

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Paul being shipwrecked.

You can find it in your Bible in:

Acts 27

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Paul and the shipwreck – help us to be like Paul holding tight to you and trusting you through difficult, challenging times.

Would you please use the way we handle difficult times to be a testimony for others about how much you love us and the good plans you have for us.

We pray for those who are scared and facing big challenges in their own lives that they would know your peace and comfort.

Amen

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

*Where did the sailors think they were travelling in the boat?
What did Paul say would happen?*

Paul was being taken to Italy to meet with Caesar, he was under arrest for sharing the Good News about Jesus. The sailors were taking Paul and some other prisoners to Rome.

Paul had a message from God that he would have the chance to speak before Caesar but he also knew that the journey would not be a simple one. When the storms came and the sailors were afraid it was Paul that reassured them, he knew that even though a shipwreck was on the horizon God had promised that nobody would be harmed.

What an amazing testimony of how God was looking after Paul.

A question for children to ask adults

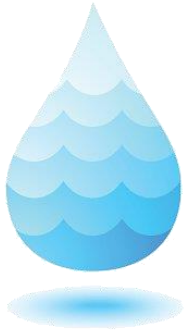
What is a journey you have been on where you knew that God was with you?

Family Activity 1

You will need: Any craft materials you have round the house, glue, paper in blue colours

Make a stormy collage using any blue/green craft materials you have around the house. You could include a boat in your collage like the one in the story.





A verse to remember

Isaiah 43 v 2

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.
When you cross rivers, you will not drown.
When you walk through fire, you will not be burned,
nor will the flames hurt you.”

These words from Isaiah remind us that even in the most challenging times God is with us, he guides and protects us. Can you learn this verse together? You could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

Family Activity 2

You will need: Music

Play a game of ‘Musical Storms’ – when the music plays everybody should dance and move around like they are being blown about in the storm. When the music stops, they should sit down as fast as they can like the ship crashing onto the land.

My Lighthouse – by Rend Co. Kids is a great song to play the game to as it talks about God being our peace in the storm. You can find a video with actions here which you could learn before playing the game. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JeJvKkBV6rY>



Active Prayer

You will need: a piece of paper and pens. On one half of the page draw a picture of a storm cloud, on the other draw an anchor (or you can print the template on page 3).

Share together some of the things you have found most difficult in recent weeks and months. Write or draw these on or around the storm cloud. Around the anchor write or draw some of the things that have helped you feel connected to God and one another and secure in the middle of the storm.

Pray and ask God to decrease the things you have found difficult and increase the things that have been your anchors.



Helping Older Children

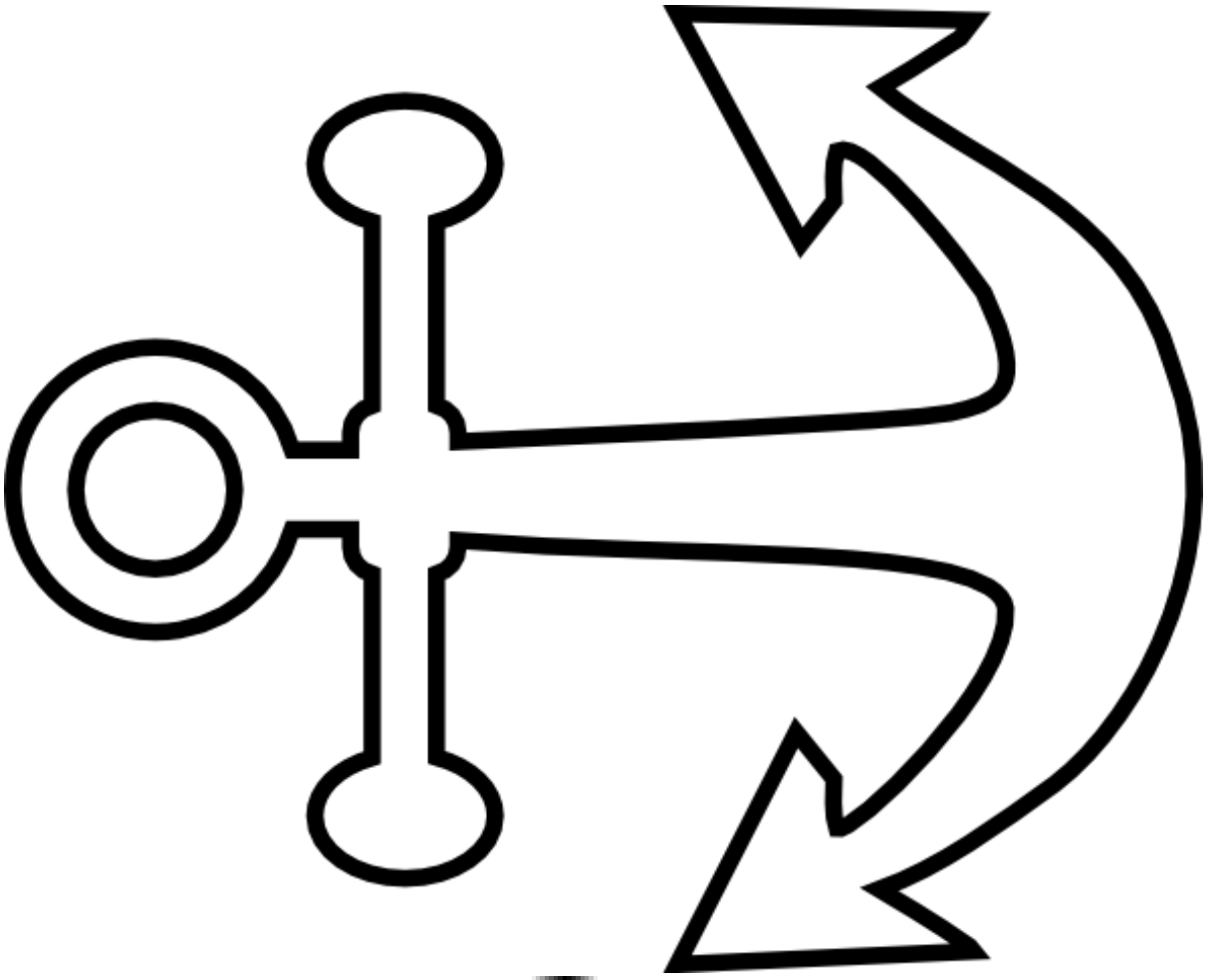
Older children might be asking why God would allow the current virus to hurt people in the world. The Bible tells us that we live in a fallen world, that God did not intend for it to be like this. We might not always be able to see God in our circumstances, but He promises that He will never abandon us, He is always with us. Just like Paul we can trust God even in the middle of difficult times.

Encourage Older children to...

Keep praying – God always hears our prayers even if we don’t see Him answer them straight away.
Psalm 116 v 1

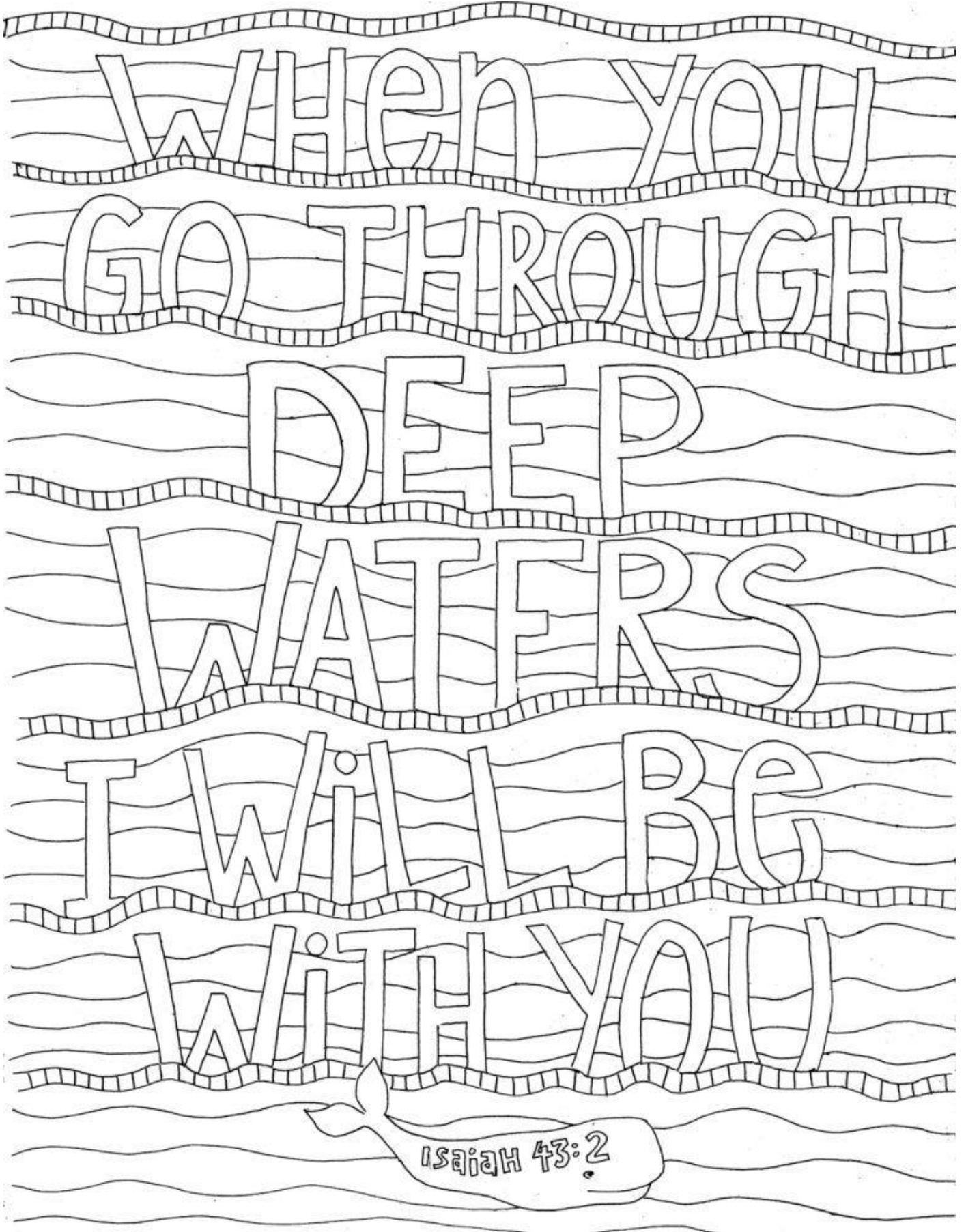
Keep trusting - God has good plans for us and there is always hope. Jeremiah 29 v 11

Keep showing love – God can use us to encourage and bless others in difficult times. John 15 v 12



A colouring page you could print and colour together

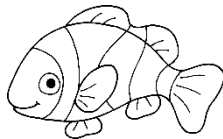
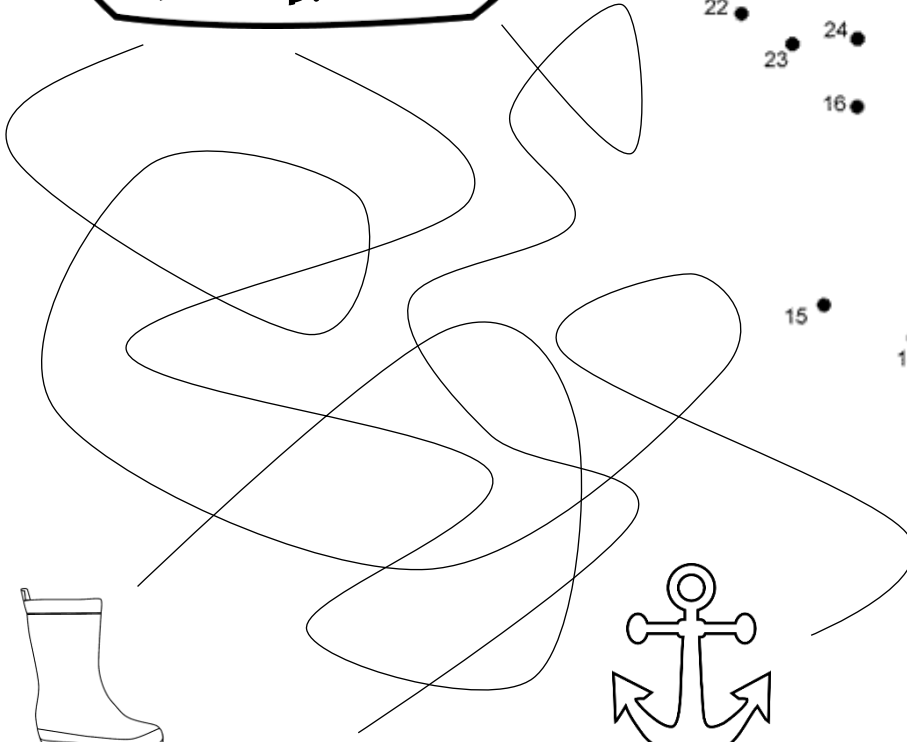
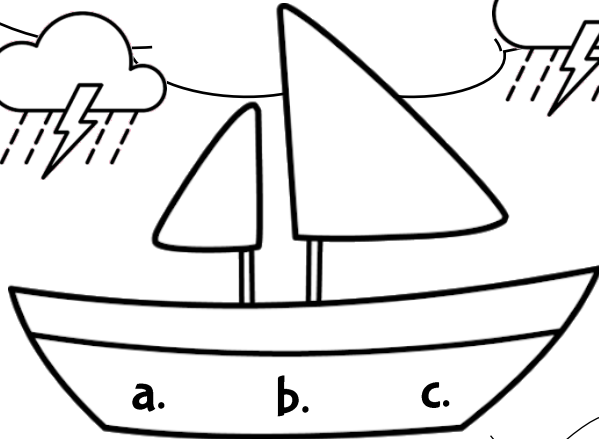
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PUZZLE SHEET

Join the dots in order to reveal how Paul knew what would happen.

Which rope should the sailors lower to put down the anchor?



How many storm clouds can you find on the page?

Can you find all these words from the story in the word search?

- Paul
- Rome
- storm
- boat
- prisoner
- shipwreck
- Malta
- Italy
- sailors

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