

Paul Survives a Shipwreck

(Acts 27:13-44)

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

(Isaiah 40:31, NIV)

Jesus gives us hope...and will see us through hard times.

Think about the first time you tried something you're really good at now. Maybe you're a soccer star, a math whiz, or a piano aficionado.

But the first time you tried it, you probably weren't very good at all. It took a lot of hard work and practice to be the master you are today!

Going through hard times is kind of like that. It's a lot of work! It can be tiring, exhausting.

But when we find hope in Jesus, we find that we can get through it a little bit easier the next time...and then even easier the time after that. The more we see Jesus' hope pull us through, the easier it can become to see Jesus' hope in the future.

So take heart—your struggle won't last forever. But Jesus' hope will.

Talk Starter

Tell about a difficult time you experienced.

Try This @ Home

Fill your bathtub and put a few waterproof items in it. Before you place them in, share which ones you hope will float. Together, stir up the water to make a storm, and see which items can survive without sinking!



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How can we have hope in hard times? Check out Matthew 5:11-12; James 1:2-3; and 1 Peter 4:12-14.



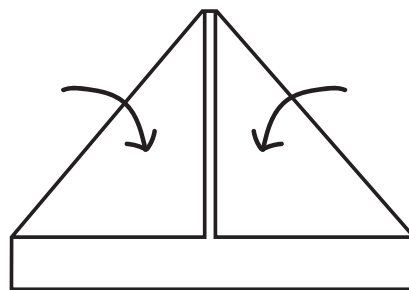
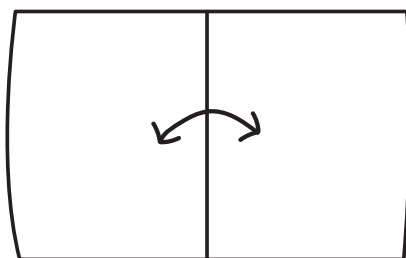
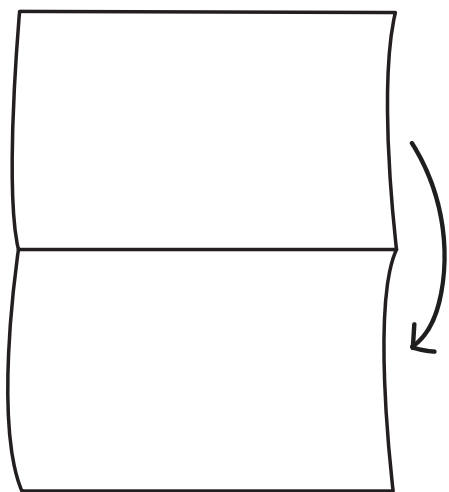
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Fold a boat. When you get home

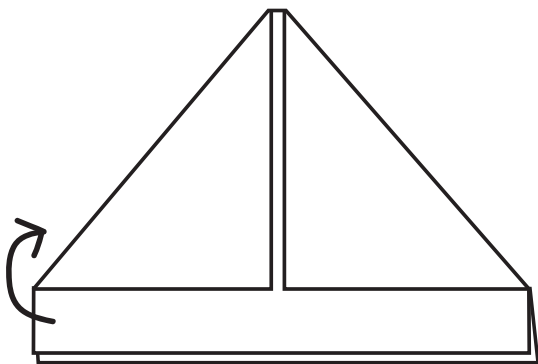
...use it to tell a friend or family member about Paul's shipwreck—and why you hope in Jesus.

Here's how:

- 1 Fold the paper in half as shown.
- 2 Fold in half again, then unfold.
- 3 Fold each upper corner to the center of the paper.



- 4 Fold both bottom strips up.



- 5 Voila—a boat!

