



### **Proclaimed Good News**

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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THIS SUNDAY 14th September 2025 **BIBLE FOCUS** 

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# WEEK

#### **HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE**

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package connects with our series on **Acts**. The items within this package all pertain to one session.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper

All of the items within If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact

#### **TIMING**

Check-In from... 9:00am

Gathered Worship (Auditorium) (Including Kids Talk) 10mins

SBK Program Begins

Welcome and Teaching 10mins

Game (Kindy - Year 6 only) 15mins

Small Groups/Activities 30mins

Recap and Worship 10mins

Check-out

#### **MATERIALS**

- Building Blocks Mega Blocks, Q-Blocks or Duplo
- Dollhouse People
- Road Rug
- Toy Cars
- Bucket
- Wooden Village People Set
  - Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue
- Poster paper
- Marker
- Printout Worksheet #1 on Cardstock
- Pens/Pencils
- Stickers approx stamp size (rectangle)
- Clipboards in needed
- Dominoes (or jenga blocks or similar)
- Paper people chains or cut outs
  - Coloured pens or pencils
- Puzzle of the World
- Paper

- Clipboards
  - Pencils

#### **ADDITIONAL INFO**

This resource is the eighth in an eight week series on Strange Religion (Acts).



SESSION OUTLINE

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#### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

While others shared news about emperors or battles, the first Christians shared the best news: Jesus is alive, and he saves us! They travelled far and wide to tell everyone about the hope they had in him.

#### SERIES OVERVIEW

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#### Strange Religion (Acts)

Whilst western Christianity can often look very similar to western culture, the very first followers of Jesus—along with their communities—were extraordinarily distinctive. Perhaps even a little weird! These new believers who were part of a new movement deviated from so many of the cultural norms and societal expectations. And in a culture in which everyone was 'religious', Christians still stood out as strange.

Yet whilst distinctive, these first Christians were also strangely compelling. As people witnessed their lives and heard their message, some were offended, others were confused, but many came to believe. In this eight-part series, we'll explore some of the earliest accounts of the church in Acts to see how the Gospel distinctively transformed these very first believers, also considering how the Gospel should continue to transform the lives of believers today.

#### MULTIMEDIA

1. SBK Kids Talk

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. God's Story: Acts

#### SONGS

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD

- 1. Guess What | Preschool Worship Song
- 2. Look in the Book Hand Motion Video
- . Jesus Is The Good News

#### SONGS PRIMARY

- I. <u>"This is Amazing Grace"</u>
- 2. <u>Jesus Is The Good News</u>
- 3. Look in the Book Hand Motion Video



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#### **FOCUS**

**ALL-IN TEACHING** 

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#### **WARM-UPS**

- ☐ Have you ever had some really exciting news that you couldn't wait to share?
- ☐ How did it feel to share this amazing news?

#### **TEACHING TIME**

#### **Proclaimed Good News**

This is our final week learning about some of the weird and wonderful stories in Acts. Over the last few weeks. we've heard about how the early Christians spread the good news about Jesus to people in countries all around them - from Jerusalem all the way to Rome.

These early Christians were filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and just couldn't wait to share the news that EVERYONE can have this free gift. They were so determined to spread this news that they were prepared to face many dangers. Paul, the apostles (and other witnesses) braved persecution, trials, imprisonment, death and even being shipwrecked! I wonder if we would be prepared to face all those dangers to tell people about Jesus. Would you be prepared to go to jail or be ridiculed by all your friends or even be killed - just to make sure that EVERYONE hears about Jesus?

Well, Paul and his apostles were. They were even prepared to use their own lives as an example.

In today's verses. Paul is speaking with the elders from Ephesus. Paul had spent a lot of time in Ephesus and the elders would have known him well. Paul knows that he won't be back in this part of the world again, so he wants to make sure that they have understood his message. He is saving goodbye to them and asking them to reflect on what he has taught them. He's not trying to show

off, but he is trying to show them what following Jesus looks like. Those first Christians knew that the most important thing they could do with their lives - no matter how dangerous. was to tell everyone about the gift of Jesus

As Christians living in Toowoomba, we don't face life-threatening dangers if we share the good news, but it can sometimes feel a bit daunting. Thankfully we have the help of the Holy Spirit and role models like Paul to help us.

#### **APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

#### 1. Early Childhood

Who are some of the people that teach you about Jesus?.

#### 2. Lower Primary

Can vou remember who first told vou about Iesus?

#### 3. Middle Primary

When did you first hear the good news about Iesus?

#### 4. Upper Primary

Who is someone you could share the good news of Jesus with this week?



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**Early Childhood** 

**BIBLE READING** 





One day, Paul went to visit the leaders of the church in a place called Ephesus.



When he got there, he talked to the leaders of the church and told them about the things he had been doing to tell people about God.



He also warned them to be careful about people who might try to teach them the wrong things.



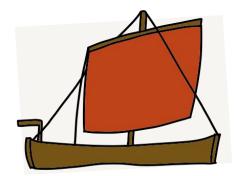
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Then, Paul said he had to go to Jerusalem, and he didn't know what would happen to him there.



Paul told his friends that he loved Jesus and was willing to do what God wanted, even if it was hard.



Before he left, Paul gave his friends a big hug and said a prayer with them.



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**Early Childhood** 



They were sad to see him go, but they knew that he was doing what God wanted him to do.



**BIBLE READING** 

**Lower Primary** 

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17 From Miletus, Paul sent for the leaders of the church at Ephesus.



18 When they arrived, he said, "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you. From the first day I arrived.



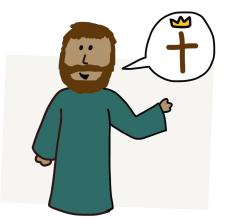




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19 I served the Lord with tears and with humility. I served him when I was greatly tested.



20 Nothing has kept me from preaching whatever would help you.



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21 I have told everyone that they must have faith in our Lord Jesus.



22-23 The Holy Spirit is urging me to Jerusalem. He warns me that suffering awaits me.



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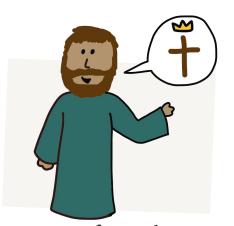




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24 But my life means nothing to me. My only goal is to tell others about the good news of God's grace.



25-26 None of you I have preached to will ever see me again. So I am not guilty if any of you don't believe.



**Lower Primary** 

**BIBLE READING** 



27 No-one has stopped me from telling you everything God wants you to do.



28-31 Keep watch over yourselves. The Holy Spirit has made you leaders over them. Be shepherds of God's church.



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**Lower Primary** 

# GRACE

32-35 I commit you to God and to the message about his grace. Then you will share in what God plans to give all his people.



36 Paul finished speaking, and got down on his knees with all of them and prayed.





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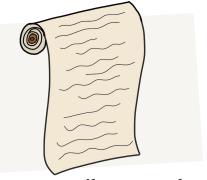
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18 When they arrived, he spoke to them. "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you," he said. "From the first day I came into Asia Minor,



19 I served the Lord with tears and with humility. I served him when I was greatly tested by the evil plans of the Jews who disagreed with me.





21 I have told both Jews and Greeks that they must repent, and have faith in our Lord Jesus.



22 "Now I am going to Jerusalem as compelled by the Holy Spirit. I don't know what will happen to me there.

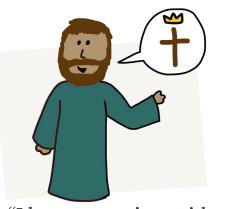




23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that I will face prison and suffering.



24 But my life means nothing to me. My only goal is to finish the race and complete the work the Lord Jesus has given me. He wants me to tell others about the good news of God's grace.



25 "I have spent time with you preaching about the kingdom. I know that none of you will ever see me again.



**Middle Primary** 



26-27 So I am not guilty if any of you don't believe. No-one has stopped me from telling you everything God wants you to do.



28-31 Keep watch over yourselves and over all the believers. The Holy Spirit has made you leaders over them. Be shepherds of God's church. He bought it with his own blood.

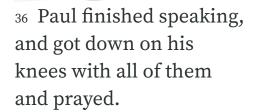


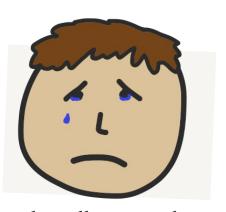
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#### **Early Childhood**

#### PRAYER

Dear God,

THANK YOU for the Good News of Jesus. HELP US to share this Good News with others.

Amen.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### View SBK ebook Proclaimed Good News

- 1. What's some exciting news that you've had that you couldn't wait to tell people?
- 2. What news did Paul love to tell people?
  That Jesus loves everyone.
- 3. How did Paul share his good news? He travelled to lots of places and taught the people there about Jesus.
- 4. Where was Paul going to go next? To Jerusalem.
- 5. True or false? Paul was very brave.
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#### **Lower Primary**

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you God for the good news of Jesus. Thank you that He loves us and saves us.

Thank you that Paul and others worked so hard to tell people about you.

Please help us to be brave and share the good news too, so more people can know Jesus.

Amen.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### Read Acts 20:17-37 from SBK Lower Primary Scripture

- 1. What's some exciting news that you've had that you couldn't wait to tell people?
- 2. What was the news that Paul couldn't wait to tell people?

That Jesus loves <u>everyone</u> and He can save anyone who believes in Him.

- 3. How did Paul share his good news? He travelled to lots of places and taught the people there about Jesus
- 4. What does he warn the leaders of the church in Ephesus about?

Being careful in case people try to teach them the wrong things.

5. Where was Paul going to go next? To Jerusalem.

- 6. What did Paul think might happen there? He didn't know but he thought it might be hard.
- 7. True or false? Paul was very brave. True. Paul was willing to do whatever God wanted, even if it was hard
- 8. How did the church leaders feel when Paul said goodbye?

They were sad because they would miss him, but they were glad he was doing what God wanted him to do.

9. What do you think God might want you to do? Encourage children to think about ways they could live their lives that would make God happy.



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#### **SMALL GROUPS**

#### **FOCUS**

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#### **Middle Primary**

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Amen.

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#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### Read Acts 20:17-37 from SBK Middle Primary Scripture

- 1. What's some exciting news that you've had that you couldn't wait to tell people?
- 2. What was the news that Paul couldn't wait to tell people?

That God's gift of salvation is available to <u>everyone</u> because of Jesus' death and resurrection.

- 3. How did Paul share his good news? vs 18-20 He travelled far and wide and taught people. He had humility - he lived by example. He was courageous. Nothing stopped him.
- 4. With whom did he share this news and what did he tell them to do? v.21

He told  $\,$  both Jews and Greeks that they must repent and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

Where is Paul going after he speaks to the elders of Ephesus? Why? v.22

To Jerusalem because the Holy Spirit is compelling him.

6. What does Paul think might happen there? Why? v.23

He will possibly face suffering or imprisonment because the Holy Spirit warns him that he faces this in every city.

- Why is Paul prepared to accept this danger? v.24
  He is not worried about his own life or comfort. He is
  focussed on finishing the work that Jesus gave him to
  do; telling others the good news of God's grace.
- True or false? Paul would blame himself if there is someone who doesn't believe or do what God wants them to do.

False. He knows that nothing stopped him from telling them the good news and what they needed to do even when he faced great danger and suffering.

9. What job does he give the leaders of the Ephesian church to do?

To keep watch over themselves and all the believers and to be shepherds of God's church.

10. How could you use Paul's example to strengthen you to share the good news?

We can listen, be strengthened, be led, be comforted by the Holy Spirit - just as Paul was. In this way, we can finish the job that God wants <u>us</u> to do.

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**Upper Primary** 

**SMALL GROUPS** 

#### **PRAYER**

Thank you God for the good news of Jesus. Thank you that He loves us and saves us.

Thank you that Paul and others worked so hard to tell people about you.

Please help us to be brave and share the good news too, so more people can know Jesus.

Amen.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Read Acts 20:17-37 (from NIrV New Adventurer Bible pp1343)

- 1. Can you remember who first shared the good news of Jesus with you?
- 2. What was the news that Paul couldn't wait to tell people?

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doesn't believe? Why? v.26

He will not feel guilty. He knows that he hasn't let anyone stop him from telling people what God wants them to do.

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#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

Dear God,

THANK YOU for the Good News of Jesus.

HELP US to share this Good News with others.

Amen.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Thank you God for the good news of Jesus. Thank you that He loves us and saves us.

Thank you that Paul and others worked so hard to tell people about you.

Please help us to be brave and share the good news too, so more people can know Jesus.

Amen.

#### TIPS

Praise God this week for the Good News that Jesus is Alive!!





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**Early Childhood** 

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Amen.



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**Sunday School** 

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Amen.



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#### **FOCUS**

While others shared news about emperors or battles, the first Christians shared the best news: Jesus is alive, and he saves us! They travelled far and wide to tell everyone about the hope they had in him.

In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

- Building Blocks
- Car Play
- Who needs to hear the Good News?
- Good News Collage
- Postcards (Kindy)

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Paper People Chain (Prep)
- Whisper Messages (1-2)
- World Map Puzzle (3-4)
- Spreading the Good News (5-6)

#### **GAMES**

- Dominoes (Kindy)
- Captain's Coming (Prep-Yr 6)



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### **Building Blocks**

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Building Blocks Mega Blocks, Q-Blocks or Duplo
- Dollhouse People

#### STEPS

- 1. Help the children to build a church.
- Use the dollhouse people to pretend they're going to church.
   Use one as the leader to share the Good News with everyone.





Paul encourages the leaders to take care of the church. He also encourages them to share the good news of Jesus with everyone.



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### Car Play

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Road Rug
- Toy Cars

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Get out the toy cars and set them up on the road rug.
- 2. Encourage the children to play with the cars.
- 3. Talk to the children about where they're going and if they're going on a big trip. Ask the children where they could go to tell others about Jesus. Eg school, the park, a hospital, etc.





We can tell people about Jesus in our own town, or we can travel far away to share the Good News with others.



### Who needs to hear the Good News?

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Bucket
- Wooden Village People Set Sourced from Modern Teaching Aids OR Set of Memory Game Cards (Feelings and Emotions), or similar. Sourced from **Modern Teaching Aids**

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Pull out each of the wooden people or game cards from the bucket and show them to the children and ask if this person needs to hear about Jesus? Discuss what they notice about what they're wearing, their appearance, etc.
- 2. This is a good opportunity to have a discussion about how there are children living all over the world that need to hear the good news of Jesus.





Paul worked hard to tell people the Good News about Jesus. God wants us to know this Good News and help share it with others.



### **Good News** Collage

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue
- Poster paper
- Marker

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Write 'Sharing the Good News' on the poster paper.
- 2. Help the children find and cut out people from the magazines and glue them onto the poster.
- 3. For younger children have the pictures already cut out and encourage them to glue them onto the poster.
- 4. Remind the children that God wants us to tell everyone the Good News of Jesus.





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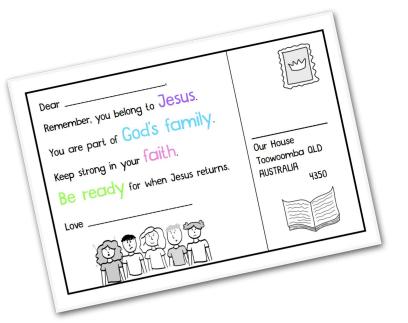
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### **Postcards**

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Printout Worksheet #1 on Cardstock
- Pens/Pencils
- Stickers approx stamp size (rectangle)
- Clipboards in needed

- 1. Talk about how Paul encouraged the leaders of the church to continue to share the Good News.
- 2. Give each child a postcard template and explain that today they are going to write to someone they want to encourage - Family member, friend, etc.
- 3. Each child is to fill in the blanks on the postcard. Most should be able to write their own name, they may need help to write who it's for.
- 4. They can then draw a picture on the front and attach the stamp.





As followers of Jesus, we should always be ready to proclaim the gospel to all who will listen.





The printable POSTCARD template can be found on the following page.



Dear,  Remember, you belong to Jesus.	
You are part of God's family.	
Keep strong in your faith.  Be ready for when Jesus returns.	Toowoomba QLD AUSTRALIA 4350
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Dear,  Remember, you belong to Jesus.	





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### Paper People Chain

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper people chains or cut outs
- Coloured pens or pencils

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Hand out the people chains and encourage the children to colour them in. Including adding eyes, nose and mouth.
- 2. Encourage the children to make each person different (eg different coloured clothes, different coloured eyes, different shaped mouth, etc).
- 3. Remind the children that God wants us to tell everyone the Good News of Jesus.





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# Whisper Messages

#### YOU'LL NEED...

N/A

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Children sit in a circle.
- 2. The leader whispers a phrase eg. 'Jesus is alive' in the ear of the first kid in the circle.
- 3. They repeat the message to the third player, and so on.
- 4. When the last player is reached, they announce the message they heard to the entire group.
- 5. The leader then compares the original message with the final version.
- 6. Repeat, letting the kids have a turn at starting the message.





Whispering often changes the message, but when we proclaim the good news clearly and boldly, everyone hears it properly.



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# World Map Puzzle

#### YOU'LL NEED...

• Puzzle of the World

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Have the children work together to complete the puzzle.
- 2. Ask the children: Do you remember the first time you heard about Jesus? Did you know there are people around the world who have never heard about Jesus? They need people like Peter who are willing to go and tell them about Jesus. We call these people missionaries. God wants everyone to hear the good news of Jesus.
- 3. Ask the children to find and point to locations on the map. Start with local places (e.g. Australia), and slowly go further afield.











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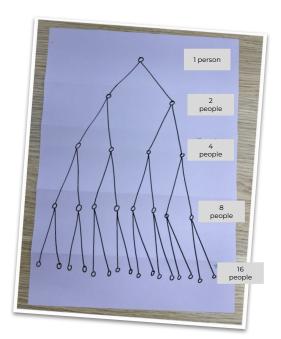
# Spreading the Good News

#### YOU'LL NEED...

- Paper
- Clipboards
- Pencils

#### STEPS

- 1. Fold the piece of paper into 5 segments.
- 2. In the first segment draw one circle, this represents you.
- In the second segment, you are showing what happens if you tell two people the good news. Draw two lines to two circles.
- 4. Continue this pattern, doubling every segment.
- s. Count the final number of circles in the bottom segment. It should be amazing to see the power of simple multiplication! That is how the church has grown through history, one person telling another.
- Repeat with more circles. What would happen if each person told four people about Jesus.





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### **GAME: Dominoes**

#### YOU'LL NEED...

• Dominoes (or jenga blocks or similar)

#### **STEPS**

- 1. Set up a dominoes trail.
- 2. Talk to the children about how it only takes one person to tell one other person about Jesus and it has the potential to impact many many others.
- 3. Demonstrate this by tapping down the first domino and watching all the others 'hear about Jesus'.
- 4. Repeat, but try and design the trail with multiple points coming out from the start (signifying many different tribes/groups of people). Watch the effect travel.





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### **GAME: Captain's** Coming

#### YOU'LL NEED...

N/A

- 1. One leader to be captain of the ship. The captain is in charge of the ship and yelling out orders to the crew.
- 2. Crew members must obey all of the captain's orders.
- 3. Play continues with the captain calling and the crew responding. The faster the actions are called and performed, the trickier the game becomes.

#### Captain's orders:

**Scrub the decks:** crew members get on their hands and knees and pretend to scrub the deck.

Man overboard: crew members find a partner, hold hands and pretend to row a boat.

Climb the rigging: crew members pretend to climb a ladder.

Captain's coming: crew members salute and say "aye captain".

Hit the deck: crew members lay face down on the floor.

Four corners: there are four corners of the ship: back, front, left and right. When the captain yells out a corner all crew members must run to it.





Paul left for Jerusalem on a ship. He was compelled by the Holy Spirit to continue his ministry.

