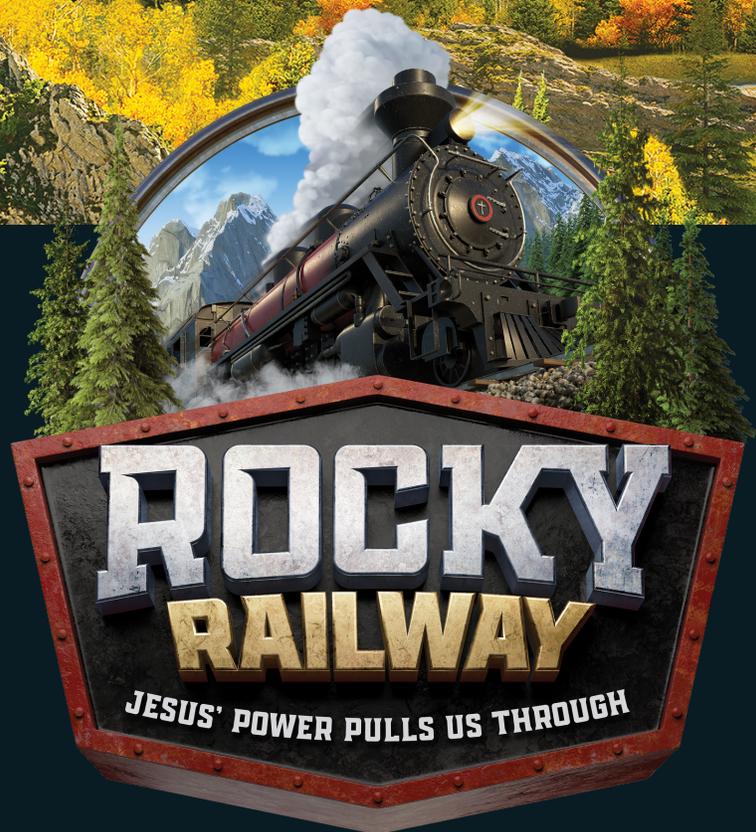




Preschool  
Craft & Play  
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## BIBLE POINT

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Jesus' power gives us hope.

**Bible Story:** Paul encourages others in a storm and shipwreck. (Acts 27)

**Bible Verse:** “So be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the Lord!” (Psalm 31:24)

### Consider This...

- ▶ After Paul became a follower of Jesus, he fervently shared the news of Jesus everywhere he went. In Jerusalem, Paul encountered a group of men who opposed his teachings. These men began a riot, accusing Paul of spreading false doctrine and of defiling the Temple. Guards arrested Paul and threw him in prison. The following years included trials, death threats, secret transfers to other prisons, and finally a trip to Rome where Paul could plead his case before Caesar.
- ▶ In Acts 27:9, Paul notes the sailing season in connection with Jewish observances. Sailors typically only sailed from Pentecost (May–June) through Tabernacles (after the Day of Atonement in late September or early October). Roman sailors resisted sailing in November, as it typically proved dangerous.
- ▶ The sailors battled the fierce storm for at least three days, using every trick they knew to secure the ship and survive hurricane-force winds and waves. Finally, the weary seamen lost hope of ever being saved. At this low point, Paul shares the hopeful news given by God.
- ▶ God’s message of hope, conveyed through Paul, rang true for the soldiers, the sailors, and the prisoners. God’s angel assured Paul that “none of you will lose your lives” (Acts 27:22). However, after the shipwreck, the soldiers planned to kill the prisoners so they wouldn’t escape. (Roman law mandated that a soldier who lost a prisoner had to take that prisoner’s place!) “But the commanding officer wanted to spare Paul, so he didn’t let them carry out their plan” (Acts 27:43). And, just as the angel said, not even a *prisoner* died.



### Why It Matters...

In many ways, Paul was powerless in the stormy sea. He didn’t have experience as a sailor. Guards held him prisoner. And, of course, he couldn’t stop the crashing waves and howling winds. But Paul *did* have Jesus’ power on his side!

In the same way, kids may feel powerless through life’s storms. The world can seem turbulent, dark, and confusing. Bad news crashes over us. Fear blows relentlessly, leaving kids feeling hopeless. Yet God promises to strengthen us with *his* power! And we can trust that God’s promises are true. Like Paul, we have Jesus’ power on our side. Today, celebrate that truth and give kids the hope of victory and comfort during life’s uncertainties.

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## SUPPLY STATION

- ▶ paper plate, cut in half
- ▶ hole punch/stapler
- ▶ construction paper
- ▶ curling ribbon/yarn
- ▶ crayons/markers
- ▶ glue stick/tape
- ▶ scissors

It's time to get chugging along with some fun crafts at *Rocky Railway!* **Craft and Play** is a hands-on way to put our Bible learning into action. All suggested activities can be modified to meet your at home materials. A few "Alternate Track" ideas are included below for this purpose. *All aboard to Craft and Play!*

## OPTION 1: Amazing Ava

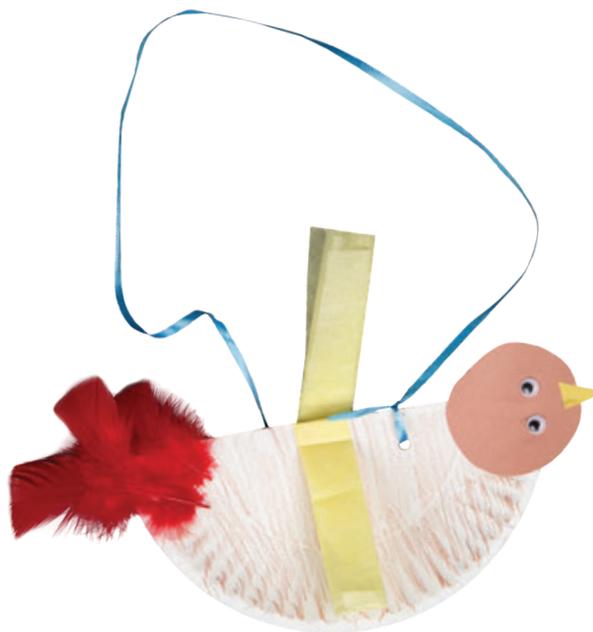
Our Bible Buddy Ava can fly way up high above everything else. She can see things that we can't see from the ground. Sometimes we can't see how a hard time is going to get better. But Jesus can. He knows the future, and he's taking care of us. We can trust him because **Jesus' power gives us hope.** (*Trust Jesus!*)

## Chug it Out!

Take half a paper plate and color the front and back of it to be the body of the bird. Glue a paper circle "head" on the top corner and cut a few feathers for the tail on the other top corner. Draw or cut out eyes and a paper triangle beak and glue to the head. Cut out wings and glue to the center of the top edge of each side of the plate. The wings should stick out on either side. Punch two holes in two places near the front and back of the bird and tie a piece of ribbon/yarn through the holes – OR staple the ribbon/yarn in two places near the front and back of the bird. Using the ribbon/yarn make your bird fly!

## Alternate Track

You can get creative and use googly eyes or feathers on your bird. You can also create the bird body with a half moon shape of white paper, construction paper, or card stock.



## SUPPLY STATION

- ▶ bubble solution
- ▶ bubble wands

# OPTION 1: Bubbles of Hope

If we are feeling down a good friend can lift us up. Bubbles float and lift up to the sky! **Jesus' power gives us hope. (Trust Jesus!)** We can share that hope with people who are feeling sad and lift them up.

## Chug it Out!

Blow bubbles! For each bubble, share the name of a friend you can help lift up!

## Alternate Track

If you don't have bubbles, you can draw a picture of your friends, or FOR your friends! You can also check out these great links for more bubble fun - [Bubble Recipe for DIY Homemade Giant Bubbles](#) or [Amazing Bubble Art Activity](#).

