Acts 28 – the Island of Malta and Rome

CHARACTERS: Soldier, Captain, Paul, Malta natives A & B, Leader of Roman Jews, (non-speaking) Publius' father
COSTUMES: Period
OPTIONAL PROPS: snake
SETTING: Malta and Rome
RUN TIME: 3 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Acts 28, 2 Timothy 4:6-8
FK reading level: 4.2

Scene 1 - Malta

At rise: *CROWD is shivering in the cold while PAUL gathers sticks for a fire. PAUL yanks his hand back*

SOLDIER: First the storm and now more rain.

JULIUS: At least the natives are showing us kindness building us a fire.

CAPTAIN: Unusually kind.

SOLDIER: A snake! It has bitten Paul!

B: No doubt this man is a murderer

A: He escaped from the sea, yet Justice will not allow him to live. *(PAUL shakes the snake off and continues to gather wood)*

B: Why doesn't he die?

A: His hand is not even swelling.

B: Perhaps he is a god not a human?

CAPTAIN: Julius, the chief man of the island, Publius, has invited us to his home.

B: Sad about his father. He is sick with fever and dysentery.

PAUL: (praying and putting his hands on him) In the name of Jesus, may you be healed!

A: Amazing! He prays and God answers!

B: Bring everyone else on the island who has a disease!

JULIUS: Paul has healed every one of their diseases.

SOLDIER: We have been honored greatly by the natives because of him.

CAPTAIN: They have given us provisions for our journey on to Rome.

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Scene 2 - Rome

At rise: JULIUS gives instructions to a SOLDIER about PAUL.

JULIUS: Let Paul stay in his own rented house with just a soldier to guard him.

JULIUS exits and a group arrives, sits to listen PAUL

PAUL: Brothers, though I have done nothing wrong, I am here as a prisoner. Because of the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

LEADER: We have neither heard nor read of any bad report about you. But tell us more about this sect which everyone speaks against.

PAUL: Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. I preach that which the prophets and Moses said was going to happen: that the Messiah must suffer and be the first one to rise from death. I announce the light of salvation to the Jews and to the Gentiles.

The group departs, debating among themselves. Paul kneels in prayer.

SOLDIER: *(to audience)* Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house

ALL: preaching God's Kingdom and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ.

PAUL: The time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. The Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me the crown of righteousness.

ALL: And not only to Paul but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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