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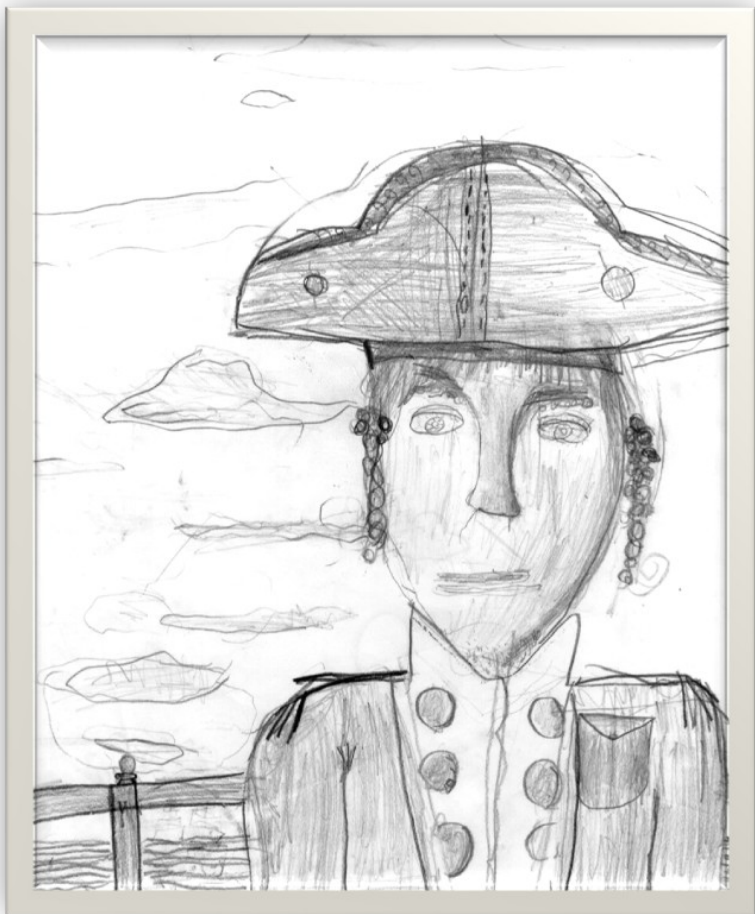
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**Portrait of  
Captain James Wollock**

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## Foreword

*A. Charles, in his young life has already set foot in half a dozen countries. He would love to explore the world, and one day plans to!*

*His love for the majesty of the sailing vessel and exploration by sea is seen often in his art. The veiled mystery that is hidden in thick African jungles and deep unknown ocean waters intrigues him.*

*Will he be the one to discover the unknown creatures and places that modern man, even with all his technology, hasn't been able to reveal?*

*Time will tell. One thing is certain; most of all, he knows where this journey of life leads. He knows where he is going. Life on Earth can be lived to the full, and in the best ways; but it won't stop there. Not for him.*

*He knows he's got an eternity to explore the vast areas both on Earth and in the infinite universe beyond. Life now and forever will be filled with thrilling adventures and character-deepening experiences.*

*In his first book, "The Sailor's Tale," Charles takes you on a journey by sea. Sail out with James Wollock as captain, and see what you discover.*



# Chapter I:

## The Sailor

*The king of Great Britain wished for a sailor. There was a poor beggar, named James Wolslock, that wanted to travel around the world.*

*James Wolslock then set off to see if anyone wanted him as a sailor. Finally, he decided to travel across the country to go talk to the king. He asked the king if he could be a sailor, and the king agreed.*

*The king ordered for five ships to be built. The king requested for 150 men to be put on board the ships. James Wolslock was made the captain of the ships.*



*The ships departed on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. At first the voyage these ships were on was successful. Then Captain Wolslock looked in the telescope and saw storm clouds. And sure enough before too long there was a big storm!*

*Though Captain Wolslock was a believer, he was afraid. Then he remembered the story of Peter walking on the stormy water of the Sea of Galilee, who began to sink because he was afraid.*

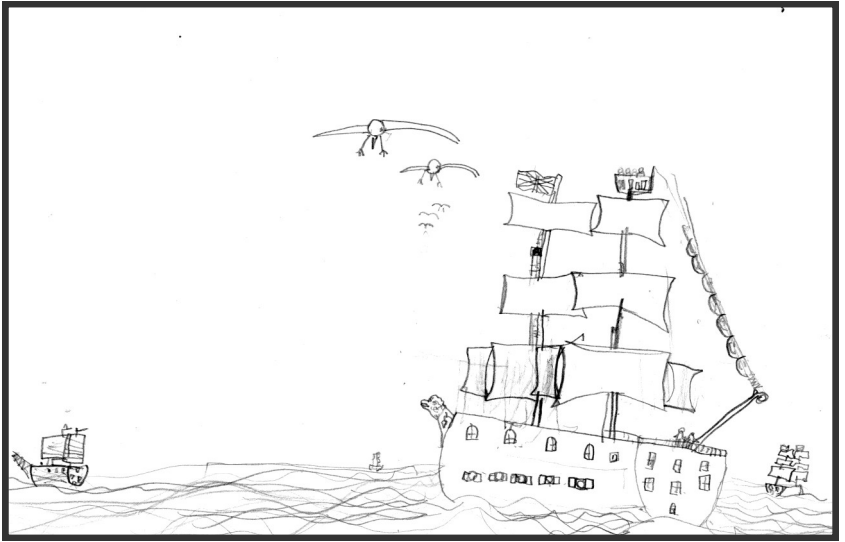
*Captain Wolslock then thought, if he was afraid, his ships might sink too. So he decided to have courage.*



*On the evening of the second day, one of his crew came up to him to tell him the bad news.*

*There were rocks seen in the water, dangerously close to their ship. Captain Wolslock asked the Almighty God to stop the storm, and steer them safely through the rocks.*

*Soon after, the sea was calm and they were safe.*



# Chapter II:

## Adventures at Sea

*In the morning, Captain Woslock yelled, "Open the main sails! For the wind is decreasing speed!"*

*Just as they began to follow the captain's orders, the wind began to pick up speed. One of the crew said, "Tell the captain that it is too strong!" But before the messenger could report the situation to the captain, James Woslock came to observe the situation. "*

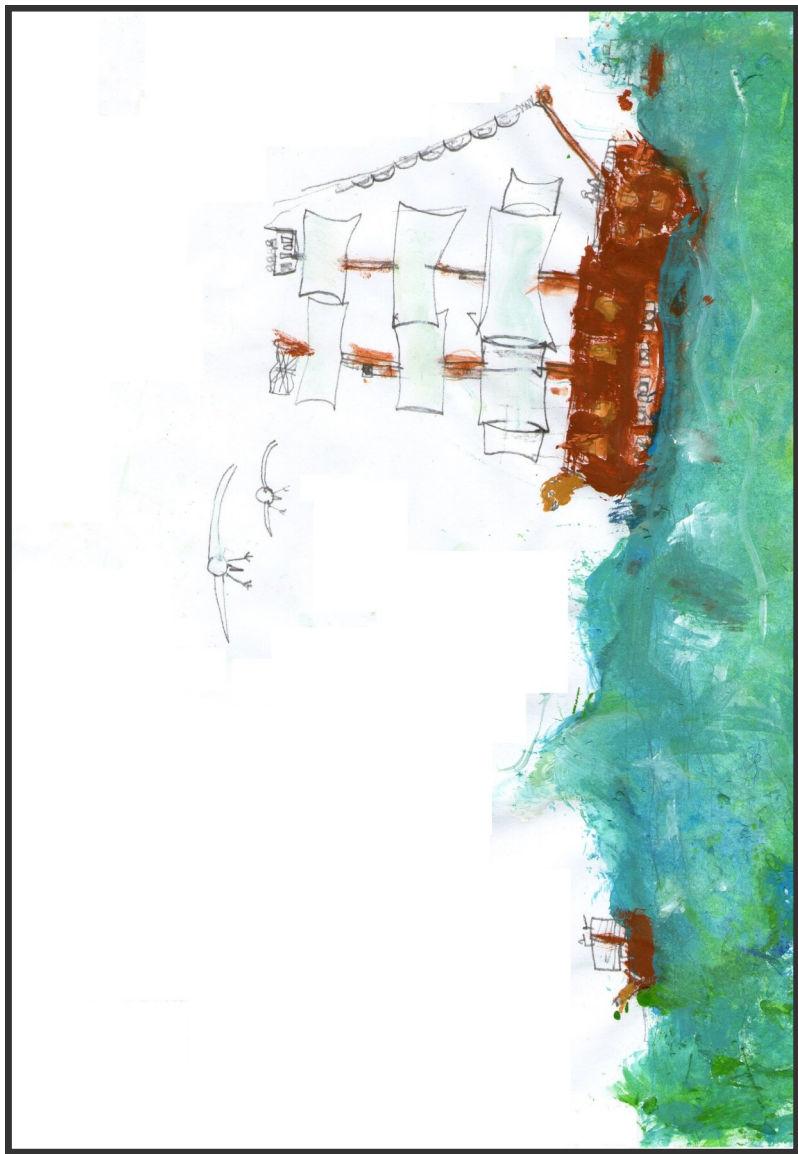
*"You came just in time," one man said. "If we had opened the main sails, the wind would have ripped them for sure."*

*The captain was learning how fast the wind could change.*

*Five weeks later, one of the sailors noticed a moving black sea creature in the distant deep water. He didn't know what it was.*

*Quickly he got the telescope to get a closer look. By then some other sailors were gathering to observe what could be a large sea monster, similar to the Loch ness monster of Scotland.*

*Someone had told the captain, who also came to see. Captain Woslock looked through the telescope.*



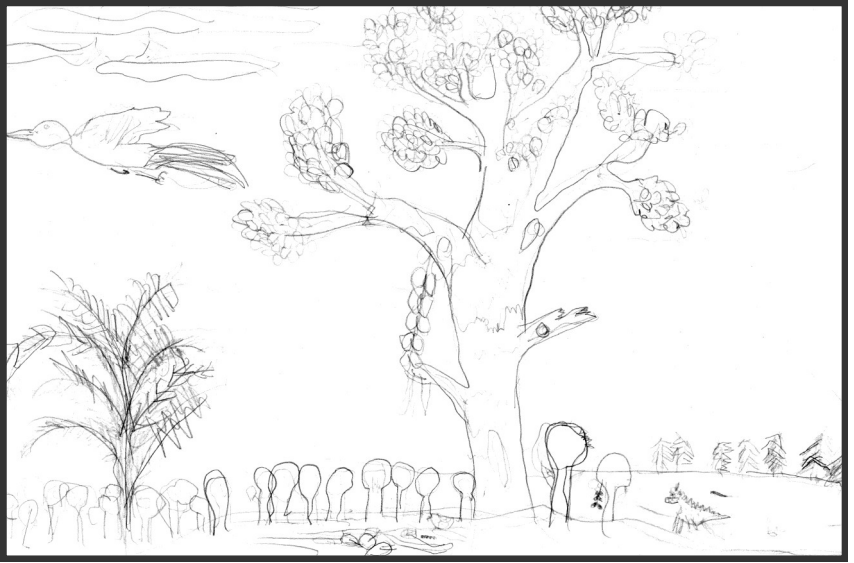
*By this time the sea creature had disappeared again under the waves, yet the captain saw something better.*

*He shouted, "Land ho!"*

*There were signs of land in the distance. He and his men rejoiced!*


*They were curious to discover what they would find when they reached it.*





# Chapter III:

## Exploring

 *At last Captain Wollock and his fleet of ships finally reached land. It appeared to be a large rocky island.*

*The ships had survived the storm and were all right, though a few of them needed some small repairs. The island was fairly warm, and so they pitched tents on the beach.*

*They were glad for a change of scenery from being on the ships for so long—or so it seemed. They and glad for solid ground to rest on.*

*It was a very starry clear night, and they went to sleep with the sound of the gentle waves splashing on the beach shore.*

*Some of the crew rose extra early the next morning, as Captain Woslock had instructed them the night before.*

*So while the captain and most others were still resting, this eager team of pioneers headed off to begin exploring the fauna and flora. Later on, other teams were sent to explore other areas of the island.*

*When they met that night again, to have their evening meal at their beach*

*camp they each told of their discoveries, and enjoyed eating some of the foods they found and picked that day.*

*There was not a single person there on the island. The island was full of trees with fruit. There were all kinds of berry bushes. Some berries had never even been discovered before by Europeans.*

*It had all kinds of animals, such as birds, dragons, horses and so forth.*

*There was a stream full of fish. There was a special species of plant growing there.*



*Before they left, Captain James  
Wollock instructed the men to stock up  
their ships' supplies with fresh fruits  
and vegetables, as well as fresh drinking  
water they found there.*

*When they left the island, it was  
fairly sunny.*



# Chapter IV:

## Curious Natives



*When they had come back from their voyage, they sent messengers to go talk to the king. They asked him if he could give them one more ship. He agreed.*

*The six ships set out on their second voyage. Last time they set out they went east; this time they went west.*

*It took seven weeks till they saw any sign of land. They could see a continent through the telescope. They were very excited about it. Some of the crew even*



*got on smaller boats to explore other areas of this continent.*

*The next day they docked their ships near the rocky shore of the continent they had sailed to. They went on to the continent to check it out.*

*Just then, some natives walked up to them. They liked some of the things the sailors had, and were willing to give gifts and special items from their land in exchange for the things they wanted.*

*The natives gave things such as tortoise shell bowls and all kinds of fruits and spices.*

*In return, Captain Woslock decided that the natives could have some items of interest to them that were not essential to the sailors—such as cups and metal bowls, buttons and cloth.*

*The natives were very curious about the sailors, since the natives were very dark skinned and they were the only people living there. They had never seen light-skinned people before. They were staring at the sailors.*

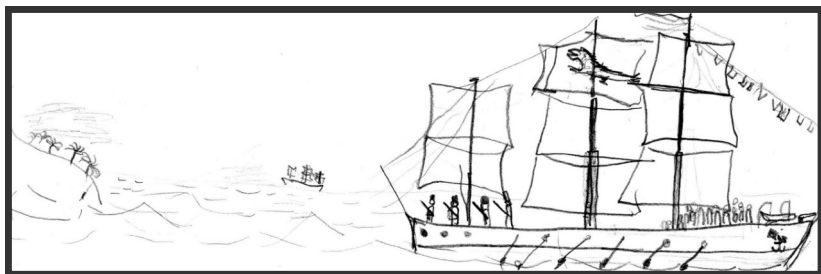
*Whenever a native saw a sailor they stared at the sailor until he was completely out of sight.*



*The natives wanted to ask the sailors all kinds of questions. They tried to communicate questions with gestures like, "Where do you come from?" and*


*"Who sent you?"*

*The sailing team stayed there for five weeks.*



# Chapter V:

# Ups and Downs

hen Captain W<sup>o</sup>llock and his fleet of ships departed it was fairly stormy, but one week later it was sunny again. It took five more weeks to get back.

Whilst they were journeying, one of the ships went missing, due to thick mist. When the mist lifted, one of the ships was nowhere to be seen.

Captain W<sup>o</sup>llock prayed to the Almighty that the missing ship would get home safely.

*They were separated for nearly a month. During this time some of the crew on the ship got scurvy, because Captain Woslock wasn't nearby to give them his usual close oversight on their good health care.*

*The crew neglected to eat the preserved vegetables, such as sauerkraut, as well as drink lime juice daily.*

*When the man that Captain Woslock had put in charge of this ship that was now lost saw the sickly condition of his men, he knew something had to be done.*

*Fresh fruit and vegetables were what the team of men needed. He needed some island to land on--and soon.*

*Then in an hour of desperation while walking on the deck one day he caught sight of a decorated ship that was filled with vacationing party-goers.*

*On it were jolly, round-bellied men, singing while they swung their mugs of drinks to the music that was being played by the live band on board.*

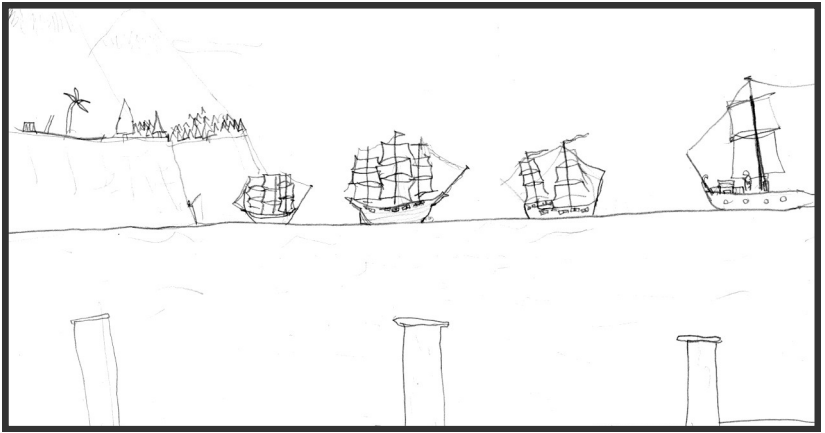
*This ship was headed to a nearby tropical island.*





*The captain of this decorated ship was a nice man and offered to help the lost ship find their way to that island as well. This was just what they needed.*

*After a few days of recovery, taking in all the fresh produce they needed, and some good days of rest, the ship set sail again.*



# Chapter VI:

**Lost is  
Found**



*he crew on the lost ship began to make their way home on their own and hoped to encounter the rest of Captain Wolslock's fleet.*

*When only one week away from reaching their homeland, they were happily reunited with the fleet.*

*They could hear the cheers of the other sailors, and were glad to be back together again.*

*When the sailors could see land they all cheered! The six ships had all made it safely back.*

*After arriving safely to their homeland, the supplies of the six ships were unloaded. Then, after having a time of rest, Captain Woslock went back to the king's court.*

*The king was very pleased to hear about all the great discoveries Captain Woslock's fleet had made, and would reward him for everything he had done.*

*The king would give him everything that was needed for the next mission.*

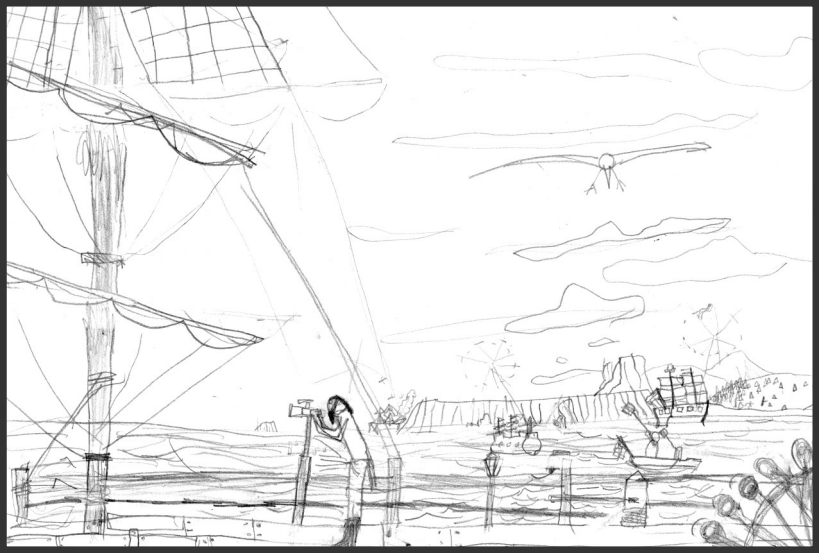
*On the following voyage, Captain Woslock was going to set out to find the missing continent, toward the north.*



*They waited until summer, and during that time Captain Woslock did more and more studies about sailing.*

*Meanwhile the ships were getting small repairs and being restocked with supplies.*


*Then with joy and excitement, the fleet set off again.*



# Chapter VII:

# Discoveries



fter sailing for one and a half days it began to get very stormy, but they were not afraid.

*It was so stormy, it shook open a passage way, clearing some boulders and sediment out of their way. It had blocked other ships from going there before.*

*Then they had access to explore the missing continent. They could see a gigantic continent on the horizon. As their sea tradition, they would sing a song of praise whenever they discovered a new land. And so they did, heartily!*

*As Captain Woslock and his fleet neared the continent, they had a feeling they were to discover some very new and interesting things about it.*

*The first thing they noticed was that it was full of unnamed creatures—such as birds with feathers the size of a man.*

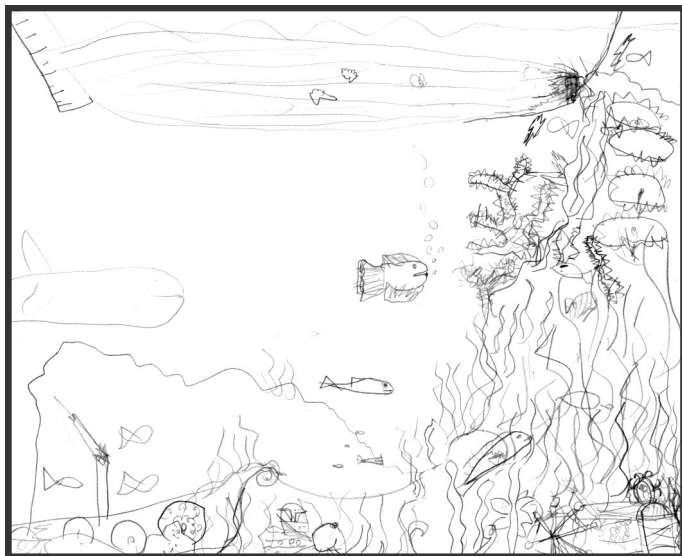
*The continent was huge and the people on it were giants! They built huge houses. They had chariots pulled by dragons. Their clothes were made of dragon skin.*

*The continent was very abundant in gold and silver.*




*There were humongous mountains—so large you could not see the top. There were magnificent huge palaces that were made of gold and silver.*

*There were huge forests with giant trees. There was plenty of vegetation on this continent. They didn't lack for food, for fruits and edible plants and vegetables grew all around.*



# Chapter VIII:

## Desperation and Deliverance

fter exploring the large  
formerly missing continent,  
Captain W<sup>o</sup>llock set sail to return  
home. Since Captain W<sup>o</sup>llock was a  
believer and talked with all the other  
sailors about his faith, most of them also  
became believers.

However, before travelling home,  
Captain W<sup>o</sup>llock was greatly cross  
when hearing the self-confident comments  
of those on one of his ships.

Captain W<sup>o</sup>llock was leading all in a  
prayer for God's safe keeping on their

homebound journey. These men said,  
"We are skilled and strong enough.  
What use is it to talk to Someone you  
can't see?"

Captain Wolslock responded, "It  
would be the same as me saying there is no  
London, because I can't see it."

This proud crew, who seemed to think  
they could manage without relying on  
God, took off sailing before committing  
their trip to God in prayer.

However, before too long they cried  
out, "We've sprung a leak!"





*Captain Wolslock commissioned some stout men from his ship to help those sailors work the pumps on the leaking ship, until the leak could be blocked.*

*Thankfully, they got it fixed, but it cost the sailors several days and nights of hard pumping. Just when all seemed lost, the crew was sorry and at last sought for God's help. And help them He did!*

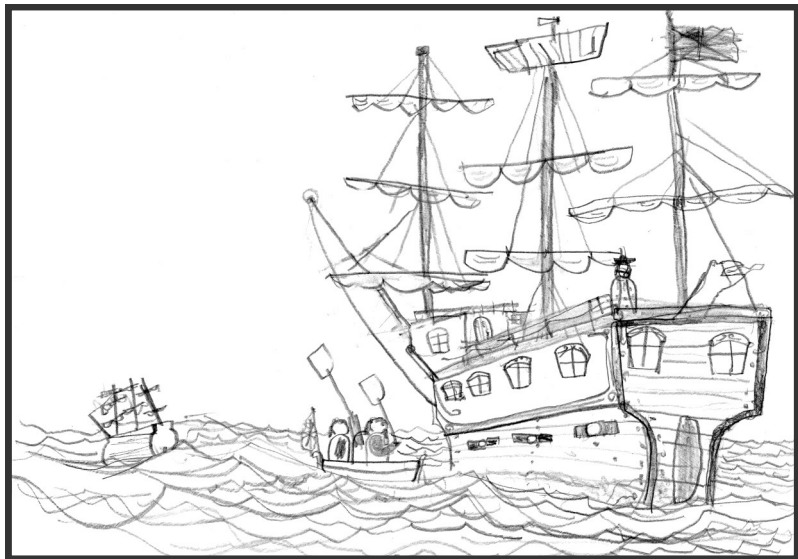
*One of the men was able to put boards and tar on the leak, and mysteriously and wonderfully the water stopped seeping through.*

*Finally, Captain Wossock and his fleet of ships returned safely to their homeland.*

*They came back with many gifts for the king, from this continent--such as gold and silver, and many types of fruit and veggies.*

*The king said he would award them for all they had done for him with another ship.*

*This time it would be along with another 100 men. The king had found other sailors by this time, and he would send them with Captain Wossock.*



# Chapter IX:

## Saving Strangers



*he king said that they should go in the direction of the south this time. Most of their voyage was successful, but as they were nearing the shore of a southern island, they saw another ship that was sinking.*

*They sent a large lifeboat with five men in it and they paddled over to the sinking ship. They found out that there were 20 men on board and six women.*

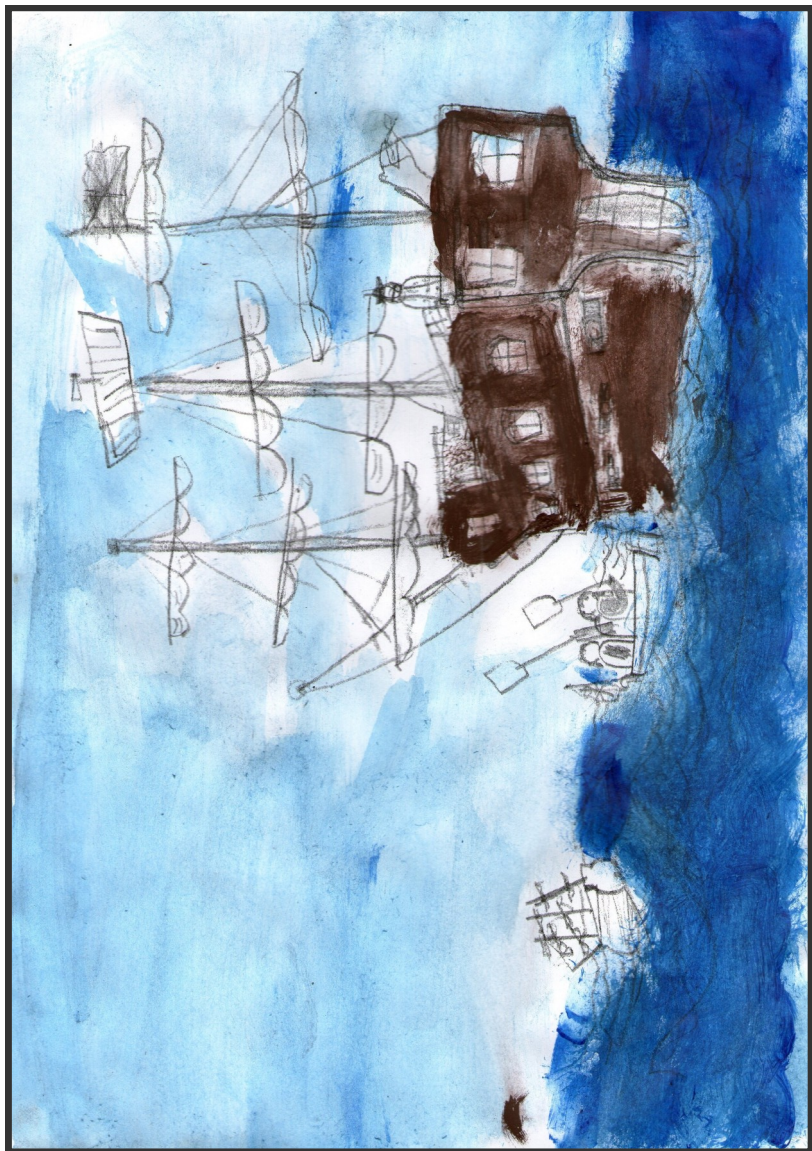
*They called for another lifeboat to come help them rescue everyone that was on board.*

*They all were taken aboard some of Captain Wolslock's ships. They were safe. The captain thanked his men for saving them.*

*Captain Gorre, one of Captain Wolslock's ships' overseers, was very pleased, and said that if they told the king what they had done they could become very rich.*

*Captain Wolslock did not agree. He said, "If I have what I need, I have got enough."*

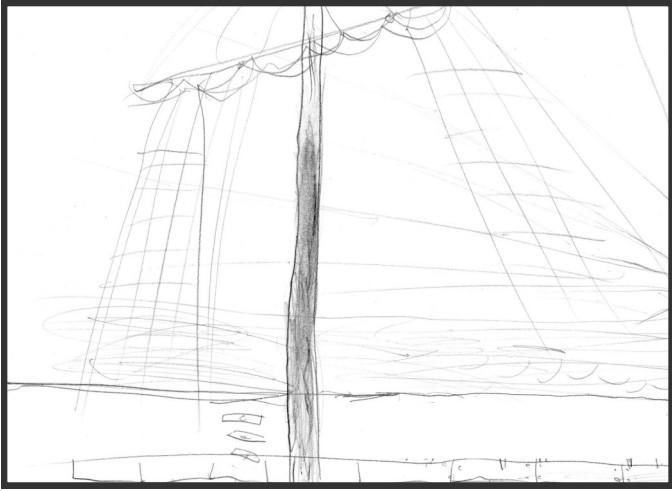
*They sailed on and arrived on the southern island.*



*They disembarked and set off to explore the land. This time it was mostly desert country. After travelling through it for about 10 miles, they finally found an oasis.*

*There were tropical fruits and many herbs growing there. They asked some of the natives if the fruit and vegetables were edible. Most of them were edible, so the travellers got to try these new foods.*

*The people they had saved from the shipwreck were set off on this island. The sailors set sail again to travel home.*



# Chapter X:

## Finding the way to God's Kingdom





*during the first night of their travel home, Captain Wolslock had a strong feeling to head in a completely different direction.*

*He couldn't sleep, so he went to the crew's cabin to wake them up. He asked the crew if they could go back and steer the ship in a new direction.*

*The crew responded, "But we are tired, because we haven't had any sleep." Captain Wolslock said, puzzled, "Strange, you went to bed ages ago!"*

*"We couldn't sleep," they replied.  
"Maybe you'll get some sleep after you  
do as I say," Captain Wolslock said.*

*So the men went to turn the ship to  
begin sailing in the new direction, then  
got several hours of good sleep.*

*Early in the morning, before sunrise,  
Captain Wolslock climbed up to the deck  
and saw in the distance a beam of light.*

*He dashed down to talk to the crew,  
nearly forgetting to thank the crew for  
what they'd done so late at night. But  
then he remembered his manners, and  
thanked the crew.*



*Then Captain Woslock said enthusiastically, "Come! See! There's a beam of light on the surface of the water, a couple of miles away."*

*When the crew went up to see this mysterious light, they said, "We're getting closer."*

*They shouted, "Land ho!"*

*Some of them got a lifeboat, since they thought it was too shallow to bring the ships any closer. Then Captain Woslock remembered his scroll that he brought with him, and he noticed on the scroll was*

written the words, "Ye shall seek Me  
and find Me, when ye shall search for  
Me with all your heart."

Then he thought, "I have found it!  
The Kingdom of God!"

He joyfully sailed towards the light  
that was showing him the way to the  
Kingdom of God.

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*The meaning of this story is that if we are humble, the Lord will make us important and also able to make all these amazing discoveries. Maybe someday we will bring the whole country to know God. And if you want to discover the kingdom of God, just say this prayer:*

Dear Jesus, thank You for coming to Earth long ago, so that You could bring us love and forgiveness. I want You to forgive me for the wrong things that I have done.

Please fill my heart with Your love, and help me to do the things that make You happy. I'm so glad that You will love me for eternity—and that because I believe in You, I will live forever in Heaven with You!

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*If we respect and obey the Lord, then when our journey on Earth is done, we will find a paradise made just for us and everyone who found the way to the Kingdom of God.*

*What is the map and the scroll?  
The Bible! It will lead and instruct us on our life's journey, until we reach our final destination.*

*What is the light? Jesus is the light. If we follow Him we'll find our way to the Kingdom of God. When I get to the kingdom of God I hope I'll find you there, too.*



**Portrait of**  
**Jesus Christ**  
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# Glossary:

(The definitions given here relate to how a certain word is used in context within the story.)

**abundant:** Very plentiful; more than sufficient

**Almighty:** God, the Lord of all

**boulders:** Any large rocks worn smooth and round by weather and water

**cabin:** A private room on a ship, as a bedroom or office

**captain:** A chief or leader; the head of a group

**commission:** To give a commission to; to give an order for a thing to be made or done

**communicate:** To make known; to give information, signals, messages, etc.

**continent:** Any of the main large land areas of the world

**disembark:** To unload goods or passengers from a ship

**encounter:** To meet with or come upon unexpectedly

**enthusiastic:** Having enthusiasm; being inspired; arousing great interest

**essential:** Absolutely necessary; indispensable

**Europeans:** People from Europe

**fauna:** The animals of a specified region or time

**flora:** The plants of a specified region or time

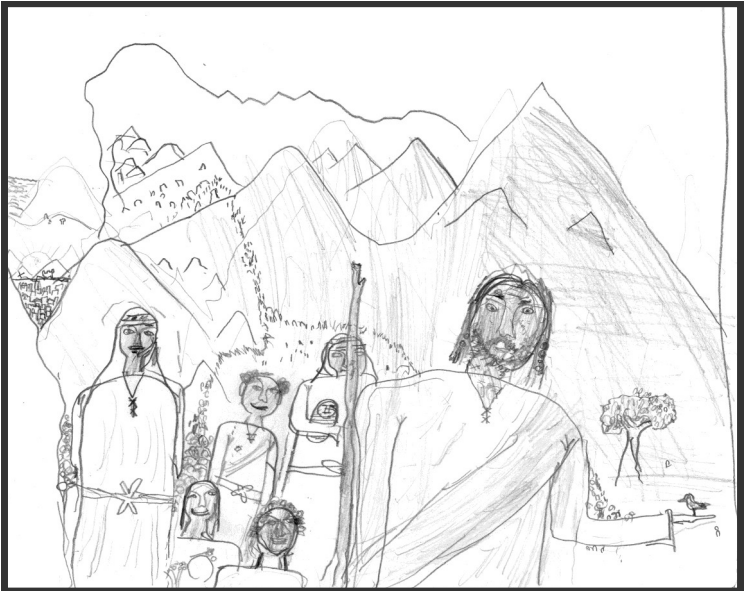
**fresh produce:** Fresh and raw fruits and vegetables

**gesture:** A movement with the body or part of the body to express ideas, emotions, etc.

**Great Britain:** The largest island in Europe, which includes England, Wales, Scotland

**hometown:** The country in which one was born or makes one's home

**infinite:** Without limits or bounds; without beginning or end; vast, great, immense



**instruct:** To teach, give facts or information; inform or guide; to order or direct

**intrigues:** Excites interest or curiosity; fascinating

**mission:** The special duty or function for which someone is sent as a messenger or representative; a special task

**mysterious:** Something containing mystery; something unexplained, unknown, kept secret

**natives:** Those belonging to a certain place by birth; indigenous

**oasis:** A fertile place in a desert, due to the presence of water

**Peter:** Simon Peter, a former fisherman called to be a follower and disciple of Jesus Christ, who was a leader in the Early Church

**puzzled:** Finding something hard to understand; perplexed; complicated to figure out

**sauerkraut:** Chopped cabbage fermented in a brine of its own juice with salt

**scurvy:** A disease that results from insufficient ascorbic acid (Vitamin C) in the body

**Sea of Galilee:** The largest fresh water lake in Israel

**sediment:** Matter deposited by water or wind

**self-confident:** Confident in one's own abilities

**species:** A distinct kind; sort; variety; class

**stout:** Courageous; brave; strong in body

**tropical:** Characteristic of, or suitable for the tropics—places that are hot, humid, sunny, etc.

**vegetation:** Plant life

**voyage:** A long journey