

When the Fire Still Burns

Acts 28:1–10 (Kids Guide)

The Bible Story

Paul and his friends were in a big storm at sea. Their ship broke apart, but God kept them safe. They washed up on an island called **Malta**.

The people there were kind. They built a **fire** to warm everyone.

While Paul helped gather sticks, a **snake** came out of the fire and bit his hand! Everyone thought Paul would die—but he didn't. God protected him.

Paul prayed for a sick man named **Publius's father**, and God healed him. Soon many people were helped, and God's love spread across the island.

Big Idea

God is with us, protects us, and uses us—even in unexpected places.

Let's Think

1. Why were the people on the island kind to Paul and his friends?
2. What happened when the snake bit Paul?
3. Who did Paul pray for?

Let's Connect

- Has someone ever been kind to you when you were scared or uncomfortable?
 - How can you show kindness to others this week?
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Let's Do

Draw a picture of:

- A fire 
- Paul helping others 
- God watching over His people 

(Use the whole page if you want!)

Let's Pray

“God, thank You for being with us wherever we go. Help us trust You, help others, and show Your love. Amen.”

Bonus Activity (Back of Page)

Color or draw:

- Paul by the fire
- The island of Malta
- People helping one another

Remember: God's love goes with you everywhere!

Acts of the Apostles / Ministry in Malta

Week of February 22, 2026

Acts 28:1-10

1. The Fire of _____.
2. The Fire of _____.
3. The Fire that _____ the _____.
4. The Fire that _____ the _____.

Sermon Notes:

Prayer Prompt: Thank God for His presence in seasons of uncertainty. Ask for faith to trust Him when circumstances are confusing or unfairly judged. Pray for courage to live as a witness shaped by grace rather than fear.

Understanding the Text

➤ **Acts 28:1–2** — Why is hospitality the first act highlighted after the shipwreck? What does this show about God’s care before any miracle occurs?

➤ **Acts 28:3–4** — Paul is bitten while serving. How does this challenge the idea that faithfulness prevents suffering?

➤ **Acts 28:5–6** — The serpent burns while Paul lives. How does this picture the gospel truth of judgment and mercy?

➤ **Acts 28:7–10** — How does the movement from hospitality to healing show God’s mission continuing?

For Further Consideration and Application

➤ Where might God be calling you to quiet faithfulness this week?

➤ How does Paul’s response to suffering reflect Christ’s trust in the Father?

➤ How can hospitality become a doorway for gospel witness in your life?