

## A Race and a Boat

**True Stories—Easy Readers** 



## **Heavenly Help**

-True stories of special help from God

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Eric Liddell became famous in several countries in Europe for his skill in sports and speed in running.

He used the opportunities it brought to travel around and tell people about Jesus.





Eric then decided to leave the fame and sports in Europe to go to be a missionary in China.

He went to the place where he was born.



In China he travelled by foot or on bicycle to many rural areas that were difficult to get to, showing and telling people about Jesus' love.

Sometimes to make people happy he participated in races as well. They liked to see just how fast he could go.

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One time a crowd begged him to run a second race, after he'd won the first one.

They didn't know that the boat Eric was to go on was about to leave.

Eric trusted God to help him catch his boat, and chose to make the people happy by running the next race as well. He ran the race and won it, but afterwards needed to stand and wait respectfully while the national anthem was sung.

Finally, he could rush in a taxi to catch his boat. Eric ran out on the wharf, but the boat had already started to leave.

However, just then God sent a wave to bring the boat back over to him. He threw his bags on the boat and made a big leap into it. He made it safely onto the boat.

God helped him because he was kind to the people of China.



