

SHIPWRECKED!

Paul had been in prison for several years. One day the Governor handed Paul over to

Julius, a commander in the Roman army. Julius was going to take Paul to Rome for his trial before the Emperor.

Paul and Julius boarded a ship and set sail. The first part of their journey went well, but then strong winds blew them off course.

Paul said, "Winter is coming. If we keep going, the ship and everything in it will be lost. Our own lives will be in danger."

But Julius commanded that they keep sailing.

Soon, a strong storm overcame the boat. The wind howled. Lightning struck. Thunder clapped. And waves crashed over the boat.

Even the sailors were afraid. They cried out, "Much more of this storm and the ship will sink!"

Desperate, the sailors began throwing things overboard to make the ship lighter.

Paul said, "Be brave. No one will die. God has shown his grace by keeping everyone sailing with you safe.' Then Paul said, "I have faith in God."

Then the wind drove the ship toward land.

Julius cried out, "Everyone jump overboard! It is the only way you can save yourselves!"

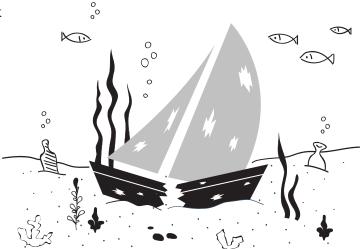
Everyone jumped. Some people swam toward the beach, and others clung to boards from the ship. They all made it to shore alive and safe.

The tired survivors soon discovered they had landed on an island called Malta. The people of the island welcomed them and built a large fire. A snake slithered out of the sticks and bit Paul!

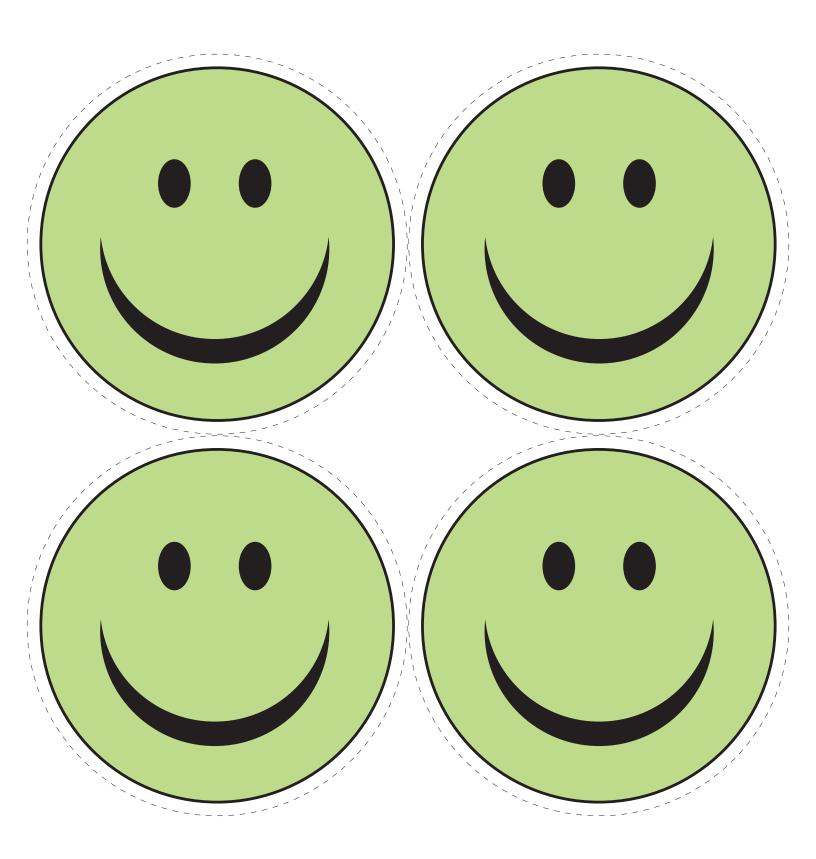
Everyone watched carefully, expecting Paul to get sick from the snake's bite, but nothing happened to him.

The island's chief official, Publius, was impressed. He invited Paul into his home. When Paul learned that Publius' father was sick, he prayed for him and God healed him.

When the people of the island heard about this, everyone who was sick came to see Paul. And through God's power, Paul healed every one of them.



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