

Older Kids

Scripture for Today:

Acts 27:9-26



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Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

Why did Paul warn them not to sail? Did the centurion listen?

Where did they hope to reach so they could winter there?

What was the hurricane called?

Why did the men pass ropes under the ship itself?

What was the first thing they threw overboard?

What did Paul urge the men to keep up?

What did Paul say they needed to do, nevertheless?

Can you write out verse 25 and memorize it this week?



Paul's Shipwreck Word Scramble

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circle boxes and unscramble them to find the answer to the last phrase.

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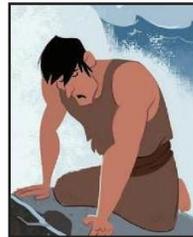
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Clue: What did Paul have?

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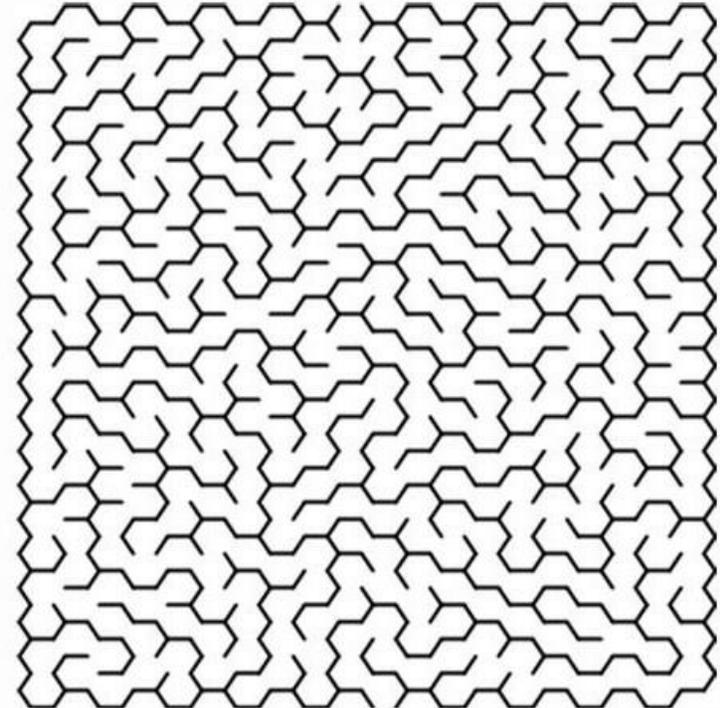
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"When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest lay on us, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned." (Acts 27:20)



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Can you find these words in today's Scripture?

SAILING

VOYAGE

SHIP

CARGO

PHOENIX

WIND

HURRICANE

CAUDA

LIFEBOAT

AFRAID

STORM

HOPE

CRETE

DAMAGE

URGE

COURAGE

ANGEL

CEASAR

GOD

AGROUND

THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF PAUL

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.

