

Paul is shipwrecked



I wonder how many meanings to the word 'safe' there are?

- Here is a **safe** to keep your money in.
- You are **safe** if you reach a base in a game of rounders.
- If you follow instructions carefully, it is **safe** to cross the road.
- People can say - it is as **safe** as houses - or - let's play it **safe**.
- I feel **safe**.
- I don't feel **safe**.



Have you any more ideas ?

The Apostle Paul had many adventures during his life whilst he travelled by land and water to spread the teachings of Jesus. Often he was in danger because people were against him or because of wild weather.

In the last chapters of the Book of Acts in the New Testament, one of Paul's companions, called Luke, tells vivid stories about what happened when Paul's friends were taken from Jerusalem to Rome by boat across the Mediterranean Sea. Throughout the journey there was uncertainty and danger alongside the promise of safety.

Watch the first part of Paul and his companions' adventures:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=wkt00DptsW0>



There certainly were twists and turns in the story and lots of scary moments for everyone involved but throughout Paul assured them God was with them and would keep them safe.

What happened next on the island of Malta - more adventures!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=JFOBxwn9plA>



Paul and his companions remained safe and put their faith and trust in God. Paul was also able to help people and continue to speak about Jesus' teachings. In the very last chapter of the Book of Acts, Luke explains that after their adventures on Malta, the people from the shipwrecked boat sailed in a new ship and finally reached Rome.

- ❖ I wonder what Paul felt like because after all, he had begun his journey as a prisoner going to Rome to appear in court!

No one exactly knows what finally happened to Paul. It is thought Paul spent some time in prison and he did write from Rome, more of his letters to new Christian communities around the Mediterranean.

- ❖ I wonder what you think Paul did towards the end of his life ?

Challenge

Can you make a boat? Will it float for real? Will it have a shipwreck?

If you would like to **make a boat from fruit** then there are some amazing ideas here. Lots of edible possibilities! <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/175640454197194878/>

If you prefer **paper boats** then there are instructions for six different origami boats here. They go from easy to more advanced, so you can take your pick.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pT_HjjiMcBiA&feature=youtu.be

Or maybe you already have a boat that you could use to act out Paul's adventure?



Season of Pentecost

Dear God
Thank you for the gift of faith. Remind us to trust you to be with us and keep us safe, like Paul, through all of our adventures.
Amen