Bible for Children

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PAUL'S AMAZING TRAVELS
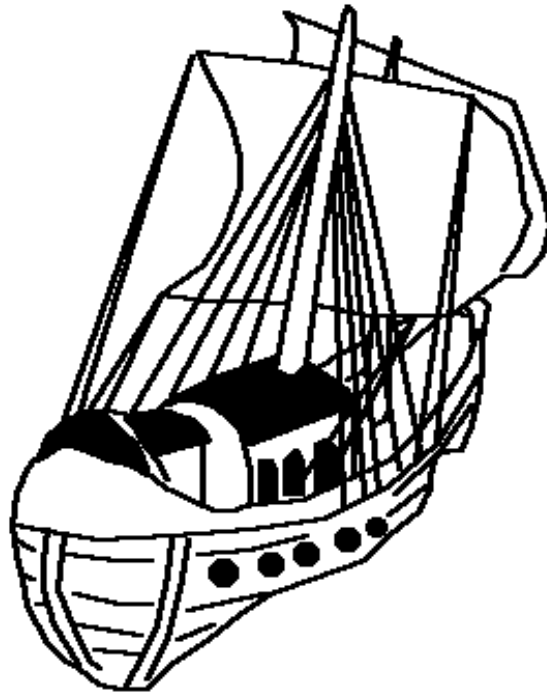
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Paul and Silas, servants of Jesus, were in jail. No, they hadn't done anything wrong – they had cast a demon out of a woman.
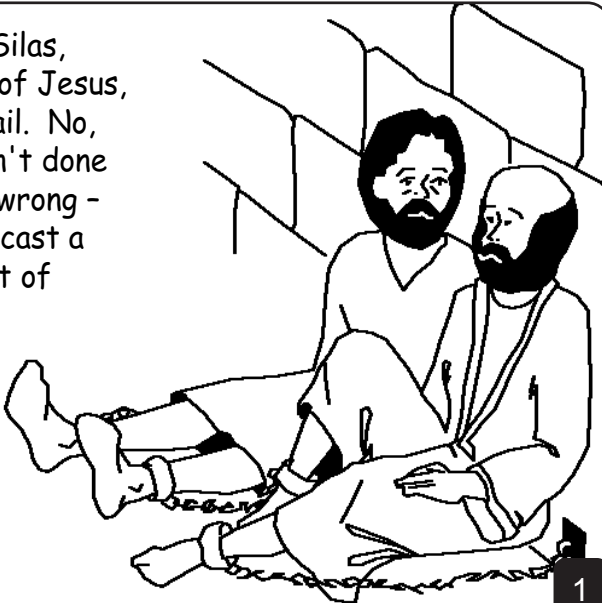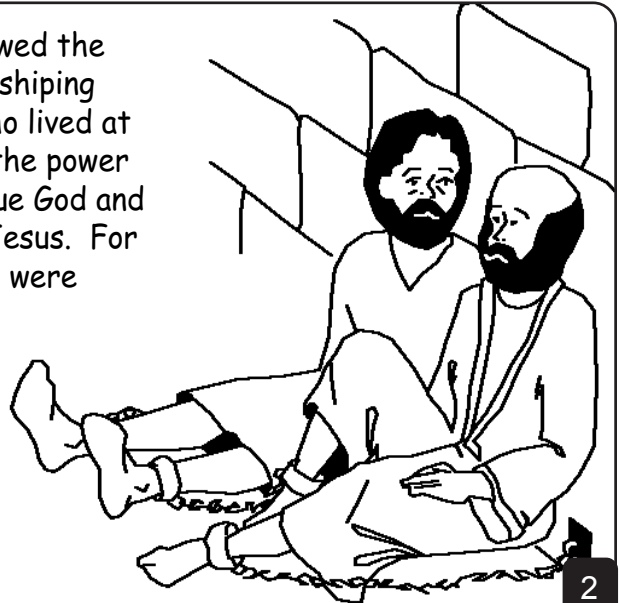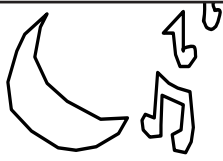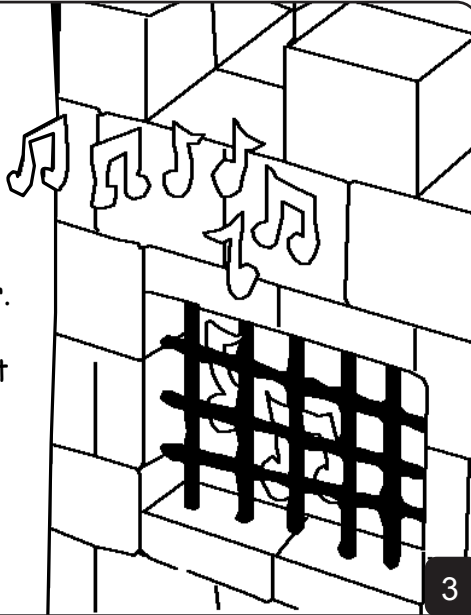
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They showed the idol – worshiping people who lived at Ephesus the power of the true God and His Son Jesus. For that they were arrested, whipped, and locked up.
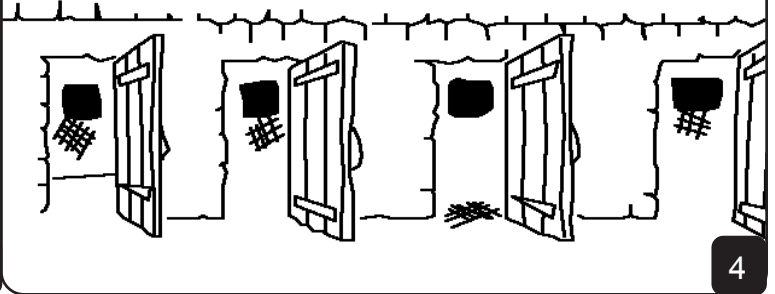
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You might expect Paul and Silas to be angry and bitter. But they weren't. In fact, at midnight they sat up singing hymns of praise to God! All the other prisoners and the jailer heard them.

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Suddenly, the singing stopped. God sent an EARTHQUAKE to shake the prison. All the doors were opened. Everyone's chains were loosed.

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Oh - oh! The jailer was sure all the prisoners had run away in the commotion. If even one escaped, the jailer would be punished by death. Sadly, the poor jailer pulled out his sword. He may as well kill himself and get it over with.

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But Paul called out, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." When the jailer saw that, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Joyfully, the jailer believed.
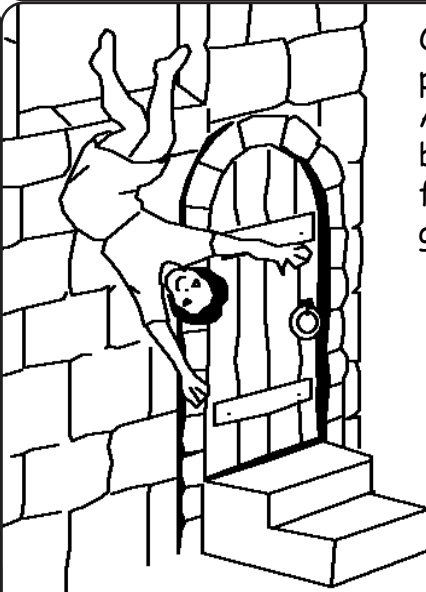
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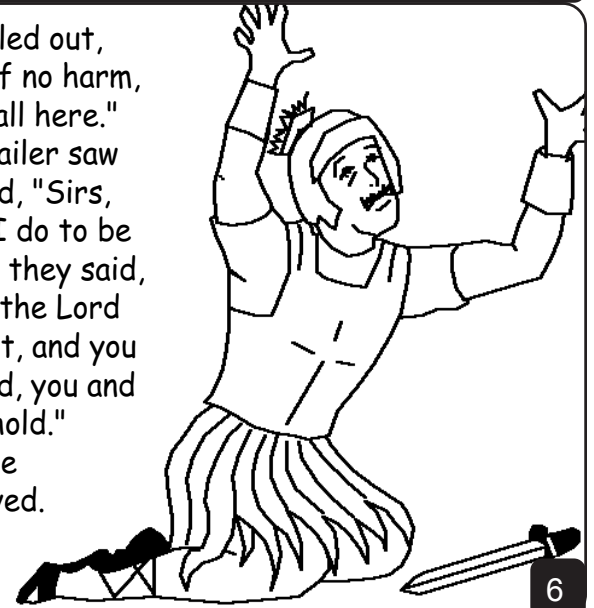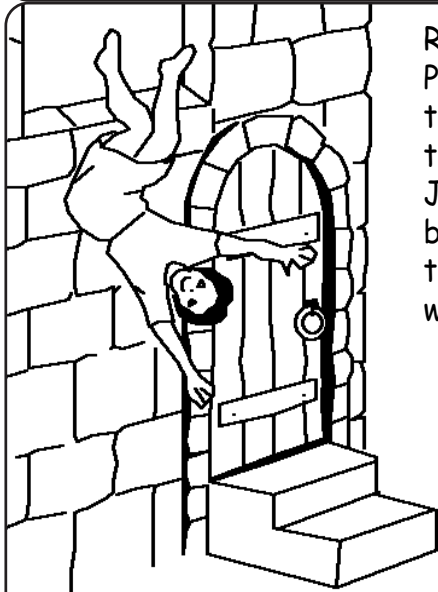
Released the next day, Paul and Silas traveled to many other cities, telling people about Jesus. Some people believed, others tried to hurt them. But God was with His servants.
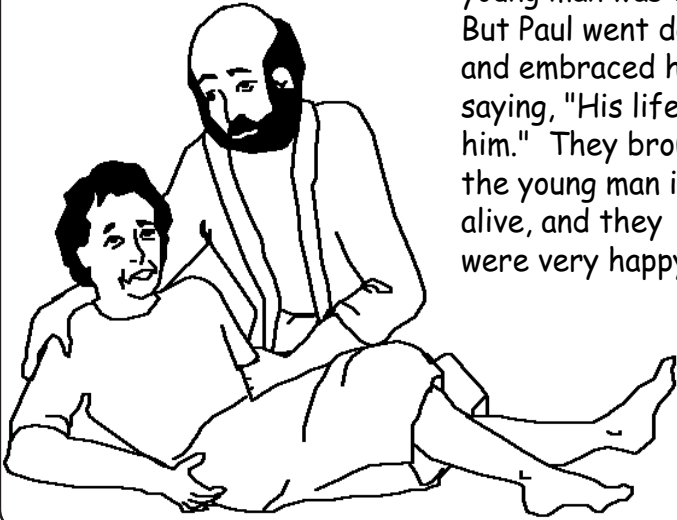
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One night, Paul preached for hours. A young man sitting by an open window fell asleep. You can guess what happened.

Everybody knew the young man was dead. But Paul went down and embraced him saying, "His life is in him." They brought the young man in alive, and they were very happy.
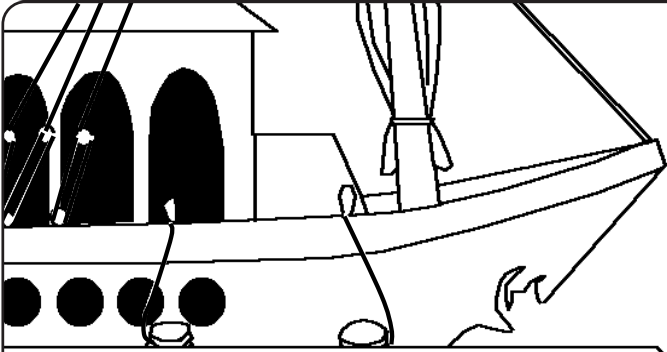
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Paul and Silas had many adventures as they traveled in Europe. One of Paul's greatest adventures happened when he was on a ship. These weren't steel ocean liners, but sail boats, easily tossed around in stormy weather.
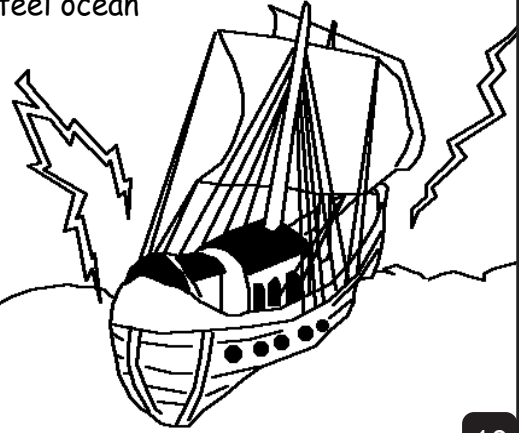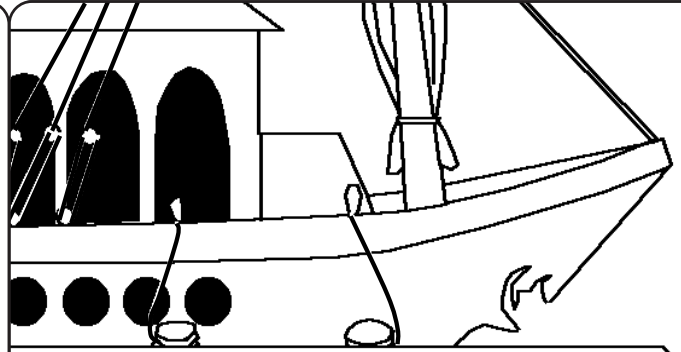
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Paul was on the ship because he had been arrested again. Now he had to appear before the emperor in Rome, the capital city of the world. High winds slowed the ship down.
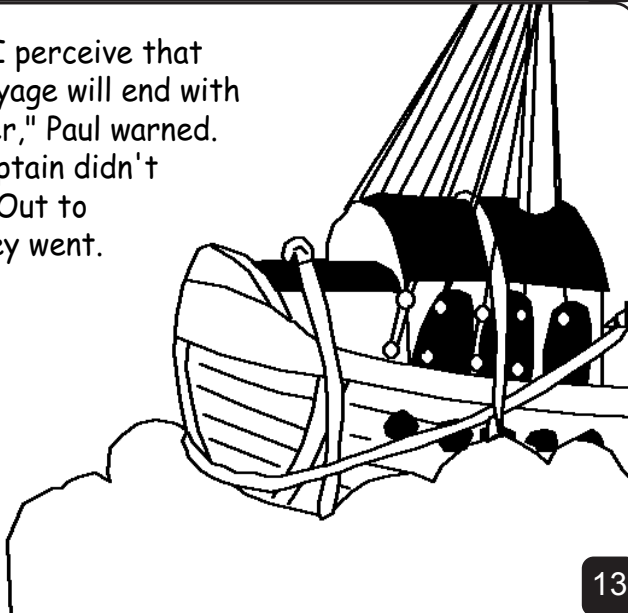
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It looked like stormy weather was ahead. It was a rough trip for Paul and the other prisoners, as well as the crew.
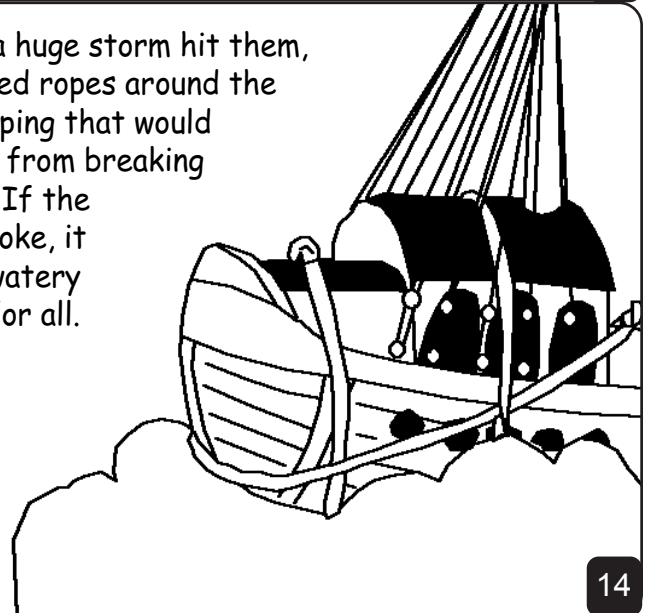
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"Men, I perceive that this voyage will end with disaster," Paul warned. The captain didn't listen. Out to sea they went.
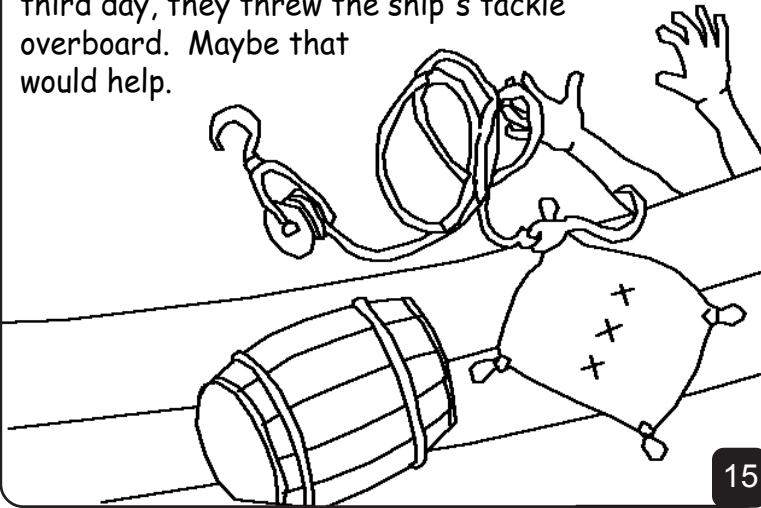
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When a huge storm hit them, they tied ropes around the ship hoping that would keep it from breaking apart. If the ship broke, it was a watery grave for all.

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The ship was so tempest-tossed that the captain ordered everybody to help lighten it. On the third day, they threw the ship's tackle overboard. Maybe that would help.
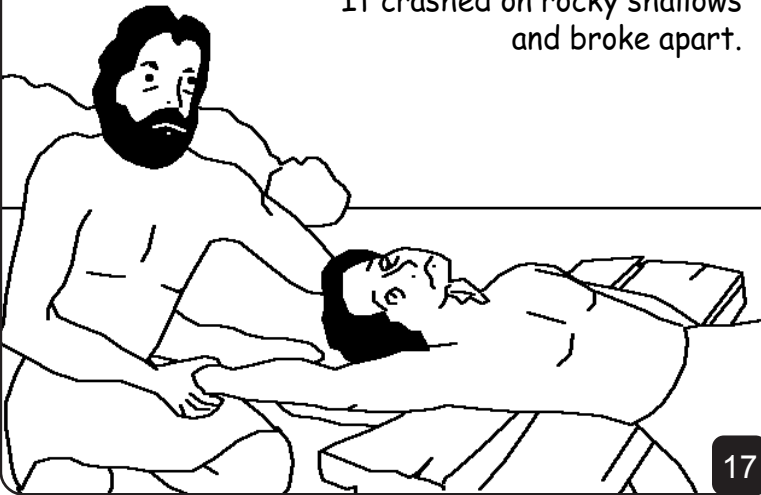
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During the night, an angel stood by Paul telling him things would work out all right. The others were encouraged when Paul said, "Take heart, men, for I believe God that it will be just as it was told me. However, we must run aground on a certain island."
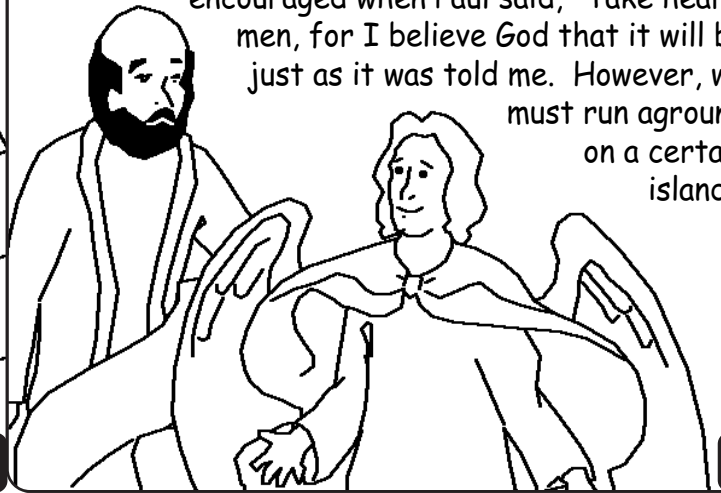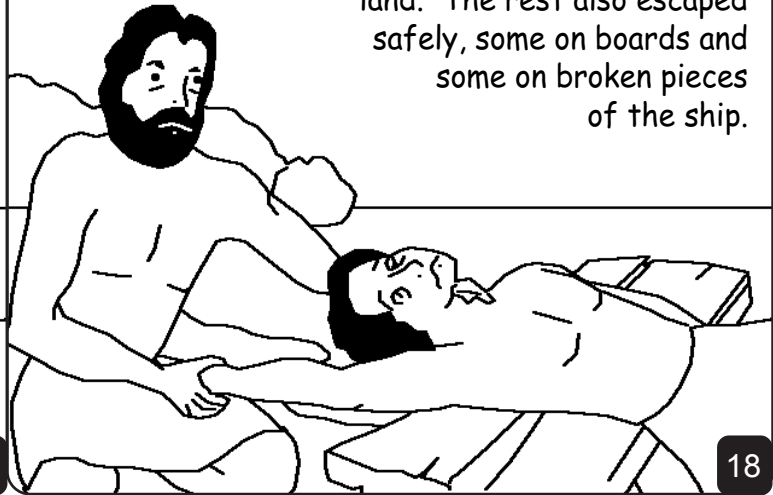
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A few days later, the boat was blown near the island of Malta. It crashed on rocky shallows and broke apart.

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The captain commanded those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. The rest also escaped safely, some on boards and some on broken pieces of the ship.
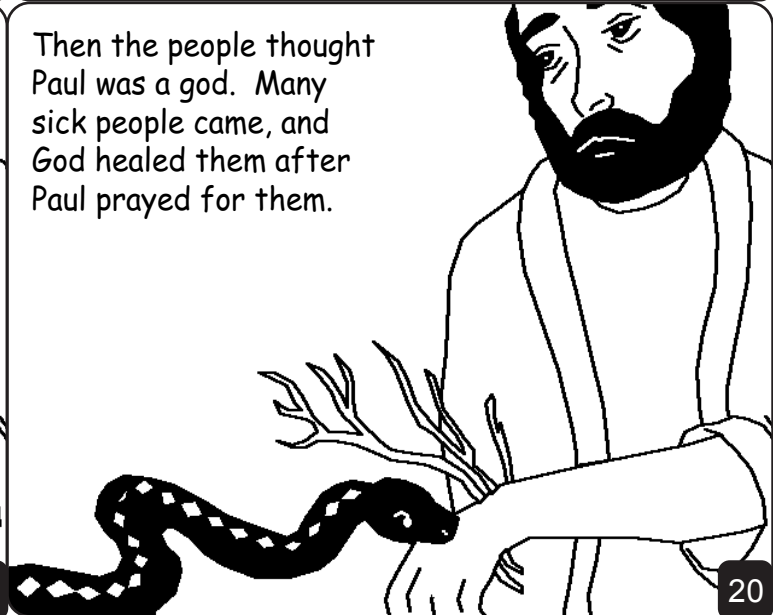
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On Malta, God showed His power. While they gathered wood for fire, a viper bit Paul. The people thought he would die. But the viper's bite did no harm.
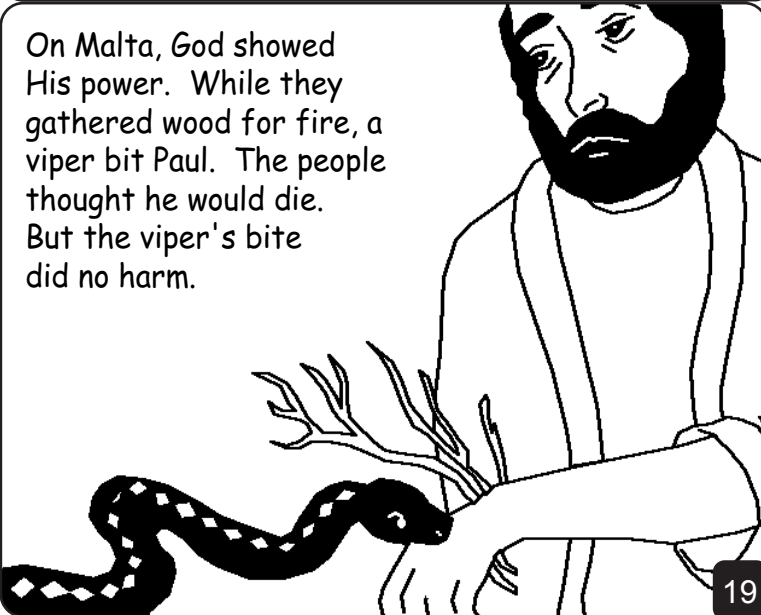
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Then the people thought Paul was a god. Many sick people came, and God healed them after Paul prayed for them.

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Finally, Paul arrived at Rome. It took over two years for his court case to be heard. During that time, Paul rented a house and received visitors. Do you know what Paul told his visitors about? The kingdom of God! The Lord Jesus Christ! Paul was God's servant in Rome, just as in all his other travels.
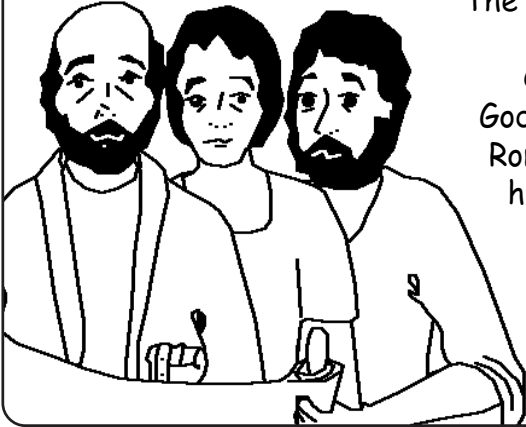
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"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith," Paul wrote from Rome. The Bible doesn't tell us how his life ended, but other records say Paul was beheaded at Rome by order of the Emperor, Nero. Paul died as he lived - a faithful servant of God, telling others about Jesus Christ.
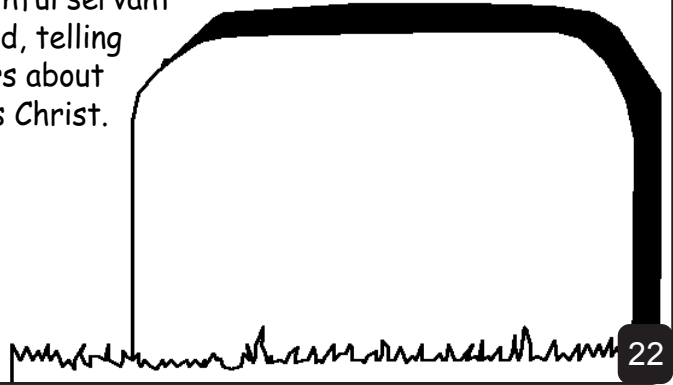
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Paul's Amazing Travels

A story from God's Word, the Bible,

is found in

Acts 16, 27, 28

"The entrance of Your Word gives light."
Psalm 119:130

God knows we have done bad things, which He calls sin. The penalty for sin is death.
God loves us so much He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a Cross and pay our penalty.
Jesus came alive and went back to Heaven! Now God can forgive our sins.

If you want to turn from your sins, say this to God: Dear God, I believe Jesus died for me and now lives again. Please come into my life and forgive my sins, so I can have new life now, and then be with You forever. Help me live for You as Your child. Amen.   John 3:16

Read the Bible and talk to God every day!