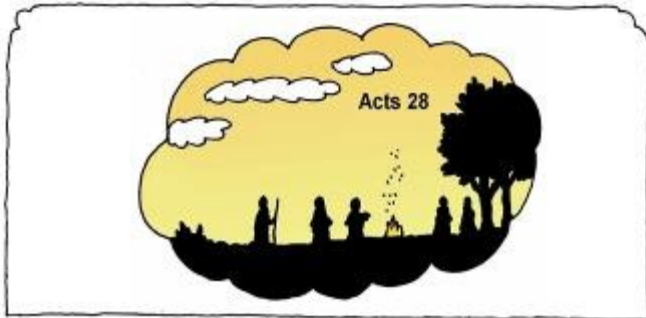


PAUL and the snake

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The Apostle Paul wrote many of the books in the Bible. It was a miracle when he was bitten by a poisonous snake and didn't die.



The boat taking the prisoner, Paul, to Rome was shipwrecked. Everyone got safely to shore through the stormy seas and heavy rain.



They found wood to make a fire to warm and dry themselves. Paul helped gather sticks too, in the pouring rain.



He didn't see a poisonous snake, called a Viper, hiding in the sticks. The poisonous snake bit Paul on his hand and hung on tight.



Paul shook the snake into the fire and prayed that God would protect him from the poisonous snake venom, that would kill him.



Everybody waited for Paul to die. They thought that God must be angry with him and had made a storm and sent a snake to kill him.



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