

Witness for Jesus

Bible Story • Paul Survives a Storm • Acts 27:1-28:31

God's Word

"Shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life."
Philippians 2:15-16

For Younger Children:
"Shine like stars as you tell the good news of Jesus."

God's Word & Me

Every day I can be ready to tell about Jesus and His love.

Missions Focus

What are some things missionaries do to get ready to tell about Jesus?

What are some of the different ways missionaries help people learn about Jesus' love?

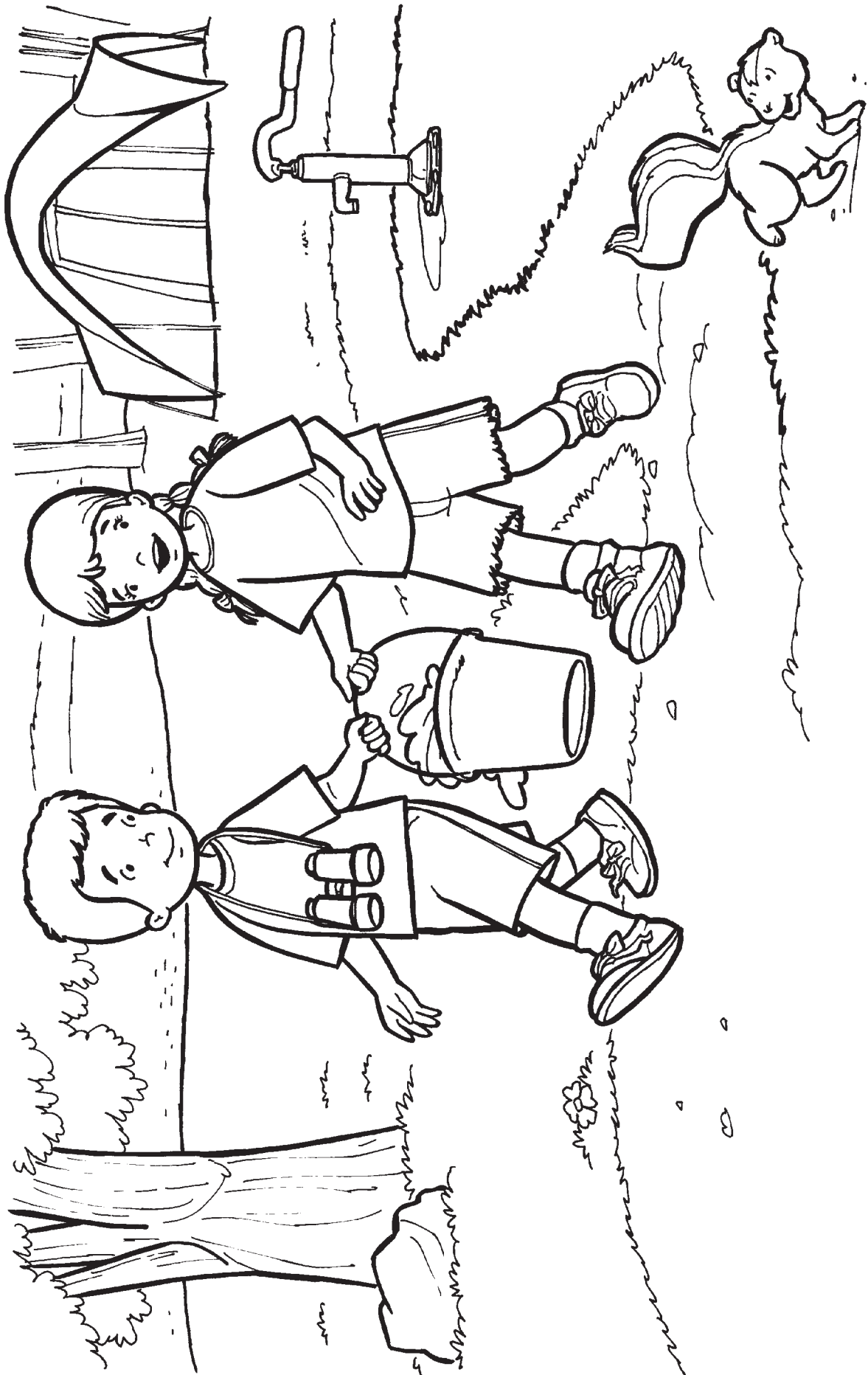
What are some countries in the world to which you know missionaries have gone?

Teacher's Devotional

As teachers we know that there is huge value in our job, but at times it is not easy. No matter how easy a curriculum proclaims itself to be, a lot of work and time goes into teaching God's Word! When we're not prepared, children can sense it as soon as they walk through the classroom door. (They seem to have superhuman antennae tuned to find the unprepared teacher!) Immediately, we lose them. 1 Peter 3:15 states, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." This is a strong statement, and as teachers we are held to this high standard. We need to be prepared so that we can confidently tell children about Christ's love—even the littlest ones.

Paul may not have been telling children about Jesus' love, but he was ready when the time came to tell a group of jailers and sailors about Christ's love. And once he arrived in Rome, he welcomed all who came to see him, prepared to boldly preach about Jesus Christ.

To show respect to Christ, we should always be prepared to boldly teach Jesus' love to the children in our classrooms. But how? *Prayer* is the key. Spend quiet time with the Lord, asking Him to prepare *your* heart. Read through the Bible story. Find points in the story that really apply to you and your spiritual life. Then, why not try memorizing the weekly memory verse? When kids see you have put the time into memorizing, they know it's important! Then it will become important to them, as well. If we want to *reach* the children by teaching them, then we should be prepared—ready to tell about Jesus and His love. And being prepared must begin through prayer and study that changes our own hearts!



“Shine like stars as you tell the good news of Jesus.” (See Philippians 2:15-16.)
Who can you show Jesus’ love to this week?

Constellation Connection!

Carry down each letter to the next connected star to complete Philippians 2:15-16.

