

3. What did he do?

*He prayed constantly.*

4. Who came to comfort him?

*The angel of God in a voice by night.*

5. What promise did God make to Paul?

*That he and all with him would not be drowned.*

6. What message of comfort did Paul give them?

*Golden text.*

### THE SICK BOY.

Poor little Roy was out in the garden this morning when he received a sun-stroke. He was hoeing and weeding his flower-beds where the sun was blazing down, and before long it affected his head so that he had to go in the house.

He ran right to his mother, who saw at once that he was sick. She took him on her lap, and his sister Ruth ran for the camphor bottle and some cold water. Then his mother bathed the hot fevered forehead and Ruth fanned him, and before very long he felt much better. Little folk must be very careful about playing in the hot sun.

A teacher once said to his class: "There is a boy whom you all know who wishes to learn to swim; but, as he will not trust his weight to the water, he does not float at all. Now tell me, is the water able to keep him up?" "Yes, yes," they all said. "Yes," said the teacher, "the water will bear up any who are willing to rest upon it, but you must trust yourself to it. Now I ask you to have faith, not in a dumb thing, like water, but in God, who loves you, and has all power, and asks you to trust him." Some time after this the teacher and his class went out to the lake, and Tom made up his mind that he would try once more to learn to swim. He went into the water, and was soon lying quietly upon its surface, and before many minutes he was able to take a few strokes. By learning to trust he had learned to float. Soon he could swim in deep water. His little bit of confidence had grown into perfect trust. In some such way as this we come to the Lord Jesus. At first our faith is feeble, and we do not believe in Jesus' power to keep us from sin and trouble; but after awhile we find that he can save us and keep us, and our faith grows stronger.