## Kidz World's Church at Home

## **Word Finder**

## FUN TIME: "Memory" (All Ages)

During this week's 'Fun Time', play a word game like Scrabble Jr., Upwords or Scattegories. If you don't have any of these on hand, use magnetic letters or create your own letter cards with paper and pencil. See how many words each child can create. The one with the most words wins the game. For preschoolers, simply help them create three letter words.

**BIBLE TIME:** Talk about how hard, or easy, it was to create their words during the game. **Read Proverbs 18:21.** Share with your children that God tells us in this verse that we have the power to create life or death with our words. Things in our lives can change for the good, or the bad, depending upon what we say. People can be helped or hurt by our words. Today, we are going to talk about how we can win in life by choosing the right words.

Use the Bible verses and questions below to discuss this with your children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you read the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them ©.

- 1. Quickly review how Paul was shipwrecked in Acts 27:9-25. (For littles ones, simply summarize the story.)
- 2. Paul was on the ship as a prisoner. The men with him were not his friends and those men were scared. What did Paul tell the men in verses 22 & 25?
- 3. Why did Paul choose to use his words to encourage those men instead of using angry words?

**REAL TIME:** Even when people are mean to us, we must choose good words that are helpful. Our words can give someone hope, even when they've been hurt. We must even use our words to encourage ourselves when we feel bad. Words are important! **Ask:** Who can you encourage today with your words? What will you tell them? Has anything been worrying or bothering you? What Scripture from God's Word can you use to speak and encourage yourself? Let's pray.

<u>PRAYER TIME:</u> "Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us power in Your Word. Help me to speak words that will encourage others, even when I don't feel like it. Help me to speak your Word over myself and family. Thank You for giving us life in Your Word. In Jesus' Name, Amen!"

"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them."

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)