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Viking Adventure



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What's this story about?

The children are learning about the Vikings at school, and when the magic key glows it takes them back in time. The children find themselves in a Viking longship. When they land they meet children in a Viking village, but raiders are coming! Biff has an idea, but can she frighten them off?

Talk together

Read the title and look through the pictures to find out about the Vikings. You may need to explain that the Vikings were people who travelled across the North Sea to Britain over a thousand years ago. They came from Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

Read the story

W = Word recognition **C** = Language comprehension

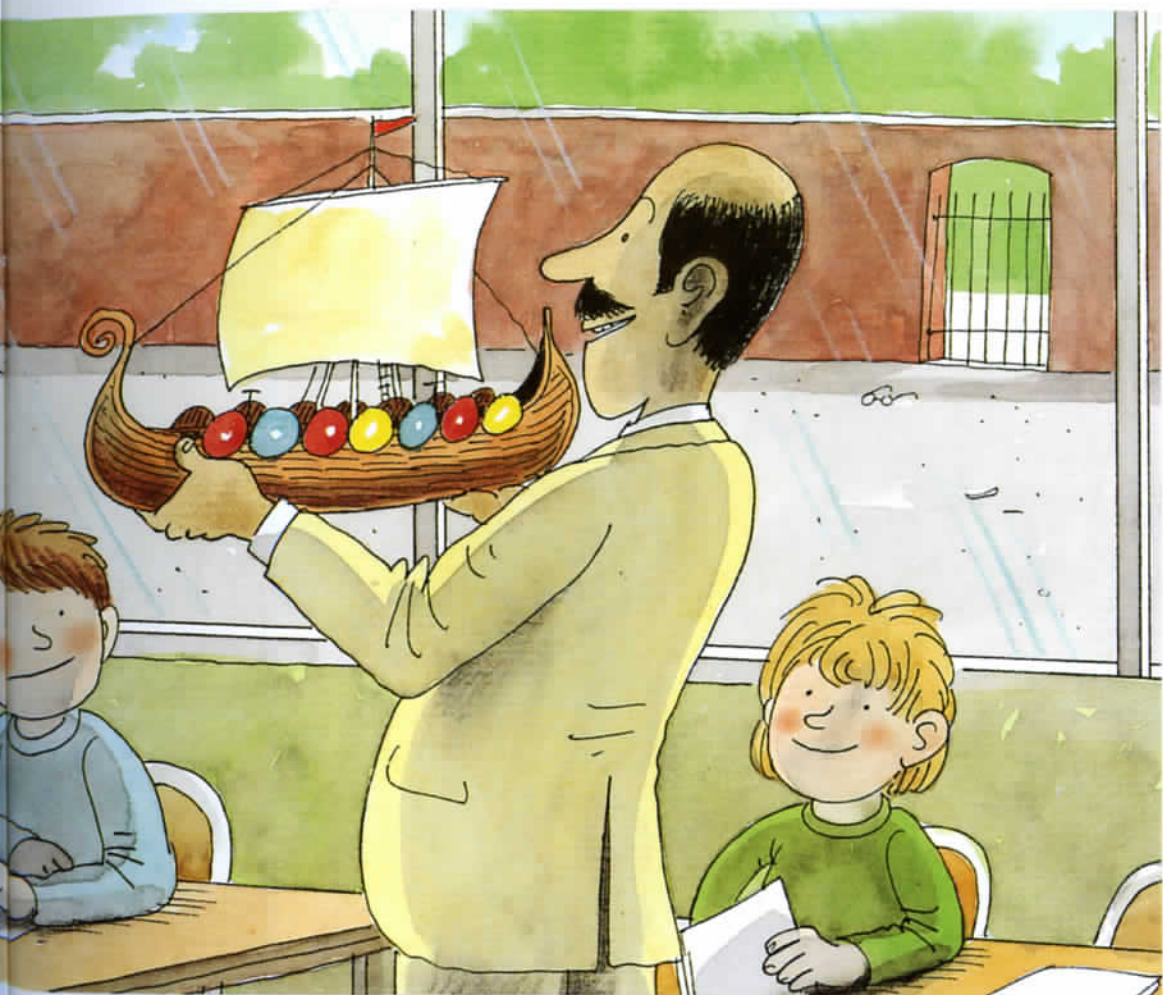
- C** Listen as the child reads. Praise him/her for reading with different expression when someone in the story is speaking.
- C** Page 9, ask, "Why was Kipper so upset?"
- C** Page 17, ask, "Why did Kipper say it wasn't much fun being on a longship?"
- C** Page 24, ask, "What do you think raiders did?"
- C** Page 27, ask, "Why were the raiders frightened?"
- W** Page 27, look at the words 'light' and 'frightened'. Ask, "Which letters are in both words?"
- C** Page 31, ask, "Why do you think Wilf didn't want to give the Vikings the torch?"
- C** Page 32, ask, "Why can't Biff tell Mr Johnson where the shield came from?"



Wilf and Wilma came to the door. It was time to go to school. Kipper told everyone about his adventure at the Teddy Bears' picnic. But nobody believed him.



Biff, Chip and Wilf were in Mr Johnson's class. The children liked Mr Johnson. He made everything interesting and he told lots of good stories.



Mr Johnson had a model ship.

“Can you tell me what sort of ship this is?”
he asked.

Wilf put up his hand.

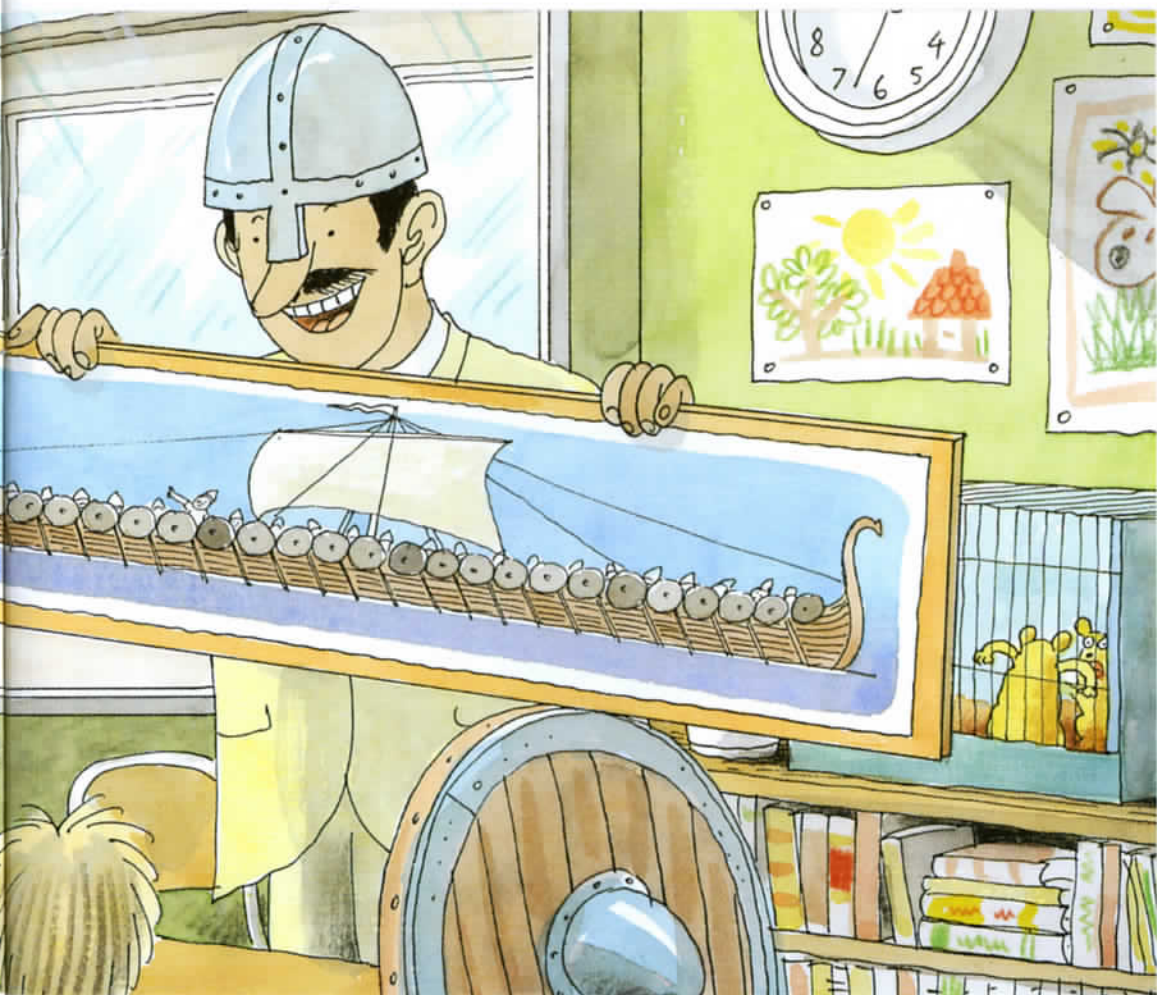
“It’s a Viking ship,” he said.

“Well done, Wilf,” said Mr Johnson.



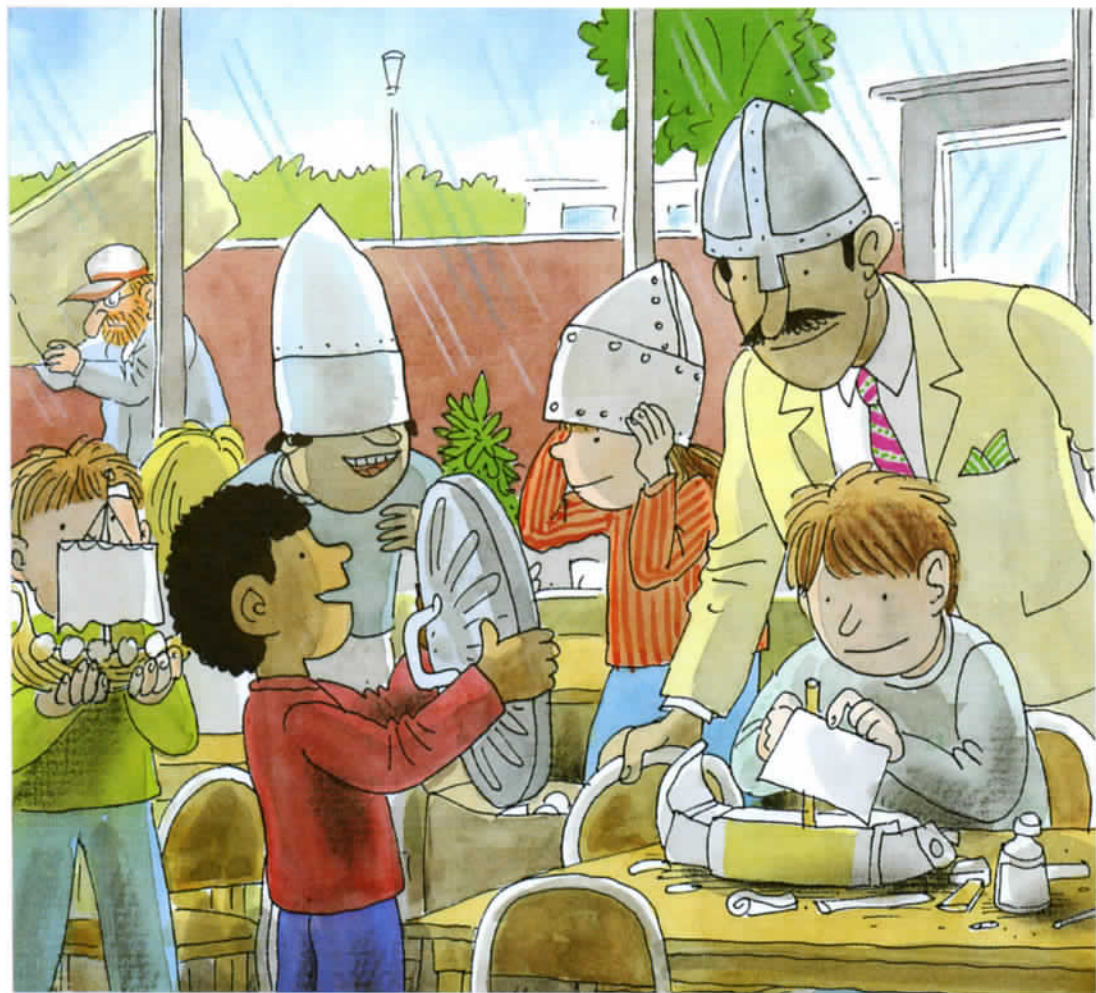
Mr Johnson showed the children a picture of a Viking ship.

“This ship was called a longship,” he said. “It had oars and a sail and it moved very fast through the water.”



“The Vikings lived a long time ago,” said Mr Johnson. “They crossed the sea in ships like this.”

Mr Johnson showed the children a Viking helmet and a Viking shield.



Mr Johnson helped the children with a Viking project. It was very interesting. They made model longships and they made Viking shields and helmets.



Mr Johnson took the children into the school hall. They made a big longship. Then they all dressed up as Vikings and pretended to row it.

“It’s hard work being a Viking,” said Biff.



The children came home from school. They looked at the magic key. They wanted it to glow because it had not glowed for a long time. Kipper told them about his magic adventure but still nobody believed him.



Kipper was upset.

"The magic key glowed in the night," he said.
"It glowed when it was dark. It did, it did, it did!"
Biff looked at the key.

"I wonder..." she said.



Biff had a good idea.

“Maybe the key will glow in the dark,”
she said.

She got a torch and then she found a big thick
blanket.



The children sat on the floor and they pulled the blanket over themselves. It was dark under the blanket. Suddenly, the key began to glow. The magic was working after all.

“I told you so,” said Kipper.



There was no wind. The Vikings rowed the longship across the sea. Every man pulled on the oars. It was hard work being a Viking.



Suddenly, the wind began to blow.

“Hooray!” said the Vikings. “Now we can put up the sail. The wind can blow the ship along and we won’t have to work so hard.”



One of the Vikings heard a noise. He went to look. He found the children.

“Oh no!” said Wilf. “We’re on a Viking longship. I don’t believe it!”



The Viking jumped back. He couldn't believe it, either! He looked very fierce.

"Oh dear," said Kipper. "He doesn't look pleased to see us."



The Viking pushed the children to the back of the longship.

“Look at all these animals,” said Kipper.
“I don’t like it here. It smells.”

The wind began to blow harder. The Vikings put up the sail.



The wind blew harder and the ship tossed up and down. The waves splashed over the children. They got cold and wet. Kipper began to feel sick. "It's not much fun on a longship," he said.



At last the longship landed.
“Hooray!” shouted the Vikings.
They jumped into the water and carried boxes
and barrels to the shore.



The children looked over the side of the longship.
“I hope we don’t have to jump in,” said Kipper.
“It looks cold and wet.”



“You don’t have to jump in,” said the Viking.
“I’ll throw you in!”

The children waded to the shore. The villagers were amazed. They had never seen children like these before.



Kipper had some sweets. He shared them with the Viking children. They had never seen sweets before. They didn't know what to do with them.

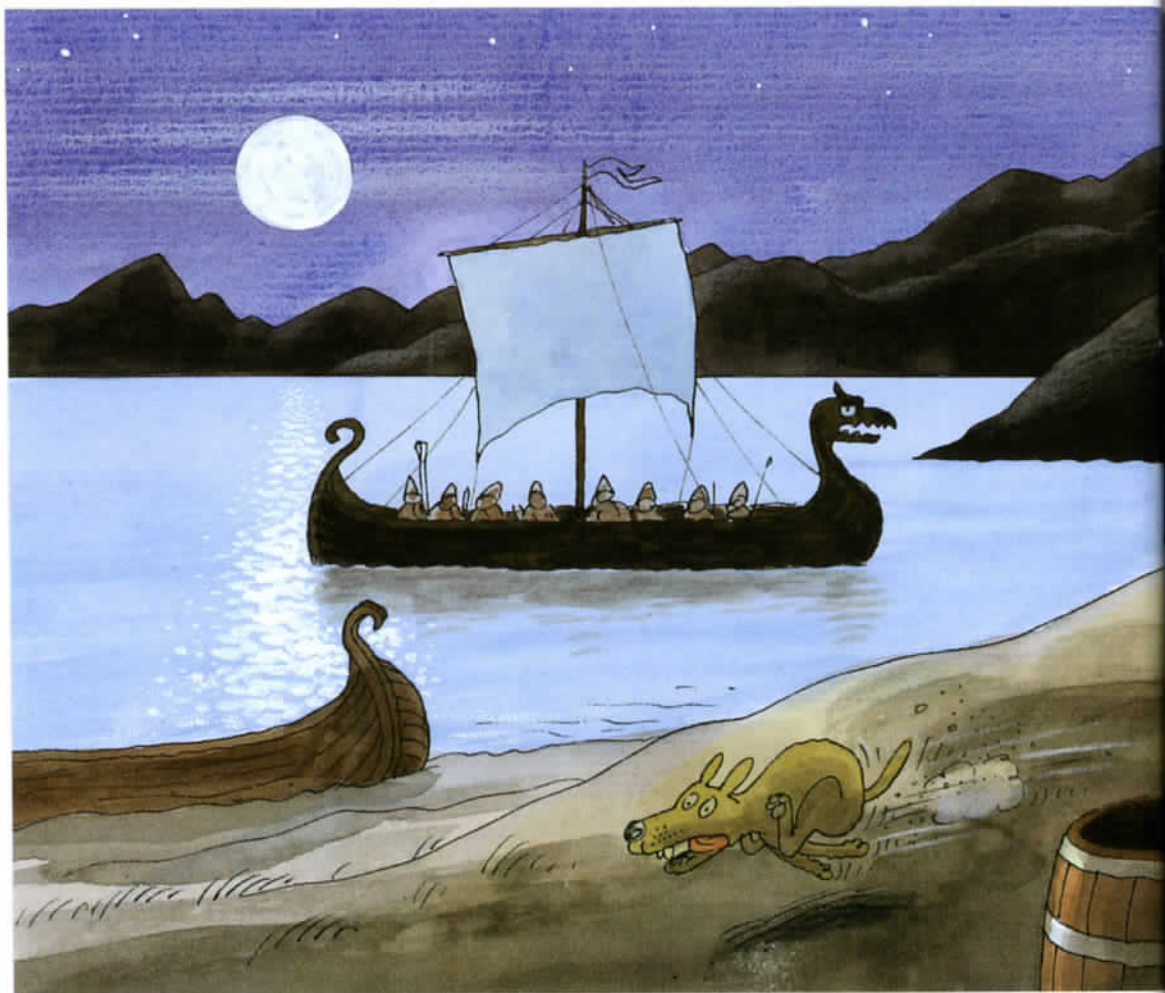


The Vikings took the children into a long hall. A fire was burning in the middle of the floor. There was smoke everywhere.

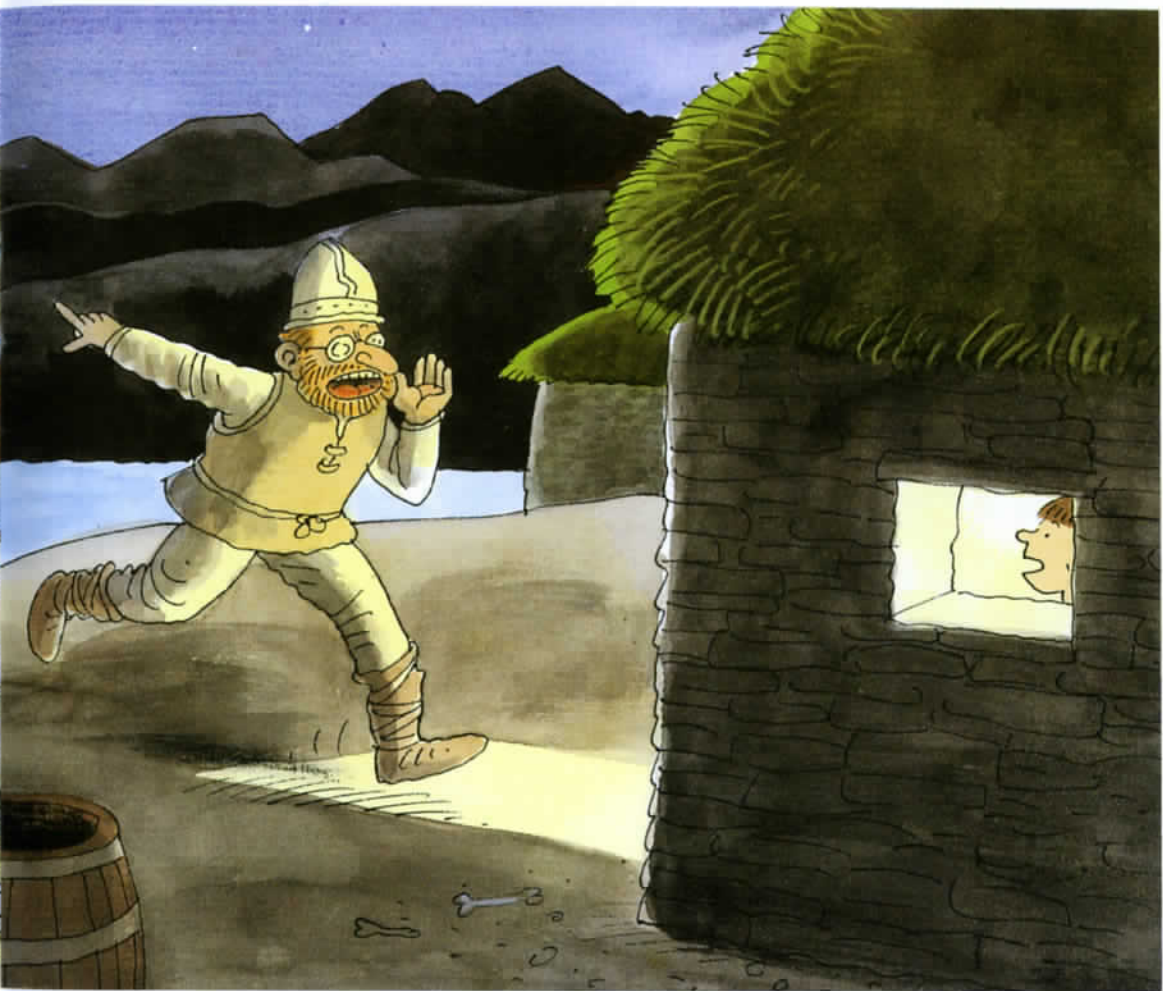


It began to get dark and soon it was time to have some food.

“So this is what Vikings eat,” said Wilf.



As soon as it was dark a longship sailed close to the shore. On the longship were some Viking raiders. They were going to attack the village.



One of the villagers saw the longship and ran into the long hall.

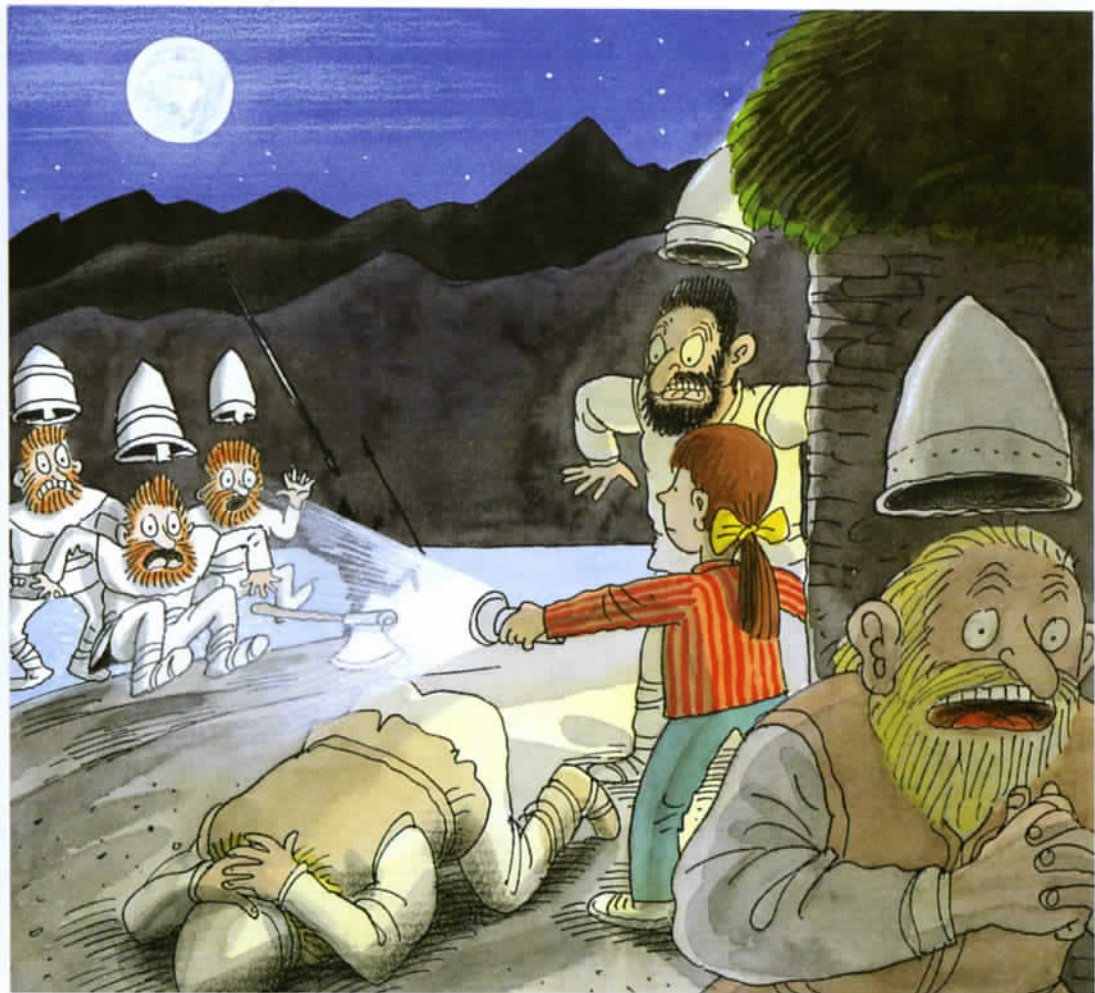
“Help! Help!” he called. “Raiders are landing!”



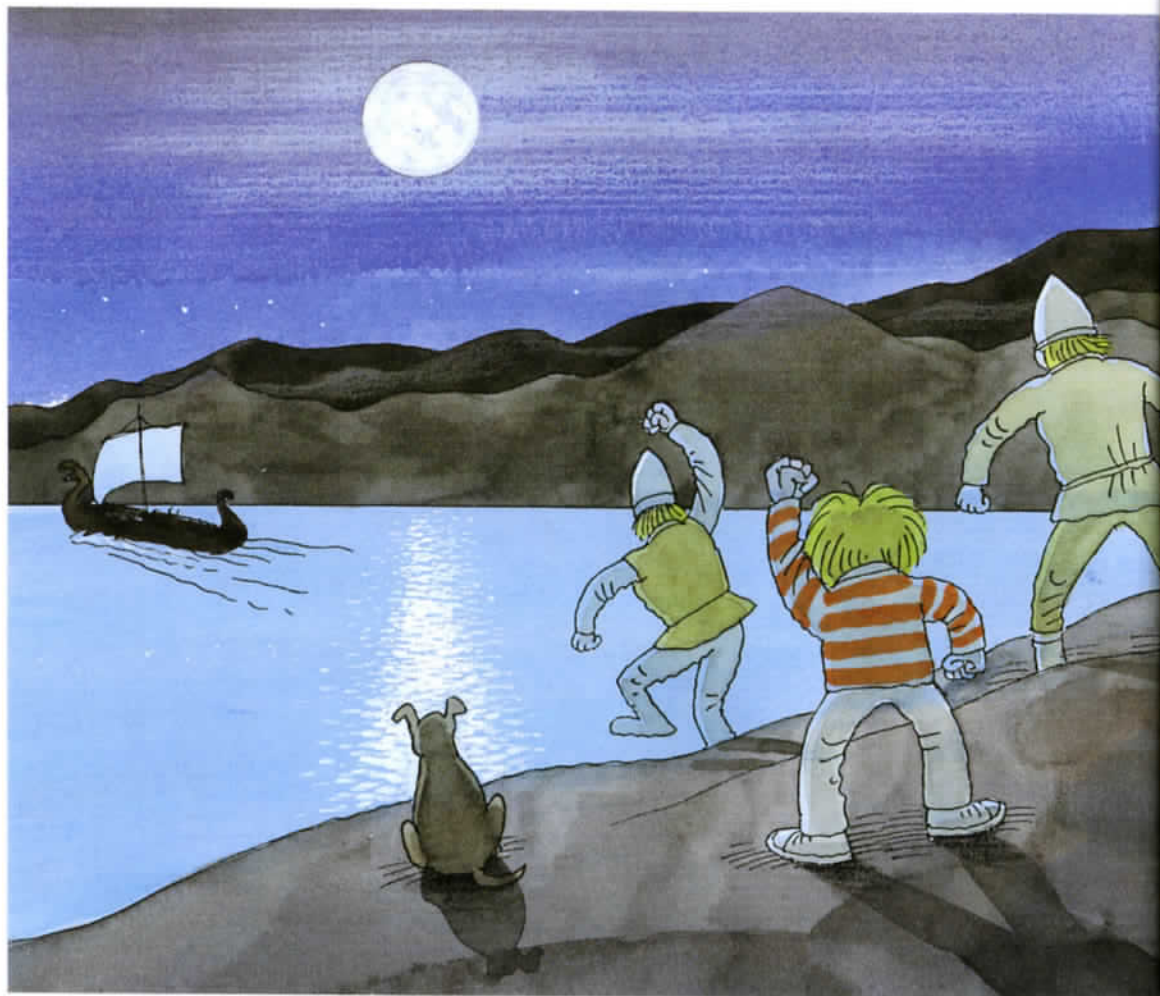
The raiders looked very fierce. They ran towards the village.

“They’re going to attack!” said Wilf. “What can we do?”

“I wish the magic key would glow,” said Kipper.

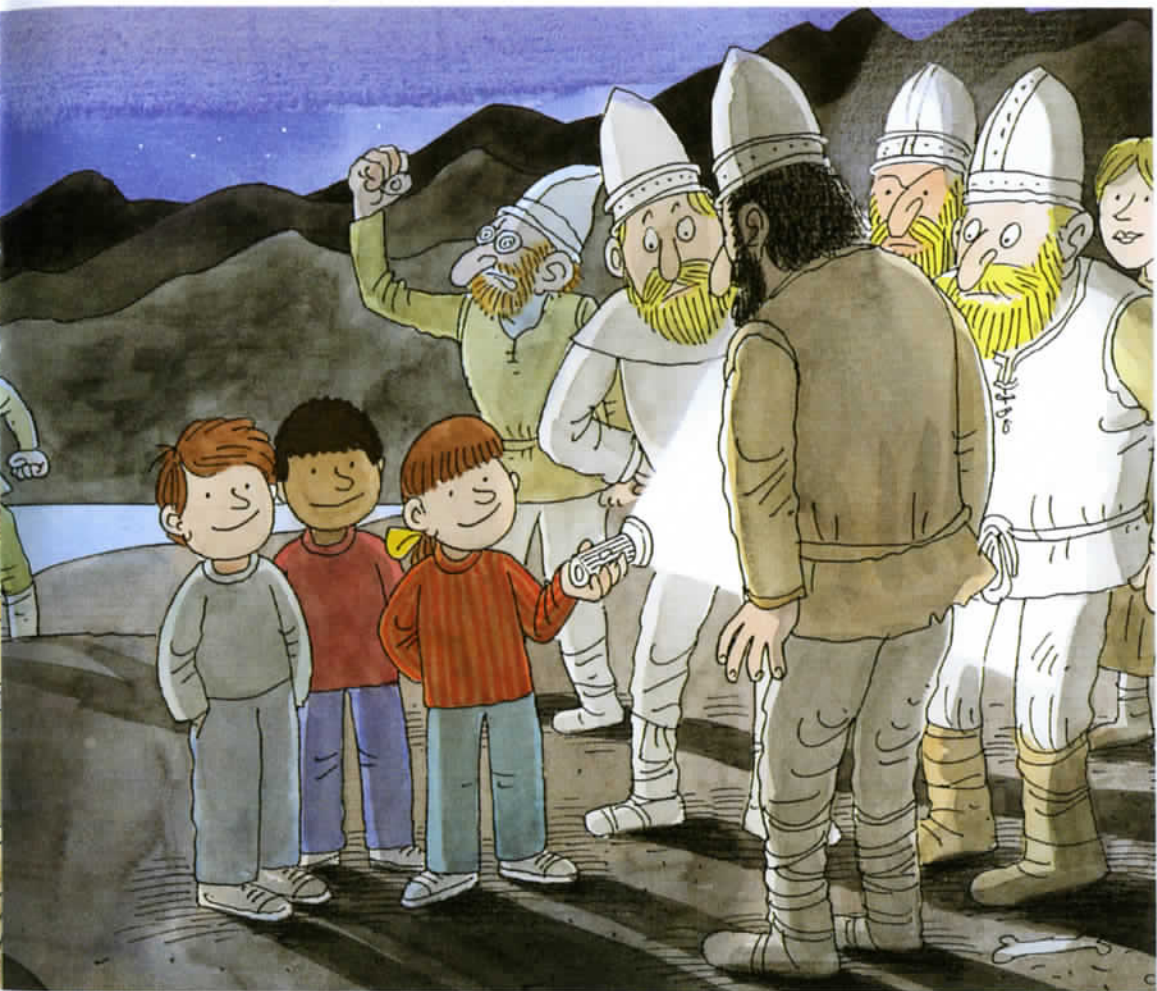


Biff had an idea. She shone her torch.
The raiders and the villagers had never seen a
light like this before. They were frightened and
they all fell to the ground.



The raiders ran back to their longship and sailed away.

“Hooray!” said the villagers. “They won’t come back here in a hurry.”



The Vikings looked at Biff's torch.
"This is a magic thing," they said.
"It frightened us, but it frightened the raiders
even more and it saved our village!"

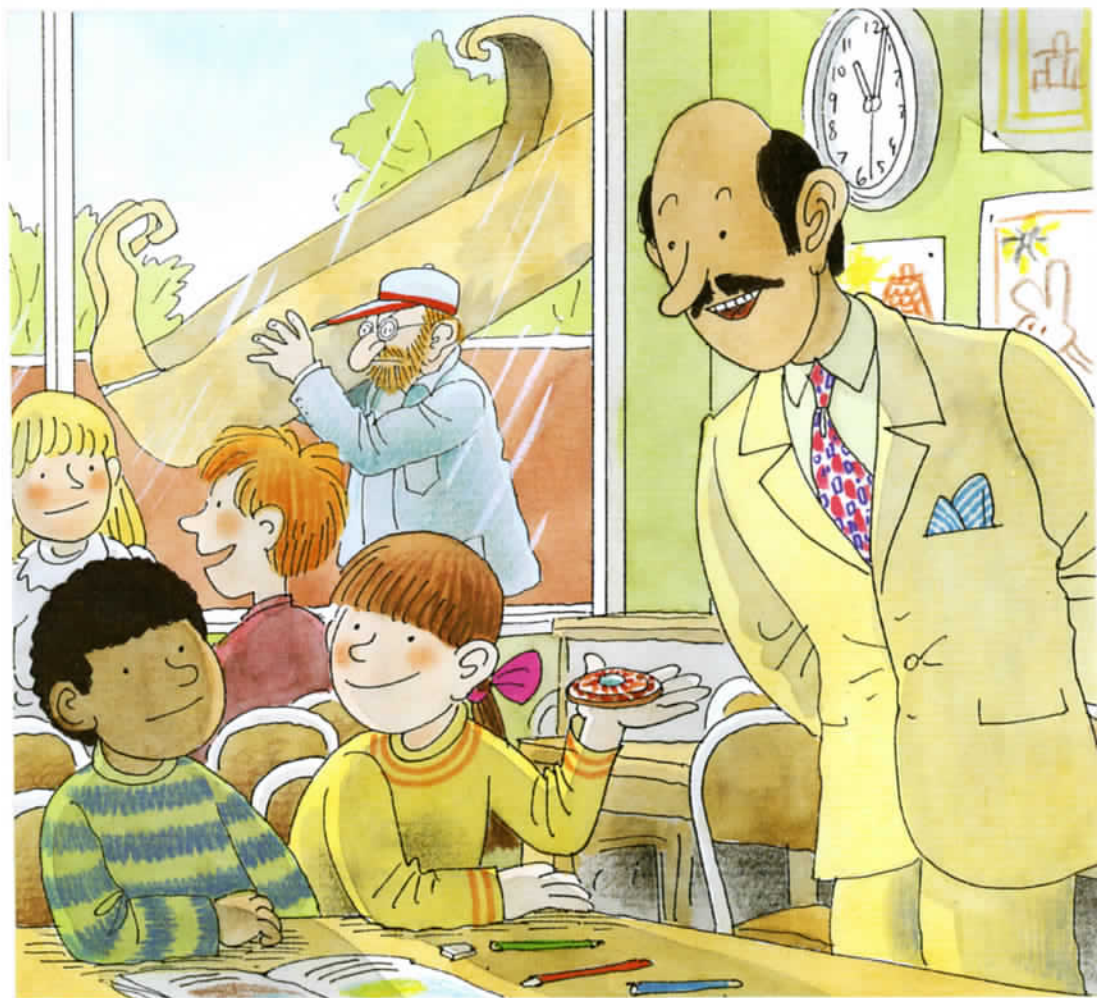


The villagers lit a big fire on the beach.
They had a party for the children. They gave
Biff a shield.

“Thank you,” said Biff. “It’s beautiful.”



Biff wanted to give the torch to the Vikings but Wilf told her not to. The magic key began to glow. It was time for the adventure to end.



Biff showed the Viking shield to Mr Johnson.
“It’s very good,” said Mr Johnson, “but Viking shields didn’t look like this.”
Biff looked at Wilf and smiled.

Play a game

Ask a question

To help the child to frame questions and find answers in the story.

- Make up any question about the story, e.g. "What were Viking ships called?" If the child can remember the answer, praise him/her for getting it right, then say, "Can you find the answer in the story?"
- Invite the child to ask you any question about the story. You then find the answer in the text.
- Have two or three turns each.

Other ideas

You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.

- Have fun looking at the pictures in more detail together. Notice what the caretaker is doing and find the answers on page 5!
- Look up 'Vikings' in an encyclopaedia or use a computer and type the word into a search engine on the Internet. Find out some interesting facts about Vikings.

Viking Adventure

The children find themselves on a longship at the start of a Viking adventure. Can they save the Viking village when raiders attack?



Stage 8 Stories

Recommended order of reading:

The Kidnappers	The Flying Carpet
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