

we know they could not do so). In the days when Paul lived, every boat was known by its sign in place of its name.

Lesson—Our story tells us about a ship that had the sign The Twin Brothers on its prow. Sometimes they were represented by a carving of two stars, sometimes by two young men on horseback, with pointed caps and stars on them.

This ship came from Alexandria in Egypt with a cargo of grain which it was taking to Rome, but the ship had wintered in a harbor on the island of Malta (recall lesson of two weeks ago).

Sailing Again for Rome—You may be sure those shipwrecked men were glad when word came that The Twin Brothers was ready to sail. They said good-by to the islanders and received many presents and thanks and kind wishes from them, and soon Paul was again on the way to Rome. Tell of the journey. Here they are at Puteoli (map), where passengers from the ships usually landed.

Kindness to Paul—At Puteoli, Julius allowed Paul to visit his Christian friends. He stayed with them for a week to rest before starting to walk the rest of the way to Rome.

Friends met Paul on the road (describe). This cheered Paul and he thanked God and took courage.

Paul a Prisoner in Rome—Julius handed over the prisoner to the captain of the guard. He sent the others to prison, but he allowed Paul to live in a house by himself with the soldier who guarded him. Continue the story, vs. 17-30.

Golden Text—Repeat Paul's words.

Paul's Guide—At last Paul has got his wish. He is in Rome, and is able to preach to all who come within his reach. If Paul had gone as a missionary he could not have preached to the Roman soldiers and to Caesar's household. So you see Jesus had guided Paul every step of the way. Through all dangers he had safely brought him, and was with him to the end of his life, when he suffered death because he was a follower of Jesus.

If you should ever go to Rome, you may see, a short distance outside the city walls, a beautiful marble cathedral named St. Paul's Outside the Walls, in memory of Paul.

What the Lesson Teaches Me—JESUS IS MY GUIDE.

FROM THE PLATFORM



Draw on the blackboard a circle, and print in it ROME. Draw lines from the circumference of the circle to represent the roads that led from all parts of the world. Tell the scholars of the Golden Milestone in the marketplace of the city, towards which roads from every quarter of the empire converged. Question about Paul's life in Rome, until the scholars fairly see the apostle sitting in his own hired house, chained to a soldier, who was changed every few hours, and preaching about Jesus to all who came to him. Get the scholars also to see how Paul's message would spread far and wide. Many of his visitors carry it on their travels. The soldiers, too, who had sat beside him and listened, would afterwards be sent to distant regions, some of them to Britain. Doubtless many of them were converted by Paul's preaching and themselves became missionaries. Refer to modern facilities of travel all over the world, and press home our duty to send the gospel.