

# Lesson 5: Deliverance

## Today's Bible Story

After sharing his faith publicly, the apostle Paul was taken prisoner by Jewish leaders. But Paul was a Roman citizen as well as a Jew, so he asked to bring his case to the Emperor in Rome. A centurion named Julius was given the job of guarding him.

Together with other prisoners and soldiers, Paul and Julius boarded a boat for the journey. It was a bad time of year to travel by sea. But when Paul warned the men of this, no one listened.

At first, the ship sailed calmly along the shore of Crete (KREET). Then, a hurricane force wind began to blow. The ship was pushed off course — and out to sea. Trying to keep the boat afloat, the sailors threw their cargo overboard. Yet day after day, the storm raged on. With no food and no way of returning to shore, the men lost hope.

Finally, Paul stood up. “Take heart!” he said, “God has told me that even though we will lose the ship, no one will die. I have faith God will save us.”

After 14 days, the sailors saw that they were finally nearing land. Paul found some bread and broke it, giving thanks to God. Then, he encouraged everyone to eat and gain strength.

Soon afterwards, the bow of the boat struck a reef, and the stern fell apart. The soldiers thought they should kill the prisoners rather than let them escape. But the centurion, wanting to save Paul, kept them from doing this. Instead, he ordered everyone to swim to land. So they did — and they all survived!

The people on the island welcomed the weary men. While there, Paul prayed and healed many of their sick. When it was time to sail again, the islanders gave them supplies for their journey.



**From Acts 27:18-44**

## Bible Rhyme

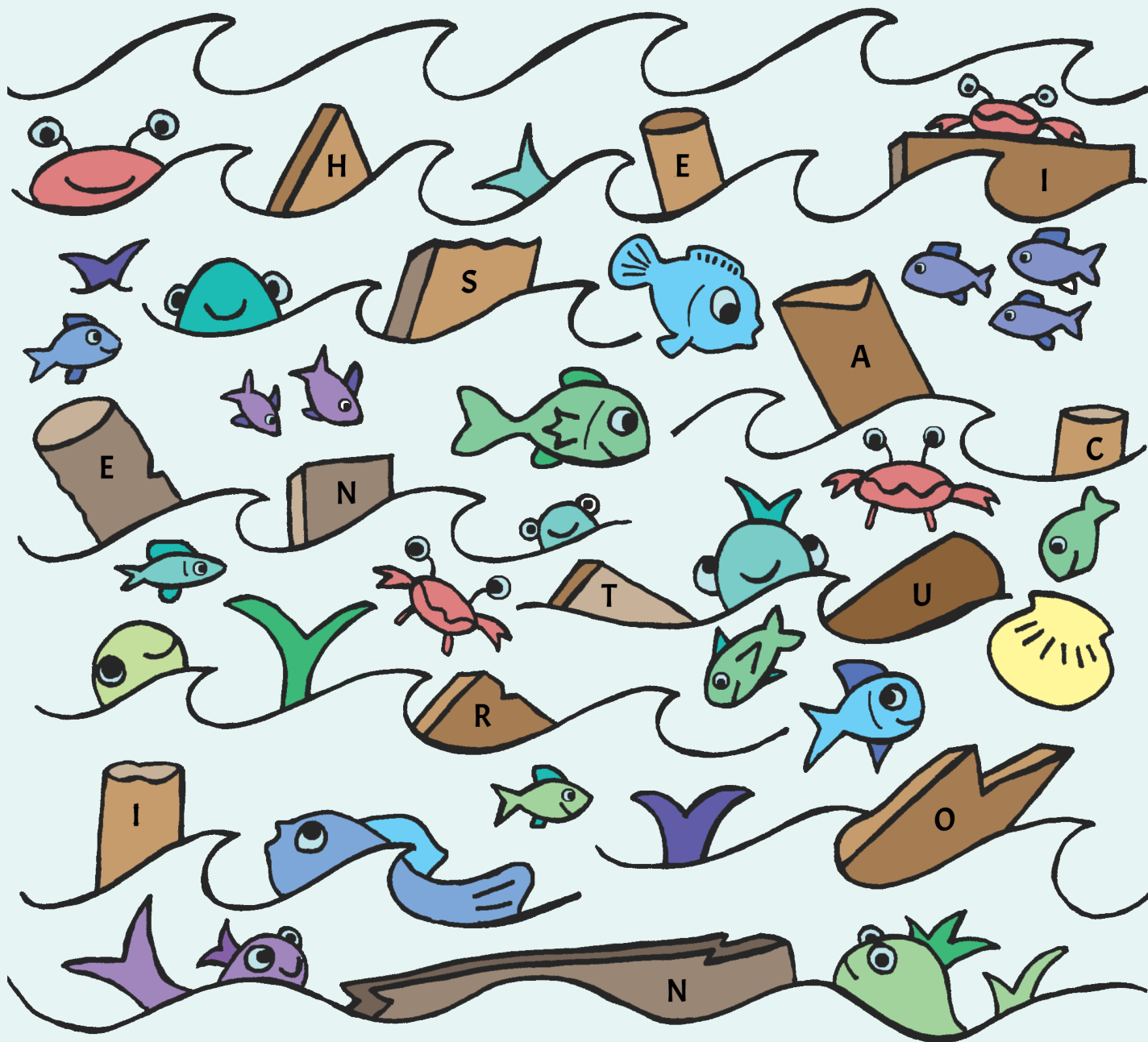
While sailing on a choppy sea,  
with cold winds blowing gustily,  
a ship was battered in the squall.  
But on this ship rode faithful Paul.

Although he was a captive, too,  
Paul prayed while stormy gale winds blew.  
And to the frightened men on board  
he said, “Take heart and trust the Lord!”

Then after fourteen days and nights  
of raging winds and scary sights,  
the ship was wrecked against a reef.  
But all were saved, with great relief!

Count all the brown pieces of wood that are floating in the waves.

There are \_\_\_\_\_. This is the number of days that Paul's ship was at sea in the storm!



Each floating piece of wood has a letter on it.

Use these letters to fill in the blanks below and answer the question:

As Paul's guard on the ship, what Roman military rank does Julius have?

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