

# ENGAGE THE FAMILY

## DEVOTION GUIDELINES

1. Keep it short and interactive.
2. Read the Scripture passage together.
3. Discuss how you and your family members will apply the lesson.
4. Pray for each other and ask for God's help to apply what you have learned.

## READ TOGETHER - ACTS 27-28

**Acts 27:22-25** <sup>22</sup> Yet now I urge you to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. <sup>23</sup> For this very night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood before me, <sup>24</sup> saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before Caesar; and behold, God has granted you all those who are sailing with you.' <sup>25</sup> Therefore, keep up your courage, men, for I believe God that it will turn out exactly as I have been told.

**Acts 27:34-36** <sup>34</sup>Therefore I encourage you to take some food, for this is for your preservation, for not a hair from the head of any of you will perish." <sup>35</sup> Having said this, he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of all, and he broke it and began to eat. <sup>36</sup> All of them were encouraged and they themselves also took food.

**Acts 28:8-10** <sup>8</sup> And it happened that the father of Publius was lying in bed afflicted with recurrent fever and dysentery; and Paul went in to see him and after he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him. <sup>9</sup> After this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and getting cured. <sup>10</sup> They also honored us with many marks of respect; and when we were setting sail, they supplied us with all we needed.

**Romans 8:28** <sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

## TALK TOGETHER.

1. What were the series of events that Paul and his companions encountered as they sailed for Rome?
2. How did Paul comfort his companions? Where was his confidence coming from? (Acts 27:22-25, 34-36)
3. What was the promise given to them by God? (Acts 27:22, 34)
4. What opportunities did God open for Paul to witness in Malta as a result of the storm and the shipwreck? (Acts 28:7-10)
5. What does Romans 8:28 tell us about God? How does this encourage you to put your trust in Him and why?

## CONVICTION

God is greater than any trial. I will trust in His promises and take courage for He is always in control.

## APPLICATION

What are the promises from the Bible that can help you to take courage? How can your trials be an opportunity to witness to others?

## PRAY TOGETHER.

Dear Father, thank you for always being with us through the storms in our life. We put our hope in Your promises and Your power to fulfill Your plans for our life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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