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 SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FOURTH QUARTER.
 

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LESSON 6.]                      PAUL IN MELITA AND ROME.                      [Nov. 7.

Acts 28. 1-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.—We know that all things work together for good to them that love God.—Rom. 8. 28.

MEMORY VERSES, 3-5.—And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

And when the barbarians saw the venomous beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.

*To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.*

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 LESSON STORY.

The terrible storm described in our last lesson lasted fourteen days, and at last the ship was broken to pieces. But not one of those on board was lost. They escaped to the Island of Melita, or Malta. The people of the island quickly built a fire to warm the poor shivering men. A viper leapt out from the sticks and seized Paul's arm. When the people saw that it did not harm him they said he must be a god.

A rich man named Publius lived on the island. He kept Paul in his own house three days. His father was sick, and Paul prayed and healed him. After this, many sick people came to be healed, and Paul was treated with great honour. He stayed three months on the island, and won many friends, who gave him many presents. But they gave him nothing so good as the Gospel of Jesus which he had given them. Then Paul went on to Rome.

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 LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. What became of the ship in which Paul sailed?

*It was wrecked off Malta.*

2. What did the natives do for the shipwrecked?

*Built them a fire.*

3. What leapt out of the sticks?

*A poisonous serpent.*