Acts 27-28:10 Onto Rome

Scripture: Acts 27-28:10

Memory Verse: Acts 23:11b "Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome."

Lesson Focus: While back in Acts 23 Jesus Himself told Paul that he would make it to Rome to witness to the gospel there, several years have now passed and he is still under arrest in the city of Caesarea and hasn't moved an inch! Paul has kept busy giving his defense of the gospel to governors (Felix and Festus) and kings (Agrippa), but now the time has finally come for him to make his way to Rome (just as Jesus said). However, ***how*** he gets there is probably not what he was expecting! We hope the kids will learn to better trust in the Lord, even when He appears to be working in a way that they also don't expect or understand!

Teachers: We will follow Paul's crazy journey to Rome through a Superbook video. Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that we will be watching a cartoon video that covers Paul's journey to Rome. While the video does not have any exceedingly intense moments in it, overly sensitive kids might get excited. If they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary. If you'd like to preview the lesson, you can find it on Rightnow Media <u>here</u>.

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) After our normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information. *
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 25 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page and a word maze available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd Grade leaders: There will also be a "shipwreck" craft that we would encourage you to do with the kids.
- 3rd-5th Grade Leaders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

- 1) What were Joy and Chris doing at the beginning of the video?
- 2) What was Joy so frustrated about?
- 3) **Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10.** What do you think Paul means? (In the video, this passage was referenced to encourage Joy while on the ship)
- 4) What is the most common command God gives to people in the Bible? (Hint: See what the angel tells Paul in Acts 27:23-24)
- 5) **Read Acts 27:42-44**. Why do you think the centurion came to Paul's defense?
- 6) What miracles did God perform through Paul on the island of Malta?
- 7) **Read Acts 23:11**. Where did Jesus say Paul would bear witness? But, did He tell Paul *how* he would get there?
- 8) At the end of the video, why was Joy more willing to do the "hard" work?
- 9) What "hard" things (or "storms") are you going through that don't make sense to you? How do you think Paul would encourage you if you were on the ship with him?

10) **Read John 6:15-20**. What does Jesus say to the disciples in the midst of their "storm"?

