

Xplorers Report for the 2nd February 2014.

Paul's Shipwreck on Malta

Several young Xplorers were unable to come on Sunday due to catching a horrid sickness bug and therefore our numbers were a bit low.

It was a wet, windy, wild day and Walter and Heather Ritchie kindly braved the elements to come and join in the activities and take the Prayz service.

Millie and her helpers made a super frieze depicting the story of Paul's arrival on Malta.

Walter had downloaded an attractive pictorial illustration of centurion soldiers, the sea voyage and shipwreck which he showed to the older group in the balcony as he told the story. The leaders agree that this method of portraying the Bible stories is an appealing medium for the young and works well alongside the traditional method of story telling.

Whilst discussing Paul's and his faith Walter and Georgina helped the older group make rafts using sticks tied together with twine; twine also held the mast and rag sail in place. Cheating slightly the rafts were able to be taken home to float in the bath by the addition of a chunk of modern polystyrene on the base. The models were made with enthusiasm and taken home for a test sail.

The third group made simplified versions of rafts and also little "fires" using sticks coloured paper which also contained little snakes. The "fires" were placed in small bowls and went home with the rafts.

Heather organised the children into 2 teams and they enjoyed her quiz based on Paul's shipwreck and visit to Malta; everyone joined in the familiar song, "He's got the whole world in His hands", and the responses during Prayz Time.

Many thanks go to Walter and Heather and to the Melfort Ukuleles and also to Lucy for distributing much needed refreshments.

Our next meeting will take place on March 2nd, which falls during Fairtrade Fortnight. We will look at the work of Dorcas, an early disciple who helped the needy in practical ways. Everyone is very welcome to join us.