

The chief official of the island welcomed Paul into his home. What happened while Paul was there?

For each letter, count forward or backward in the alphabet, then use the letters to decode the missing words. For example, 'A' plus 4 letters is 'E', so 'A' translates to 'E' in the code, and 'E' translates to 'A'.

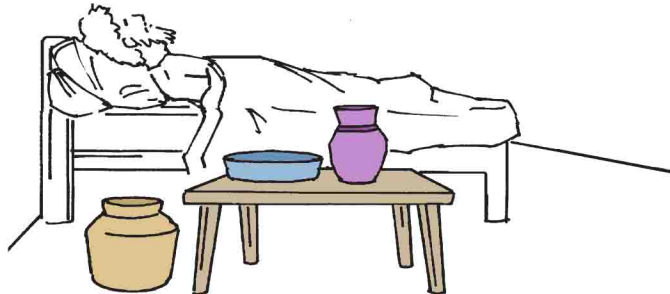
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A (+4) = E G (+4) = K N (-2) = L T (-2) = R

C (+3) = F H (+1) = I S (+3) = V U (+4) = Y

D (-2) = B M (+3) = P

His C E R I A T was V H F G in
D A B, V Y C C A T H L K from
C A S A T and B U V A L R A T U
M E Y N went in to V A A him and, after
M T E U A T, M N E F A B his
I E L B V on him and I A E N A B him.



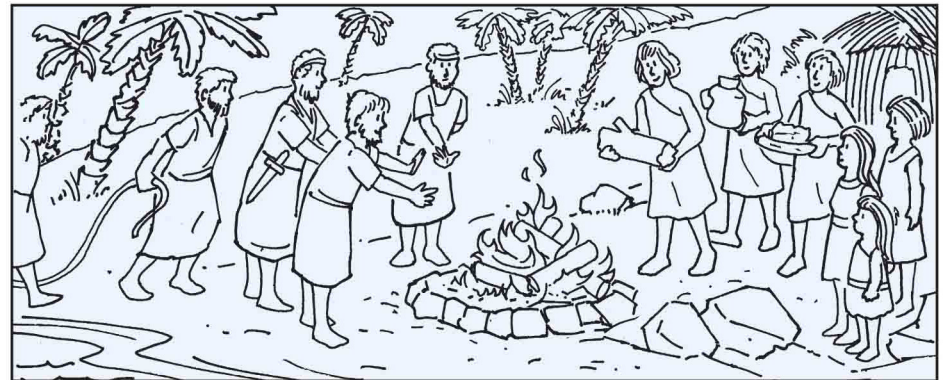
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The Island of Malta

Paul was shipwrecked, but landed safely on the island of Malta. "The islanders were very kind and welcoming and built a fire for us."

Find 12 differences between the pictures below.



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What happened on the island?

Fit the words into the crossword puzzle,
then fill in the blanks in the story with these words.

god	fire	effects	murderer
man	hand	Justice	islanders
sea	long	unusual	brushwood
dead	viper		

Paul gathered a pile of 3)_____ and,
as he put it on the fire, a 10) viper, driven out by
the heat, fastened itself on his 8)_____. When the
1)_____ saw the snake hanging from his
hand, they said to each other, "This 12)_____ must be
a 5)_____; for though he escaped from the
7)_____, 11)_____ has not allowed him to live."
But Paul shook the snake off into the 13)_____ and
suffered no ill 9)_____. The people expected
him to swell up or suddenly fall 4)_____, but
after waiting a 14)_____ time and seeing nothing
6)_____ happen to him, they changed their
minds and said he was a 2)_____.

