

In classes of older scholars, emphasize the difficulty of having any real home life, as we

understand it, in the crowded quarters of the Trinidad East Indians.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

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A Look Forward—We are going to hear about Paul's shipwreck.

Lesson Thought—Jesus saves us from danger.

Lesson—The story of Paul the missionary is like an exciting adventure story. Do you remember where we left Paul in our story last Sunday? (Recall the stormy voyage.) The vessel on which Paul was a prisoner had been driven here and there by the wind for two weeks. Nobody

knew where they were, and the sailors and all on board except Paul had given up hope of being saved. They were too much frightened and too downhearted even to eat. Do you remember the cheering words Paul said to them? (Ch. 27: 22-26.) **PRINT BE OF GOOD CHEER.** One night, in the middle of the night, the sailors called out "Land!" What joy there was! Everybody was soon wide awake, and strained their eyes (gesture) to see through the darkness. It may be a rocky coast and the ship will be dashed to pieces! The sailors let down long measuring lines, and each time the water was more and more shallow, so the sailors knew they were getting close to land. What shall they do? The sailors put out four anchors (outline and explain) and hoped to keep the ship fast. How they all longed for daylight so they could see where they were!

Selfish Sailors—Tell the very selfish way in which the sailors acted. They tried to get into the lifeboat and get away safely to land themselves, but Paul saw what they were doing and told Captain Julius, and he stopped the sailors and cut the ropes and let the life-

boat drift away so the sailors had to stay on board and attend to their work, vs. 30-32.

Helpful Paul—Picture the scene as daylight came on. Paul moved around amongst the frightened people. They had been too

frightened to eat and were weak and miserable. Paul begged them to eat some food and told them not to be afraid, for God would keep his promise, v. 24. Paul took food himself and gave thanks to God, and the rest ate and were strengthened

and cheered, and were ready for what was yet before them, vs. 33-37.

The Shipwreck—When daylight came they saw that they were near a strange land. See, there is a bay or creek! If they can run the ship in there, they will be safe.

Describe the drawing up of the anchor, the loosening of the rudder bands, the hoisting of the mainsail and the dash for the shore. How eagerly all are watching! Suddenly there is a scraping sound and the front part of the ship is stuck fast in a sand bar, and the back part is being dashed to pieces by the big waves.

"The prisoners," shouted the soldiers, "they will escape and swim to land; we had better kill them." But Julius, willing to save Paul's life because he had been such a helper, said, "No, you shall not kill them; let those who can swim get to land as soon as they can," vs. 42, 43.

Safe—Picture v. 44. Describe and sketch the island Melita (map), which is now called Malta and belongs to our empire.

Golden Text—Repeat.

What the Lesson Teaches Me—JESUS SAVES ME FROM DANGER.

JESUS SAVES HIS FOLLOWERS FROM DANGER

