



Thank you for bringing your child to *Splash Canyon* Vacation Bible School, where God's promises are **Yes** in Jesus!

St. Leo's Church VBS Parent Newsletter

Thursday June 7, 2018

FOCUS OF THE DAY:

God gives hope!

Yes, he does!

Catechetical Connection (1818-1821)



Hope is a virtue. In every circumstance of life, we can have confidence that God is with us and will help us with his grace, just as Abraham and so many others hoped in him in their trials. Instead of feeling discouraged or abandoned, we can joyfully trust in God's faithfulness and choose to love as he taught us. Through prayer, we can grow in hope. We can always look forward to God's promise of eternal life with him.

SAINTS & SCRIPTURE DISCOVERY

Isaiah 43:21

When you pass through waters,
I will be with you and
through rivers they shall not
overwhelm you.

Saint in Focus:

ST. THOMAS

Here's what happened in Lesson 4 of our VBS:
We learned that **God gives hope! Yes, He does!**
Our *River Run* Bible Story was
"God Saves Paul from the Sea" in *Acts 27:13-44*.

In spite of a wild storm, God kept His promise to Paul that he would witness to Jesus in Rome. Whatever crisis is tossing us around on the white water of life, God's Yes, Jesus, our Savior, rides out the storm with us.

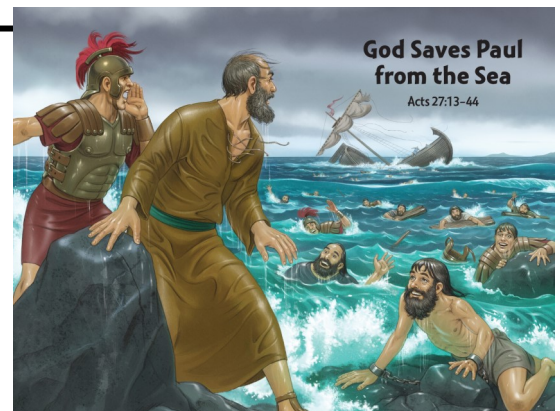
God keeps His promises. He did not abandon His people, and He will not abandon us. God's faithfulness in the past sustains our faith. His presence with us now fills us with His love, and we wait in hope for our eternal joy, peace, and life in God's presence.

Tell About It!

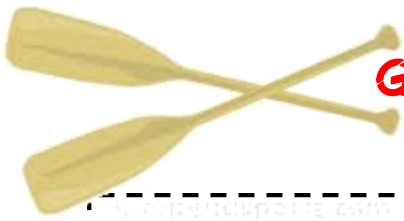
Acts 27:13-44

A lot of was told in Bible Stories today...see what they remember by asking or prompting with these:

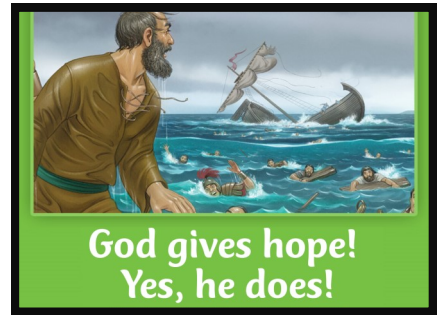
- **What did Paul say would happen to the ship and the people?**
- **Was Paul right?**
- **Why did Paul have this hope?**
- **What did Paul say and do to give hope to the others on board?**
- **Mighty Saints:** How does this story relate to our Mighty Saint of the day: Saint Thomas?



The kids will be performing the songs that they are learning this week ... make plans to join us on **TOMORROW!!** Hopefully if all goes according to plans we should be starting it around **4:20** Friday afternoon!



GOD'S PROMISE ON LIFE'S WILD RIDE



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CONTINUE the CONVERSATION

There's always the possibility of an accidental "swim" on white water. Helmets, personal floatation devices, and the right clothing give rafters the hope of safety. Even so, the safest place to be is in the raft! Overwhelmed and scared by the rough water and storms of life, our trust in God falters. We lose hope. When offered rescue through His powerful might, ever-present love, and redemption, we say "No!" to God. We're in danger of drowning in sin and despair. God promises hope today and always. And God keeps His promises!

Through faith, we ride out the storms of life with Jesus, God's Yes, who anchors us in the hope of our salvation. We share Jesus and His hope as we serve others and give God glory. Whatever crisis is tossing us around on the white water of life, God's Yes, Jesus, our Savior, rides out the storm with us. God keeps His promises. He did not abandon His people, and He will not abandon us. God's faithfulness in the past sustains our faith. His presence with us now fills us with His love, and we wait in hope for our eternal joy, peace, and life in God's presence. ♥

... at home!

Service Projects:
We are still collecting coins please help us collect
Coins for a Cause!
Bring Quarters on Friday!



blessing bags

- Tomorrow wear CLASS COLORS**
- GRAY** – Pre-K-&
 - YELLOW** – former Kindergarten
 - BLUE** – former 1st graders
 - RED** – former 2nd graders
 - GREEN** – former 3rd graders
 - PURPLE** —former 4th graders

Today the kids made BLESSING BAGS. The intention for these bags are to be given to some one in need, someone who may be homeless or may be sitting on a corner asking for help. We are letting you, the parents, make the choice with your child if you would like for your child to bring home their bag, so that if you happen upon the situation you and your child could gift a blessing upon a stranger. Please talk this over with your child. We would never encourage a child to bless a stranger without an adult present. If you do not feel comfortable with this situation, that is ok. Any blessing bags left over will be donated to the area centers to help those in need. Thank you for participating in this discussion on how we can be disciples in this manner. ♥

