

## **Camp Copass Boys Camp 2008 - Bible Study #4**

**Theme: Wild to Tell**

### **Paul's Wild Ride**

Memory Verse: "Go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

Bible Study: Acts 27 & 28

Object: Boys will learn it is important not just to believe in Jesus and follow Him without question; we must also tell others about Him.

Acts 27 & 28 tells a story of Paul, one of God's most Wild to Tell disciples. Through trial after trial, Paul continued to tell about Jesus' saving love. Even as a prisoner on his way to his death Paul was Wild to Tell.

Paul and his friends were prisoners on a ship headed for Rome. After a very hard journey, they find themselves seasick and lost. Paul tells everyone that things are looking up! An angel had visited Paul and promised him that no one would die even though the ship was surely going to sink. Sure enough, 14 days later the ship hit a reef and began to break up. Against all odds all 276 sailors and prisoners made it to shore safely.

They had landed on the island of Malta. Their first task was to build a fire so they could dry off and get warm. Paul pitched in and helped. He had gathered up a bundle of sticks, but when he put it on the fire a poisonous snake bit his hand and held on. Paul shook the snake off into the fire, none the worse for wear. Everyone kept expecting him to drop dead, but God had other plans.

When Paul arrived in Rome the charges against him were dropped and he began to tell the Jewish community about Jesus. Paul talked to them all day, from morning to evening, explaining everything involved in the kingdom of God, and trying to persuade them all about Jesus by pointing out what Moses and the prophets had written about Him. Some of them were persuaded by what he said, but others refused to believe a word of it.

When the unbelievers got cantankerous and started fighting with each other, Paul interrupted: "I have just one more thing to say to you. You people are blockheads!

You stick your fingers in your ears so you won't have to listen; you screw your eyes shut so you won't have to look. You've had your chance. The non-Jewish outsiders are next on the list. And believe me; they're going to receive it with open arms!" Paul lived for two years in his rented house. He welcomed who came to visit. He gladly told everyone about God and he explained everything about Jesus Christ. His door was always open.

Jesus' last commandment to his followers was to tell everyone (Matthew 28:19.) Do you have a story about Jesus to tell? If you've accepted Jesus as your Savior you do! Anyone who has made a decision to follow Jesus can tell others about that decision and how it's changed their lives. You may not have survived a ship wreck or a snake bite, but your story is still exciting and life changing. Don't be afraid to be Wild to Tell.

### Wild Quiz:

Why did Paul reassure the soldiers during the shipwreck?

Why was Paul concerned about the soldiers that held him prisoner?

How did God use a snake to help Paul tell the soldiers about Jesus?

Although Paul was still held captive when he arrived in Rome he continued to tell others about Jesus. Would you have the courage to do that?  
Why or why not?