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2. Take some time this week to write down your testimony – how you came to believe in Jesus and how it has changed your life. Think of someone who might be encouraged by your story and pray for God to give you the opportunity to share it.
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Do Together:

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Talk About:

1. Paul spent many years traveling around the world, but his trips were not vacations! He told people everywhere about Jesus. Wherever Paul went, people knew he was a Christian. Would people know you were a Christian in the places you visit? How could you show them?
2. Paul and the others on the boat found themselves in a very scary situation. When things were getting really bad, Paul told the others that God would take care of them. Have each family member tell about a time somebody has comforted them when they were scared.
3. What are ways that you and your family can offer hope and encouragement to others who may be in difficult or scary situations?

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