

ACTS CHAPTER 20

Paul's Farewell to the Ephesian Elders



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Lesson Goal

Students faithfully learn why they need to pray for the Church.

Lesson Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Explain what happened during the church gathering in Troas.
- Explain why Paul sent for the elders of Ephesus in Miletus.
- Explain (in their own words) Paul's final words to the Ephesian elders.
- Explain what happened after Paul departed from Miletus.

Memory Verse

Review prior memory verses: *Acts 1:8; 2:32; 4:12; 5:4b-5; 5:29; 7:60a; 8:1b; 9:15; 10:34-35; 12:24; 14:27; 15:11; 16:31; 17:24; 18:9; 19:18*

Application

- How much do you love the Church?
- Pray for your elders.
- Now is the time to start building godly character in your lives.
- Pray about where you should serve in the church.

TEACHER PLANNING SHEET

Prepare Your Heart

- Read and study through the passage meditatively.
- Prayerfully seek how God would have you personally apply this passage to your own life. Write these down.

Prepare the Lesson

- Choose from the various ideas in the lesson plan.
- Write down an approximate time frame for each.
- List the materials needed.

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SHOOK

Adios, Amigo (Activity). Have the students think of the many words we use to say "goodbye." List as many as you can on the board. Don't forget Spanish, German, Italian, French, etc. Have the students also think of gestures that might mean goodbye. Tell them that in today's Bible adventure they will hear about some people from Ephesus that Paul said goodbye to. Some of them he would never see again. How do you feel when you say goodbye to loved ones? Let's see what Paul had to say to those that he loved and might never see again.

Late Night (Student Poll/Discussion). Ask the students, "Have you ever stayed up really late?" "How many have stayed up past midnight on New Year's Eve?" Poll students to see who has stayed up the latest. Have the winner tell about this late night. (His/her prize should be a nap!) Tell them that the people in the city of Troas stayed up all night to learn from Paul. Why do you think they didn't just wait until the next day to hear more? Tell them to listen to the Bible Adventure to learn what unusual thing happened at midnight.

Humpty Dumpty (Activity/Discussion). Have one student begin writing the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty on the board. After two or three words, have another student continue and so on. (*Teacher can write as younger students dictate.*) After this is done tell the students that today we are going to put our own words to the rhyme that will help us to remember the lesson.

Example: Eutychus from Troas sat on a wall.

From the third story he had a great fall.

After Paul hugged him, he rose from the dead,

He went back upstairs and ate and broke bread.

The students might ask what this has to do with today's lesson and you can say that, "In today's bible adventure someone falls from a high place and God does an amazing miracle through Paul."

Church Government (Worksheet). Have the students complete this True and False quiz to bring out misconceptions about church government. (Only the first and last statements are biblically true.) This can also be done as a class with raised hands, **2.ACT18EL.GF1**. *Answers: T, F, F, F, F, F, F, T, F, F, F, T, T*

Presentation Ideas

Elders of Ephesus Say Farewell to Paul (Illustration/Coloring Page). Acts 20:36, **2.ACT18EL.GF2.**

Bible Adventure for 1st- 3^d grades

Last week we heard about a man named Demetrius, a craftsman in the city of Ephesus, who started a riot to try to stop the Gospel from spreading. His plan failed when the town clerk quieted the crowd and dismissed them.

After the crowd had broken up, Paul called the Ephesian disciples to him, embraced them, and left to go to Macedonia, as he had planned. He went throughout the region and encouraged the believers wherever he stopped. He went to Greece and stayed there three months, probably spending most of his time in Corinth. You'll remember that many of the Jews in Corinth did not take kindly to Paul's preaching and opposed him so violently that the Lord had to reassure him. As he planned to sail from there to Syria, Paul learned that the Jews were plotting against him, probably to kill him. So instead of sailing on the ship he had originally planned to travel on, he went north through Macedonia to Asia, where he and Luke sailed from Philippi to Troas. There they met other disciples who would be going to Jerusalem with a gift of money for the Church there, which desperately needed it.

Paul had such a love for the Church that he stayed in Troas for the next seven days. On his last evening there, Paul spoke to the gathering of believers through the evening, preaching until midnight. A boy named Eutychus was listening as he sat in the window. As Paul went on speaking, Eutychus fell through the open window to the ground three stories below and died instantly. As you can imagine, the meeting broke up abruptly and the believers gathered around the body of poor Eutychus. Paul also went down, threw his arms around the boy, and told those gathered there not to trouble themselves, for Eutychus' life had been restored. The believers were greatly comforted to have Eutychus back with them. Paul talked with them and taught them all through the night, then departed at daybreak.

Because Paul had had to avoid the trap the Corinthian Jews had laid for him, he had lost time, and was more anxious than ever to get to Jerusalem. Both on foot and by ship, Paul traveled south, stopping at last in Miletus, about 30 miles south of Ephesus. To save time, **he called for the elders of the Ephesian Church to come to him in Miletus that he might spend some time with them.**

When they arrived, Paul shared what he felt was most important for them to know. He reminded them of his ministry among them—how he had taught the Word of God to them without holding anything back. He had suffered tears and trials as he brought the Gospel to many cities. In public and privately, he had shared with the people about their need for repentance and about placing their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Now the Holy Spirit was leading him to go to Jerusalem, and he knew he would suffer there, also, but he knew he had to go. This was the path God had placed in front of him, and he would be obedient. Paul's next statement made the elders very sad. He said, "Now I know that none

of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again.” (v. 25) Paul was saying goodbye, knowing he would never see his Ephesian brothers again. **He shared his heart and gave them these very important instructions to follow: First, they were to stay alert spiritually and watch over the believers in the Ephesian Church. The Church would need elders, men who were wise in the faith and responsible to stand for the truth and against wrong teaching.** Paul had invested everything he could, teaching them for three years and warning them to beware of false teaching and men who would twist God’s words for their own evil purposes. He had shown them how to labor from day to night, always giving themselves to caring for the believers in the flock. Now, Paul commended the elders to God, that God would build them up through His Word and make them holy.

When he had finished speaking to them, Paul knelt down and prayed with them all. They wept, knowing they must say goodbye to this man they had grown to love. They hugged his neck and kissed him with heavy hearts at this parting. When Paul left, they all accompanied him to the ship.

What does all of this mean to us in the Church today? To begin with, **the book of Acts gives us a clear picture of how God wants His Church to be governed.** God didn’t say that it should be like a democracy, where everyone has a say and a vote in the way things are run. In His wisdom, God knew that there would always be baby Christians and even make-believers in every church, so to give everyone an equal say would not be the best way. God also knows well the human heart and how difficult it is for us to submit our will to another person, even to God. Having a group of elders lead a Church is a good way for us to learn that important spiritual lesson. **The elders make decisions according to God’s Word and under the Holy Spirit’s direction. As long as they are following the Word of God, God wants us to submit to their leading.**

A Church led by a group of godly elders will also avoid the trap of expecting their pastors to be and do everything in the Church. The ministry of spreading the Gospel is for all of us. Having a group of elders lead also helps a Church avoid having things run by one person, giving him all the power and authority and no accountability.

Did you notice that Paul said to the Ephesian elders that the Holy Spirit had appointed them? It’s the same today. **God calls men to lead the Church who fit the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1: spiritually mature, blameless, and gentle, among other things.** These men whom God calls are the ones who will give their lives for the people of God’s family. They will give an account before God of how they care for that family.

Maybe you’ve never thought about this, but it could be that God will one day call one of you or your husbands, to be an elder in a Church body. It’s a great honor and a privilege to serve God as an elder. **Now is the time to begin building godly character into your lives, to be putting down roots into God’s Word and letting Him shape you.** You may have already thought about how you’d like to earn a living when you’re grown, but that should really be secondary to where God wants you to serve in His Church. The more wisdom you gain now, the more ready you could be to watch over a group of believers. Making big bucks and a comfortable living seems to be the goal of so many

today. Why not choose the goal of being ready if God should choose you to be an elder? That's a position that has out-of-this-world benefits.

Aim Questions:

1. **In last week's study, in what city was Paul? What happened there?**
Ephesus, Acts 19:11-41
 2. **What happened at the church service in Troas? How long did the service go?** *Eutychus fell out a window. The service went on until midnight.*
 3. **Who did Paul send for and speak to in Miletus? In your own words, tell what he said to them.** *The elders of Ephesus.*
 4. **How is the Church supposed to be governed? What is special about elders?** *By elders, they are commissioned or selected by the Holy Spirit.*
 5. **From hearing Paul's words to these men, how do you think you would have felt if you had been there that day? What would you have seen and heard from the men who listened to Paul?**
 6. **Explain how you understand what elders are really supposed to do in the Church. If you or your husband were to become an elder some day, what would you have to be like?**
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LOOK

What's In a Word? (Worksheet). Have the students circle the pictures that best describe the bolded words in the verse, **2.ACT18EL.GF3**. Have them read over the verse again, using the words from the picture they chose in place of the bolded words. To whom was Paul speaking?

Bon Voyage (Coloring Page). Why do people say "Bon Voyage!" when they leave on an ocean voyage? Have the students color the ship that Paul sailed on from Miletus to Cos, **2.ACT18EL.GF4**. Who did he say "Bon Voyage!" to at the port? What instructions did Paul leave with them?

Memory Verse/Memory Match (Game). Cut the memory verse cards apart. Have the students turn all the cards face down on the table. The students take turns matching the memory verses correctly. The student with the most correct verses wins, **2.ACT18EL.GF5 Pgs. 1-4**.

Who Commissions Elders? (Worksheet). Have the students number the sentences in the correct order of today's lesson, **2.ACT18EL.GF6**. After the sentences are in the correct order, have them write the first letter of each sentence on the blanks below in numerical order to find out who commissioned the Elders of the Church. *Answer: Holy Spirit, refer to Acts 20:28 as a reference point for understanding the answer.*

Complete That Verse 1&2 (Worksheet). Have the students draw a line from the first half of the verse on the left to the correct second half of the verse on the right, **2.ACT18EL.GF7 Pgs. 1 & 2**.

A Shepherd and His Flock (Craft). Fold the paper back and forth on the lines like a fan. When you look from above, you will see a shepherd and his sheep. When you look from below, you will see a different kind of flock, **2.ACT18EL.GF8**.

A.C.T.S. 20:1-38 (Worksheet). Who was the Apostle who served the Lord with great humility while being severely tested by the plots of the Jews? *Paul* From what city did Paul call the elders and tell them that this would be the last time they would ever see him again? What did Paul say the Holy Spirit warned him about in every city? Who had commissioned the elders as the overseers and shepherds of the Church? **2.ACT18EL.GF9.**

Caring for a Flock (Story/Discussion). In Acts 20:28 Paul tells the Ephesian elders to “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the Church of God, which He bought with His own blood.” Bring a children’s book about the care of sheep (easily found at the public library). As you read it to the class, discuss how elders take care of their flocks (of people) in ways similar to shepherds. Another great resource to use to help explain the care of sheep is “A Shepherds Look at the 23rd Psalm” by Philip Keller.

Paul Says Good-bye (Cross Word Puzzle). Review Acts 20:17-38 by filling out this worksheet, **2.ACT18EL.GF10 Pg. 1.** Each word is found in the passage indicated (NIV), but might be used in a simplified form on the worksheet. Choose from the words provided in the list. *Answer Key: 2.ACT18EL.GF10 Pg. 2*

Aim Questions (Worksheet). Have the students answer the Aim Questions about today’s Bible Adventure, **2.ACT18EL.GF11.**



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Count Down (Review Activity). Make a list of twenty review questions for the class. These can be aim questions from previous lessons. Have everyone sit in a circle. Start by saying “one.” The student on your left says “two” and so on around the circle. When someone says “seven,” that student must answer a question. The student next to him is “eight” and the counting continues. Every time someone calls out “seven,” a number divisible by seven, or a number containing the number seven (such as 17), that student must answer a question. Continue until all the questions have been answered.

Paul’s Farewell (Worksheet). Use this to generate discussion in small groups or as a whole class and review what was studied in today’s lesson. How would you have felt if you had been one of the elders to whom Paul was speaking? What would you have seen and heard from the men who listened to Paul? This week pray for the elders of Faith Bible Church, **2.ACT18EL.GF12.**

ReVERSE Forward (Memory Verse Review). This is a variation of the game “Mother May I.” Line up the students at the starting line. Have students count off. Instruct them to remember their numbers. Using the AIM questions from previous lessons, ask student number one to say a Bible verse from memory. If the student recites it correctly, he or she can take one giant step toward the finish line. If it is said almost perfectly, he or she can take one regular step. If the student can say only part of a verse, only a baby step is taken. Using these rules, continue on to student number two. The first student to reach the finish line is the winner. The A.C.T.S. statistics may also be used for review.

Talk with an Elder (*Interview/Prayer Time*). Invite an elder to come and talk with the class. Ask him about the duties of elders in general and the duties specific to his own ministry. How did he become an elder? What can we do to help him in his work? How can we pray for him and his ministry? Have the elder lead the class in prayer and allow a few students to pray for him. (IDEA: How about adopting an elder as a class, the same way we adopt missionaries? The class would pray for him every week and he could visit periodically to update the class on his needs. If you want to do this, be sure to clear it with the elder ahead of time.

This workbook is not available at this time.

A.C.T.S. Action Cards (*Workbook*). Encourage students to continue using the Apostle action cards to memorize the significant statistics throughout the book of Acts. The main events of Acts 20:1-38 are:

- A.** Paul
- C.** Farewell to Ephesus.
- T.** Paul is headed for prison and hardships.
- S.** Picks elders to watch over the Church.



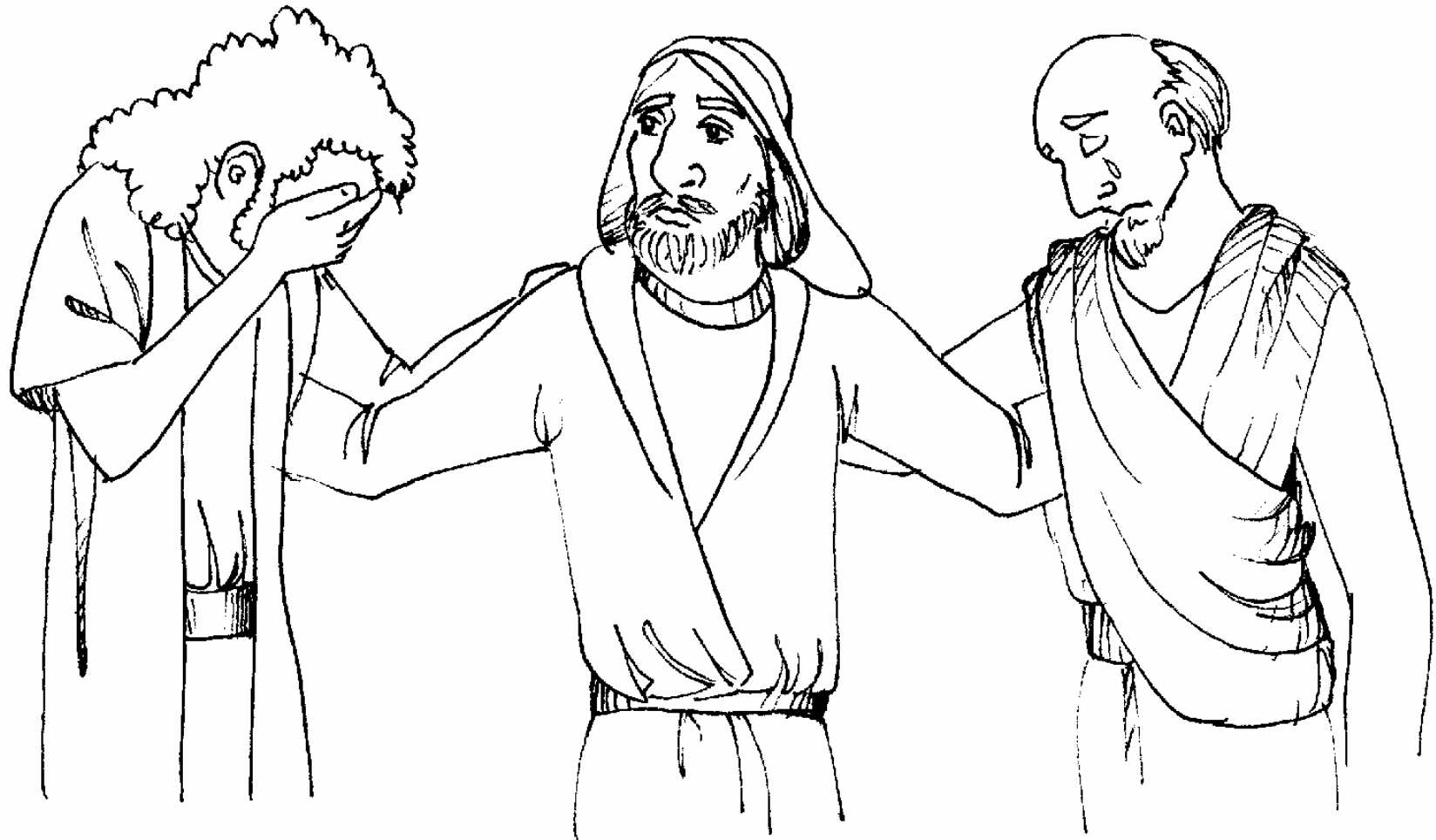
Church Government Pretest



Circle **T** for True or **F** for False.

- T F Christ is head of the Church.
- T F Under Christ, the pastor who preaches most often is in charge.
- T F A pastor or minister is someone who is paid to preach and teach.
- T F When the church has a big decision to make, the congregation should meet and take a vote.
- T F Elders are elected by the congregation to represent them in deciding smaller matters.
- T F New elders are chosen by a vote of the congregation.
- T F Elders should be wealthy men who have attended the church for a long time and are well-liked by members of the congregation.
- T F The elders make decisions by unanimous agreement..
- T F Each church should have a Constitution or By-Laws that define different positions of authority and the responsibilities of each one no matter what the Bible says.
- T F If the congregation disagrees with the pastor, they should form a committee to confront him and vote him out of office if necessary.
- T F The congregation shouldn't ever disagree with the pastor because he is appointed by God.
- T F We are all responsible for the work of the ministry in the church.
- T F Elders pray for the people in their care, and the people pray for the leadership in the church.

Elders of Ephesus Say Farewell to Paul



What's In a Word?

Sometimes words have different meanings. In the verse below, circle the picture that best describes the word in bold print. Read over the verse again. This time use the words from the picture you chose in place of the bolded words. To whom was Paul speaking?

“Keep watch over yourselves and all the **flock**



people in the church



a bunch of birds

of which the Holy Spirit has made you **overseers**.



someone who looks
over the crowds



someone who watches over
and manages the Church

Be **shepherds** of the Church of God, which He bought with
His own blood.” Acts 20:28



German Shepherds



like Jesus, the
Great Shepherd

Bon Voyage!

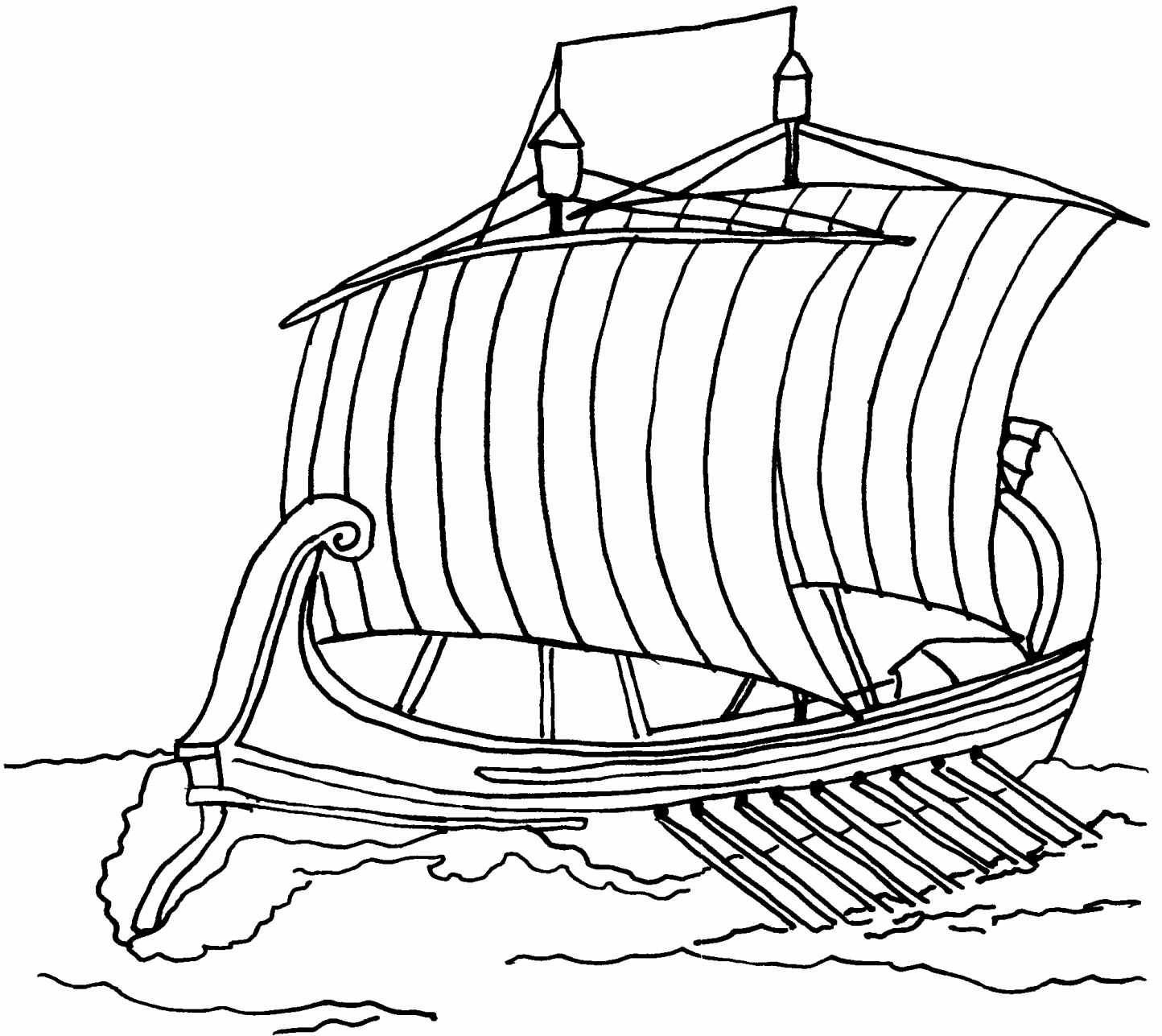
Why do people say “Bon Voyage” when they leave on an ocean voyage?

What do you think it means?

Color the picture below.

Who did the Apostle Paul say “Bon Voyage!” to at the port of Miletus?

What instructions did Paul leave with them?



MEMORY VERSE MEMORY MATCH

Cut the cards apart. Turn all the cards face down on the table. Take turns to try and match the memory verses correctly. The student with the most correct verses wins.

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“What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God.”

When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.”
Acts 5:4b-5

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses

in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8

“God has raised this Jesus to life,

and we are all witnesses of the fact.”
Acts 2:32

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name

under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”
Acts 4:12

**“Peter
and the
other
Apostles
replied:**

**‘We must
obey
God
rather than
men!’”
Acts 5:29**

“ Then he fell on
his knees and
cried out,

‘Lord, do not hold
this sin against
them.’”
Acts 7:60a

“On that day
a great
persecution
broke out
against the
church at
Jerusalem,

and all except
the apostles
were scattered
throughout
Judea and
Samaria.”
Acts 8:1b

“But the Lord
said to Ananias,
‘Go! This man
is My chosen
instrument to
carry My
Name

before the
Gentiles and
their kings and
before the
people of
Israel!”
Acts 9:15

“Then Peter began to speak: ‘I now realize how true it is that God does not show

favoritism, but accepts men from every nation who fear Him and do what is right.’”
Acts 10:34-35

“But the word of God

continued to increase and spread.”
Acts 12:24

“On arriving there, they gathered the church together and reported all that God had

done through them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”
Acts 14:27

“WE BELIEVE IT IS THROUGH THE GRACE OF

OUR LORD JESUS THAT WE ARE SAVED.”
ACTS 15:11

**“Believe
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Jesus**

**and
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Acts 6:31**

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ACTS 17:24**

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Acts 18:9**

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Acts 19:18**

Who Commissions Elders?

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I commit you to God and to the Word of His grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.



Sailed past Ephesus to avoid spending time in the province of Asia, for Paul was in a hurry to reach Jerusalem, if possible, by the day of Pentecost.



Young man Eutychus sank into a deep sleep and fell to the ground from the third story and was picked up dead. Paul went down, threw himself on the young man and put his arms around him. "Don't be alarmed," he said, "He's alive!"



Having spent three months in Greece, Paul was going to sail for Syria. Because of a plot against him, he decided to go back through Macedonia.



Leaving the next day, Paul kept on talking until midnight.



They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again.



Paul met with the elders of the church of Ephesus. Paul told them he served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although he was severely tested by the plots of the Jews.



I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there.



On the first day of the week we came together to break bread.



Reminded the elders to keep watch over themselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit had made them overseers. Be shepherds of the Church of God, which He bought with His own blood.



COMPLETE THAT VERSE!

Draw a line from the first half of the verse on the left to the correct second half of the verse on the right.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My

under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

“God has raised this Jesus to life,

and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. Act 8:1b

“Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name

We must obey God rather than men!
Act 5:29

Peter and the other apostles replied: "

witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved

Name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel.” Acts 9:15

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem,

— you and your household."
Act 16:31

“But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go! This man is My chosen instrument to carry My

and we are all witnesses of the fact.”
Acts 2:32

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Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. Acts 17:24

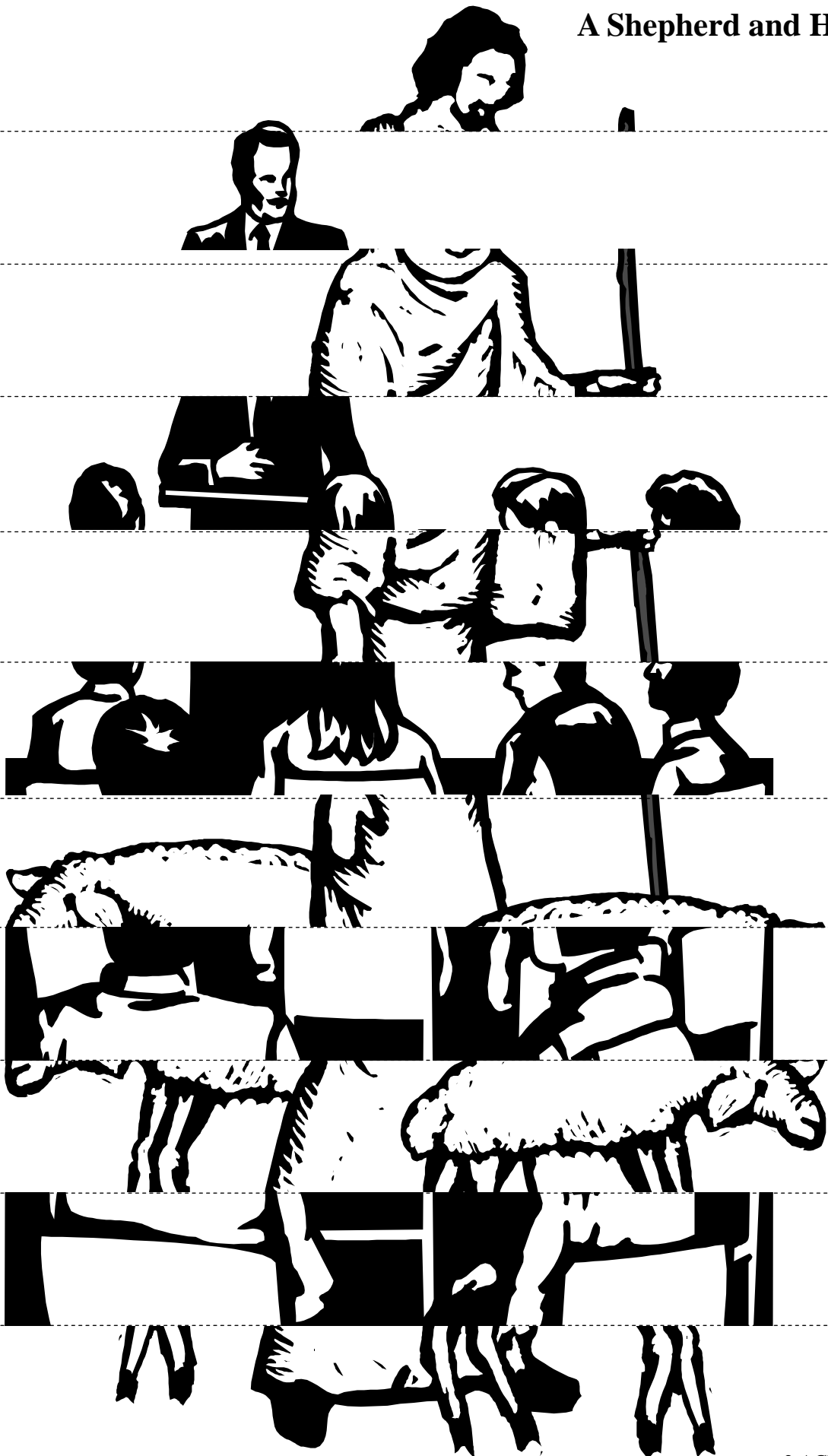
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A Shepherd and His Flock



A.C.T.S.

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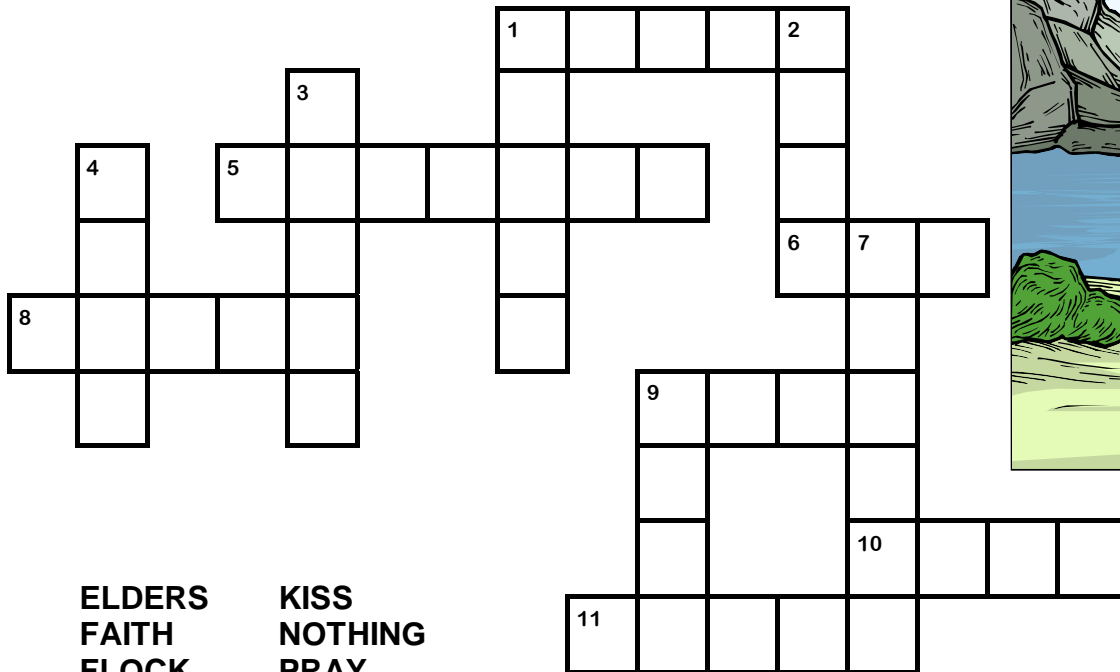
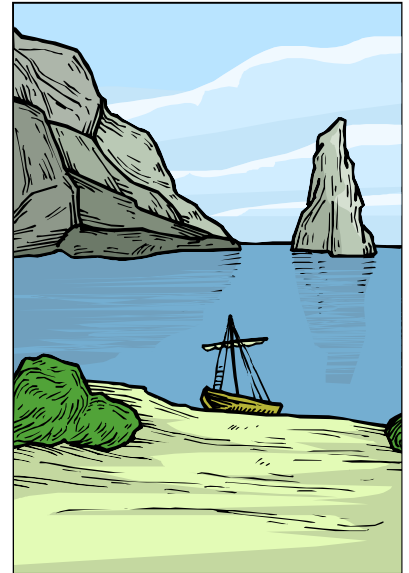
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Trials/troubles – What did Paul say the Holy Spirit warned him about in every city?

Spirit – Who had commissioned the elders as the overseers and shepherds of the Church?

Paul Says Good-bye



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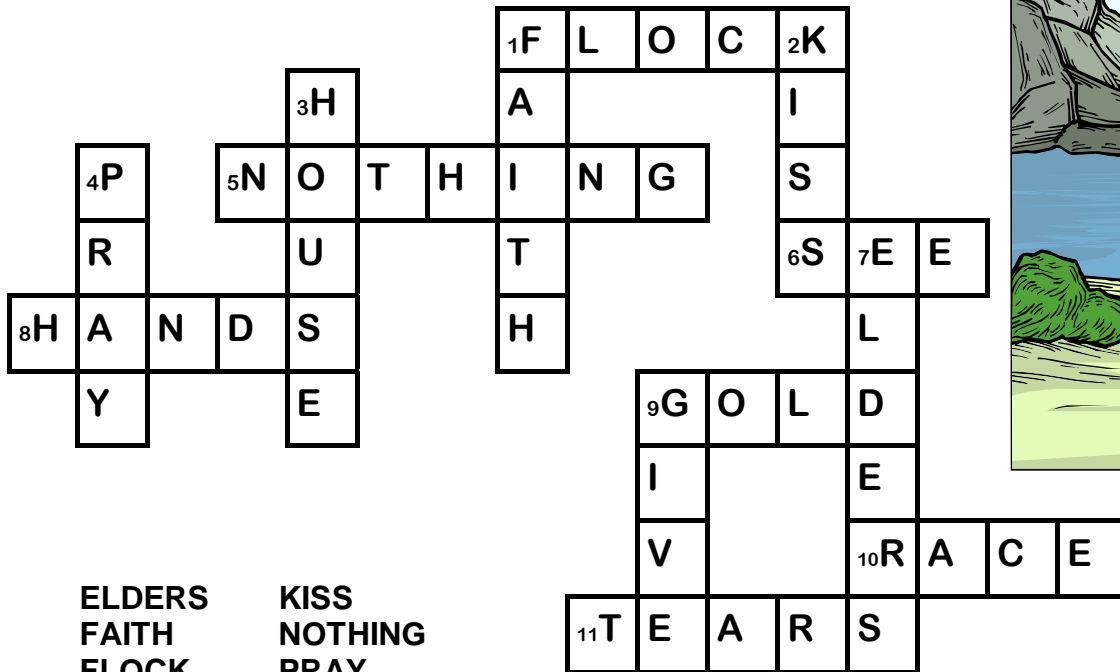
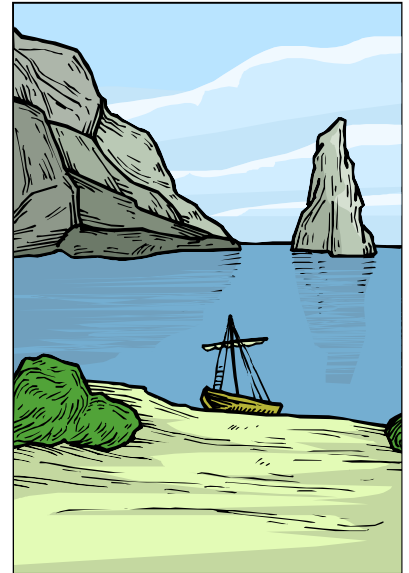
1. To believe and trust in something you can't see ~ Paul said everyone must have this in the Lord Jesus
2. To touch with the lips because of affection ~ Each elder hugged Paul and gave him one of these (20:37)
3. A building where people live ~ Paul taught in public and from _____ to _____. (20:20)
4. To talk to God ~ Paul knelt down with the elders and did this. (20:36)
7. Leaders of the church ~ Paul called them shepherds. (Acts 20:17)
9. To offer a present ~ Jesus said, "It is more blessed to _____ than to receive. (20:35)

ACROSS:

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5. Zero; having no value ~ Paul thought his life was worth this much. (20:24)
6. To view with the eyes ~ Paul said the elders would never _____ him again. This made them very sad. (20:25,38)
8. Body parts that have fingers and thumbs ~ Paul worked with these to support himself. (20:34)
9. Precious metal that was used as money ~ Paul never wanted this. (20:33)
10. A contest of speed ~ Paul's life was like this and he wanted to finish. (20:24)
11. Drops of water from the eyes ~ Sometimes Paul's work brought these. (20:19, 31)



Paul Says Good-bye ~ KEY



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9. Precious metal that was used as money ~ Paul never wanted this. (20:33)
10. A contest of speed ~ Paul's life was like this and he wanted to finish. (20:24)
11. Drops of water from the eyes ~ Sometimes Paul's work brought these. (20:19, 31)

DOWN:

1. To believe and trust in something you can't see ~ Paul said everyone must have this in the Lord Jesus
2. To touch with the lips because of affection ~ Each elder hugged Paul and gave him one of these (20:37)
3. A building where people live ~ Paul taught in public and from _____ to _____. (20:20)
4. To talk to God ~ Paul knelt down with the elders and did this. (20:36)
7. Leaders of the church ~ Paul called them shepherds. (Acts 20:17)
9. To offer a present ~ Jesus said, "It is more blessed to _____ than to receive. (20:35)



Aim Questions

Answer the following questions about today's Bible Adventure.

1. In last week's study, in what city was Paul? What happened there?
2. What happened at the church service in Troas? How long did the service go?
3. Who did Paul send for and speak to in Miletus? In your own words, tell what he said to them.
4. How is the Church supposed to be governed? What is special about elders?
5. From hearing Paul's words to these men, how do you think you would have felt if you had been there that day? What would you have seen and heard from the men who listened to Paul?
6. Explain how you understand what elders are really supposed to do in the Church. If you or your husband were to become an elder some day, what would you have to be like?

Acts Chapter 20

*Now is the time to begin to building
Godly character in your lives.*

Memory verse review:

*Acts 1:8; 2:32; 4:12; 5:46-5; 5:29; 7:60a; 8:16;
9:15; 10:34-35; 12:24; 14:27; 15:11; 16:31; 17:24; 18:9; 19:18*

PAUL'S FAREWELL

Why did Paul sail past Ephesus?

When Paul arrived in Miletus, for whom did he send?

Who did Paul serve in his ministry?

What did Paul preach publicly and from house to house?

In every city, what did the Holy Spirit do for Paul?

Write in your own words what Paul told the elders in Acts 20:25 - 31.



Why
were
these
elders
grieving?