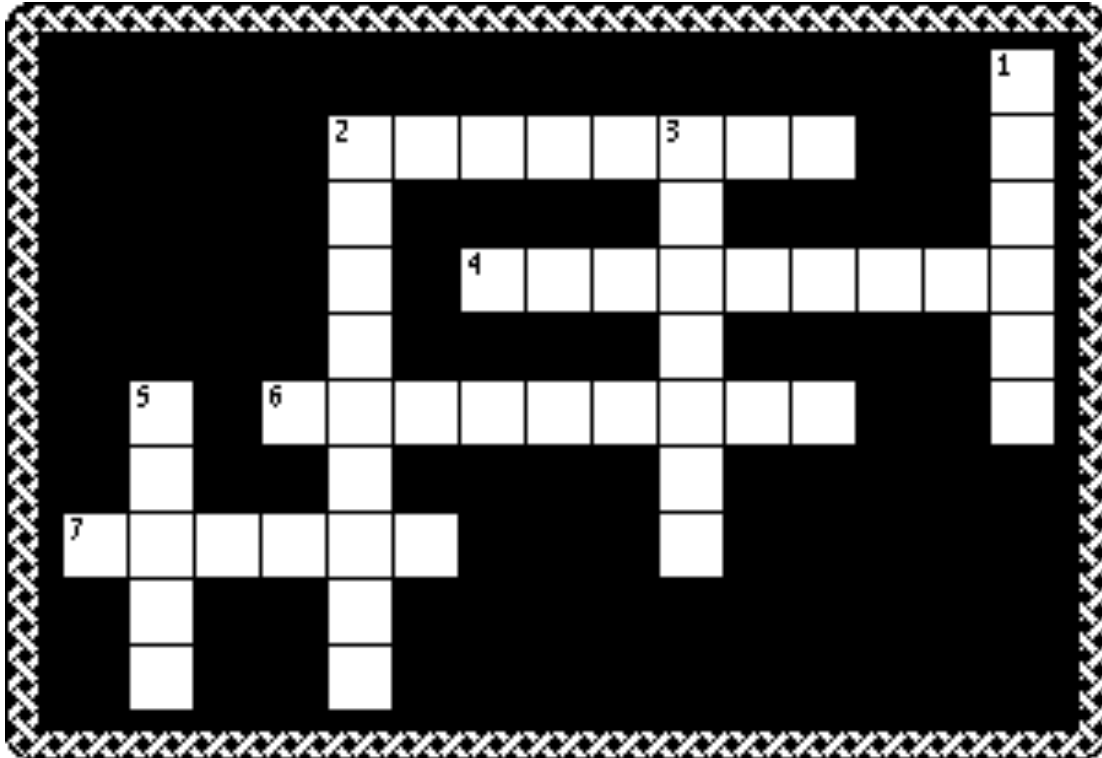
## TRUE OR FALSE:

6. Nevertheless the centurion was more persuaded by Paul than by the things spoken by the helmsman and the owner of the ship. **ACTS 27:11**  
**TRUE OR FALSE**

## CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

7. "And because the (**HARBOR, COUNTRY**) was not suitable to winter in, the majority advised to set sail from there also, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, a harbor of Crete opening toward the southwest and northwest, and winter there." **ACTS 27:12**

## 268. VOYAGE TO ROME (ACTS 27:1-12)



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# 269. SHIPWRECK AT MALTA

## (ACTS 27:13-28:16)

### MEMORY VERSE:

*"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him." PSALM 91:14-15*

### TRUE OR FALSE:

1. "And because we were exceedingly tempest-tossed, the next day they lightened the ship." **ACTS 27:18**  
TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

2. "On the third day we threw the ship's (**TACKLE, CAPTAIN**) overboard with our own hands." **ACTS 27:19**

### TRUE OR FALSE:

3. "Now when neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest beat on us, all hope that we would be saved was finally given up." **ACTS 27:20**  
TRUE OR FALSE
4. "Now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship." **ACTS 27:22**  
TRUE OR FALSE
5. Now the soldiers' plan was to keep all of the prisoners alive so all of them should swim away and escape.  
**ACTS 27:42**  
TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

6. "But the centurion, wanting to (**KILL, SAVE**) Paul, kept them from their purpose, and commanded that those who (**COULD, COULDN'T**) swim should jump overboard first and get to land." **ACTS 27:43**
7. "And the natives showed us unusual (**TREES, KINDNESS**); for they kindled a fire and made us all (**AFRAID, WELCOME**), because of the rain that was falling and because of the cold." **ACTS 28:2**

### TRUE OR FALSE:

8. But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a bear came out because of the heat, and fastened on his hand. **ACTS 28:3**  
TRUE OR FALSE
9. "They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary." **ACTS 28:10**  
TRUE OR FALSE

### CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

10. "Now when we came to (**HOME, ROME**), the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard; but Paul was permitted to dwell by himself with the soldier who guarded him." **ACTS 28:16**

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BOARDS  
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