

**Saint Paul Puppet Show***(this show follows the show on St. Stephen)**Romans 12:20-21 "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink...overcome evil with good."*

<b>Billy</b>	Susie! Susie!
<b>Susie</b>	Hi Billy! You look excited! What's up?
<b>Billy</b>	I made a new friend, today!
<b>Susie</b>	Really? That's great. Tell me about it.
<b>Billy</b>	Well, remember those kids who made fun of me for talking about Jesus?
<b>Susie</b>	I sure do.
<b>Billy</b>	Well, one of them is named John.
<b>Susie</b>	Does he have red hair and freckles?
<b>Billy</b>	Yeah, that's him.
<b>Susie</b>	I know that kid. He's a pain in the neck.
<b>Billy</b>	Well, I thought so, too. But today he was running on the playground and he fell down and started crying.
<b>Susie</b>	Oh, wow. Bummer.
<b>Billy</b>	Yeah. Some other guys started to laugh at him, so I gave him a hand up and said, "Don't pay any attention to them."
<b>Susie</b>	Then what happened?
<b>Billy</b>	I walked away. But later on, he came over to me and said, "Thanks for helping me." I said, "You want to see who can climb that tree over there?" and he said, "Sure." So we did.
<b>Susie</b>	Who climbed higher?
<b>Billy</b>	He did. He's a really good climber. And I told him some Bible stories. He said I was a good story teller.
<b>Susie</b>	Wow. I'm so proud of you!
<b>Billy</b>	Isn't it weird that we were enemies and now we're friends?
<b>Susie</b>	This kid reminds me of Saint Paul.
<b>Billy</b>	Who is Saint Paul?
<b>Susie</b>	He's a guy who started out being very mean to Christians and later became a great saint. He taught people to fight evil by being kind to their enemies. Like you did with John.

<b>Billy</b>	Wow. He sounds really smart.
<b>Susie</b>	And he said that we're all members of the Body of Christ, each with a special job to do. ( <i>Romans 12:4-8</i> ) We're all given different gifts to share with others, like storytelling...
<b>Billy</b>	Or climbing trees!
<b>Susie</b>	Sure!
<b>Billy</b>	How was Saint Paul mean to the Christians?
<b>Susie</b>	Well, first of all, his name was actually Saul of Tarsus. He believed in God, but he thought the Christians were teaching everything all wrong. So he got a lot of them arrested and killed.
<b>Billy</b>	No way.
<b>Susie</b>	Way. In fact, the day Saint Stephen was killed, Saul was right there watching and smiling. ( <i>Acts 8:1</i> )
<b>Billy</b>	Woa. That is horrible.
<b>Susie</b>	But don't forget, that was when he was still called Saul. He hadn't met Jesus, yet.
<b>Billy</b>	How on earth did Saul of Tarsus become Saint Paul?
<b>Susie</b>	Let's see for ourselves! ( <i>they hold hands</i> ) Saint Paul, bring us to the place where your life was changed by grace! ( <i>they fly backwards and disappear as Saul and his friends appear – if possible, Saul should be on a donkey or other beast</i> )
<b>Paul</b>	Giddyap, donkey! ( <i>sighs</i> ) Nice day for a trip to Damascus. ( <i>Acts 9:1-19</i> )
<b>Friend1</b>	Yeah, Saul, you're right. It's a cool city and it is just <b>full</b> of Christians. ( <i>chuckles</i> )
<b>Friend2</b>	Yeah. And we hate Christians.
<b>Paul</b>	Yeah. ( <i>they laugh</i> )  We drag them to Rome, We're quite a team, We trick them and get them to blaspheme!
<b>Friend1</b>	And the rest is sweet, like cherry ice cream! ( <i>they all laugh</i> )
<b>Friend2</b>	Oh, yeah. Sweet if you're a hungry lion. ( <i>they all laugh again</i> )
<b>Paul</b>	Hey! Woa! ( <i>Shine a flashlight, Paul falls off his donkey; animal runs off terrified, making a lot of noise</i> ) Ow! Hey!
<b>Voice</b>	Saul, Saul, why do you want to hurt me? ( <i>the friends tremble, speechless</i> )
<b>Paul</b>	Who are you, Lord?

<b>Voice</b>	I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting; but rise and enter the city and you will be told what you are to do. ( <i>turn light off</i> )
<b>Paul</b>	Um... Okay. I will, but... ( <i>standing</i> ) I can't see anything... I can't see anything! I'm blind!
<b>Friend1</b>	Oh man, this is so weird. What's going on?
<b>Friend2</b>	I am totally freaking out. Where did that voice come from?
<b>Paul</b>	Friends... You've got to help me walk to the city. I am blind. I need your help!
<b>Friend1</b>	But what if the scary voice comes back? ( <i>turns his back on his friend</i> )
<b>Friend2</b>	Yeah. ( <i>whirling to look behind him, turning his back on his friend</i> ) Scary voice, scary voice.
<b>Friend1</b>	I want my mommy!
<b>F1/F2</b>	( <i>looking around nervously, they back into each other and startle each other</i> ) Aaaaaaaaah!!!! ( <i>they look at each other for a moment, hyperventilating</i> )
<b>Friend2</b>	Oh, it's just you.
<b>Friend1</b>	Oh, man you scared me really bad!
<b>Friend2</b>	Don't ever do that again. ( <i>points at his friend</i> )
<b>Friend1</b>	You either, buddy. ( <i>points back, they both start laughing</i> )
<b>Paul</b>	Okay, guys. Are we going to Damascus or not? I need your help, here.
<b>Friend2</b>	Yeah, boss. We're going.
<b>Friend1</b>	As fast as we can! Let's go! ( <i>they all exit, holding on to each other as Billy and Susie reappear</i> )
<b>Billy</b>	So, Saul became blind?
<b>Susie</b>	Yes, but he didn't stay blind. God had work for him to do, so he sent a good Christian named Ananias to visit Saul and he healed his eyes and baptized him. After that, all the Christians called him by his new name. I think it was to show that he had changed on the inside. It was symbolic.
<b>Billy</b>	Symbolic?
<b>Susie</b>	It means that it was a sign of something.
<b>Billy</b>	Like the leaves turning colors in the fall?
<b>Susie</b>	Yes, that's a good example. The change in the leaves shows us the season is changing from summer to fall. The change in Saul's name showed that he had decided to follow Jesus' Way of Love.
<b>Billy</b>	Cool. So after that, it was smooth sailing for Saint Paul, huh? He could see just fine and he just went around preaching about Jesus?

<b>Susie</b>	Well, I wouldn't say it was smooth sailing.
<b>Billy</b>	Why? What happened?
<b>Susie</b>	Well, Paul was arrested and beaten many times for talking about Jesus. He had many adventures but he suffered a lot.
<b>Billy</b>	It was dangerous preaching about Jesus!
<b>Susie</b>	Yes, but Paul had the help of angels along the way.
<b>Billy</b>	Angels!
<b>Susie</b>	Oh, yes! Sometimes they would warn him not to go to a city that was too dangerous, and one time he was in prison and angels opened all the doors and let him out!
<b>Billy</b>	Wow.
<b>Susie</b>	And another time, Paul was on a big sailing ship... ( <i>Acts 27</i> )
<b>Billy</b>	Oh! Can we go and see? ( <i>he takes her hand</i> )
<b>Susie</b>	Let's go! Saint Paul, you always trusted the Lord, show us how the angel saved everyone on board! ( <i>they fly backward and disappear, as Paul and others appear</i> )
<b>Captain</b>	Okay! Cast off! We're going to sea!
<b>Paul</b>	Excuse me, Captain, but that's not a good idea.
<b>Captain</b>	Oh, hello Paul. What are you talking about?
<b>Paul</b>	If you sail today, there will be a terrible disaster. ( <i>the sailors hear this and mumble amongst each other, worried</i> )
<b>Captain</b>	Yeah, right. Listen, Paulie boy. Why don't you just take a little nap and let us do our jobs. ( <i>the sailors laugh</i> ) Let's go everybody! Time to sail this boat to sea!
<b>Paul</b>	I warned you! This is not a good idea!
<b>Captain</b>	You have nothing to worry about! I've been sailing ships all my life! The weather is nice and calm. The sky is blue... well, maybe it is a little grey... and windy... and...
<b>Sailor1</b>	Captain! A storm is coming!
<b>Sailor2</b>	Oh no! Big waves and dark clouds!
<b>Captain</b>	Throw all the heavy stuff into the sea! Our boat will sink if we don't do something!
<b>Sailor1</b>	Yikes! ( <i>squeaky</i> ) We're all going to die!
<b>Sailor2</b>	Hey, that guy over there said this would happen!
<b>Captain</b>	So what?

<b>Sailor2</b>	And you didn't listen to him. This storm is getting worse and worse and it's blowing us farther from land.
<b>Sailor1</b>	This is terrible! ( <i>weeps</i> )
<b>Captain</b>	Oh brother. Now what do I do? ( <i>Captain and Sailors freeze or fade away</i> )
<b>Paul</b>	( <i>hands together in prayer</i> ) Oh Jesus! Thank you for letting me die a Christian! But I'm scared!
<b>Angel</b>	( <i>appears before Paul</i> )  ( <i>singing sweetly</i> ) Be not afraid, I go before you always, come follow me and I will give you rest...
<b>Paul</b>	Wow! An angel! This is amazing! But you'd better take off! This boat is going down, my friend!
<b>Angel</b>	Do not be afraid, Paul; God has plans for you. You will not die and God has decided to save all these people, too. ( <i>angel exits</i> )
<b>Paul</b>	Oh, thanks be to God! ( <i>other characters unfreeze and run around wildly bumping into each other</i> ) Um, excuse me everyone. Ahem!
<b>Captain</b>	Yeah, what is it? Can't you see we're busy throwing all of our stuff into the ocean?
<b>Paul</b>	I've got good news and bad news.
<b>Captain</b>	Yeah? What's the good news?
<b>Paul</b>	I just saw an angel!
<b>Sailor1</b>	Oh, cool! An angel?
<b>Sailor2</b>	Yeah, that's really cool, dude.
<b>Captain</b>	Yeah, right. Hand me that big box of cookies, will you? I've got to heave it into the sea before we all drown!
<b>Paul</b>	But wait a minute! Wait a minute! I really did see an angel! Don't you believe me?
<b>Sailor1</b>	Hey, dude. You didn't believe him about the storm and look what happened.
<b>Captain</b>	Hmm. Perhaps you're right. Okay. So what about this angel?
<b>Paul</b>	Oh, he was so shiny and nice. He sang a really nice song. It went, ( <i>he sings very badly</i> ) Be not afraid, I go before you always.....
<b>Captain</b>	Please, please, I beg of you! Don't sing! It's worse than the storm!
<b>Sailor2</b>	Yeah, you're not much of a singer, dude.
<b>Paul</b>	Oh, sorry. Well, let's see where was I?
<b>Sailor2</b>	The angel, dude. What happened with the angel?

<b>Paul</b>	Oh, right. Tonight I saw an angel, sent by the God I love and serve. He said, "Do not be afraid, Paul. God has plans for you. You will not die and God has decided to save all these people, too."!!!
<b>Sailor2</b>	Right on, dude!
<b>Sailor1</b>	I like this angel! ( <i>they high five each other</i> )
<b>Captain</b>	Wait a minute! You said there was bad news, too!
<b>Paul</b>	Oh, right. We're going to have to crash this boat on an island. You're going to lose all your money and food and stuff. Your boat is going to be totally destroyed.
<b>Captain</b>	Bummer.
<b>Paul</b>	But, all the people will be saved!
<b>S1/S2</b>	Hurray!
<b>Sailor1</b>	Hold on a minute. ( <i>squeaky voice</i> ) Am I going to lose my teddy bear?
<b>Paul</b>	Yeah. Sorry about that.
<b>Sailor1</b>	Oh, man. ( <i>cries</i> )
<b>Paul</b>	Buck up, my friend. Can you swim?
<b>Sailor1</b>	Not really. I can doggy paddle a little bit.
<b>Paul</b>	Are you serious? You work on a boat and you can't swim?
<b>Sailor1</b>	My mommy packed me some swimmies.
<b>Paul</b>	Well, put them on and trust in God. You're going to get very wet today, my friend.
<b>Sailor1</b>	Aye, aye sir. ( <i>exits</i> )
<b>Sailor2</b>	I don't have swimmies!
<b>Paul</b>	And you don't swim?
<b>Sailor2</b>	No sir. Not even the doggy paddle.
<b>Paul</b>	Well, let's see... Oh, I know. When the boat gets smashed to bits on the rocks, just grab a piece of wood and hold on!
<b>Sailor2</b>	( <i>frantic</i> ) A piece of wood? That's supposed to save my <i>life</i> ? A piece of WOOD?
<b>Paul</b>	Have faith, my lad.
<b>Sailor2</b>	( <i>sourly</i> ) Alright. Thanks, buddy. ( <i>to the Captain</i> ) And thanks to YOU I'll be floating on a piece of YOUR broken boat trying not to DROWN!( <i>exits</i> )
<b>Captain</b>	( <i>sighs</i> ) Well! I think I'd better go change into my bathing suit! ( <i>exits</i> )
<b>Paul</b>	( <i>exits singing</i> ) Be not afraid...

<b>Billy</b>	<i>(Billy and Susie reappear)</i> So the angel saved everyone?
<b>Susie</b>	Sure did. Two hundred and seventy-six people were on that ship and they all survived.
<b>Billy</b>	Cool. So, Paul had a lot of adventures?
<b>Susie</b>	Yes! He went to many different places with cool names like Macedonia and Ephesus, Lystra and Cyprus, Cilicia and Neapolis!
<b>Billy</b>	Wow. I can't even say them!
<b>Susie</b>	And in each place he told the story of Jesus' LOVE.
<b>Billy</b>	Did Saint Paul become a martyr, too?
<b>Susie</b>	Yes, he did. He was killed for the Faith after a lot of very brave preaching and teaching.
<b>Billy</b>	Another hero. Boy, it's a good thing for us he got knocked off his donkey on that road to Damascus.
<b>Susie</b>	It sure is!
<b>Billy</b>	I can't wait to tell the story of Saint Paul to my new friend John! But I don't know if I can remember it all!
<b>Susie</b>	Look in your Bible! It's in The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 27.
<b>Billy</b>	I can't wait to read more! Thanks for teaching me about some of the superheroes of our Catholic history! Bye! <i>(exits)</i>
<b>Susie</b>	You bet! Nice kid. He'll make a great saint. Remember kids, a saint is a sinner who keeps on trying. Bye! <i>(exits)</i>