

# Ship in Trouble





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## BEFORE READING

### Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *What is the bright light?*
- Talk about adventure playgrounds your child has visited.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

### About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

don't I'm time house  
day make adventure  
playground blew lifeboat  
rescue donkey poles

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

people looked  
called asked  
won't captain  
danger through



## DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.  
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover  
for more ideas.



Wilma's mum took the children to an adventure playground. It was a new playground and it looked exciting.



They all wanted a go on the zip wire.  
Chip went first. It was hard to get on it, so  
Wilma's mum helped him.



The zip wire went fast.

“Yee ha! This is scary,” called Chip.  
“I love it.”



Wilma was next, but she felt scared.  
Then the wind blew and it began to rain.  
“It’s too windy and it’s raining,” said  
Wilma. “I can’t go.”



“It’s a bad storm,” said Mum.  
“Let’s go home. We can come back  
another day.”

So they all ran back to the car.

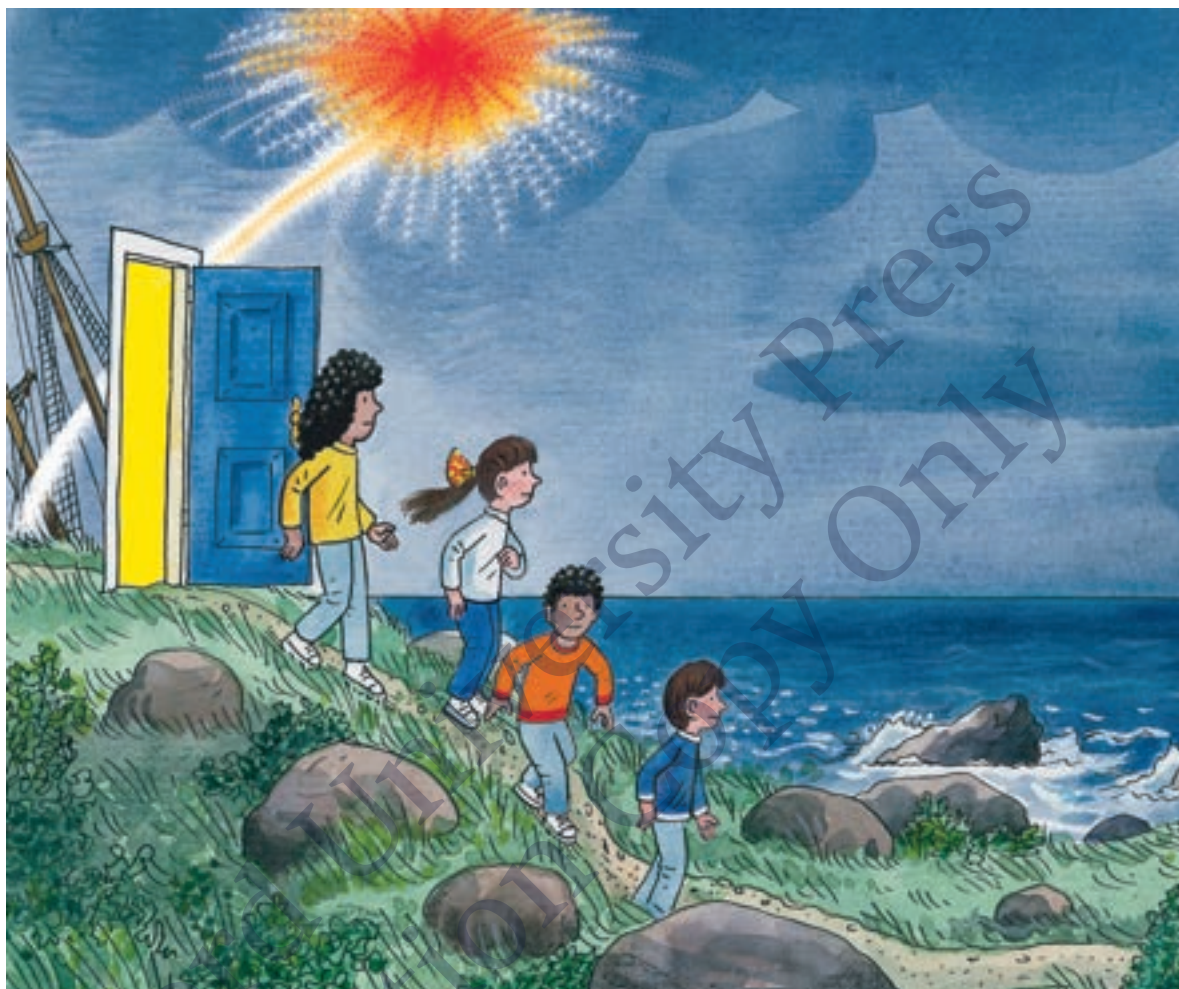


Wilf and Wilma went back to Biff and Chip's house. They went to Biff's room to play.



“I hope we go back to the adventure playground,” said Wilf. “I want a go on the zip wire.”

Then the magic key began to glow.



The magic took the children back in time. It took them to a cliff near the sea. A bad storm was blowing.



Suddenly, there was a bang. A bright light lit up the sky. Then a girl ran down the path. Behind her was a man on crutches.

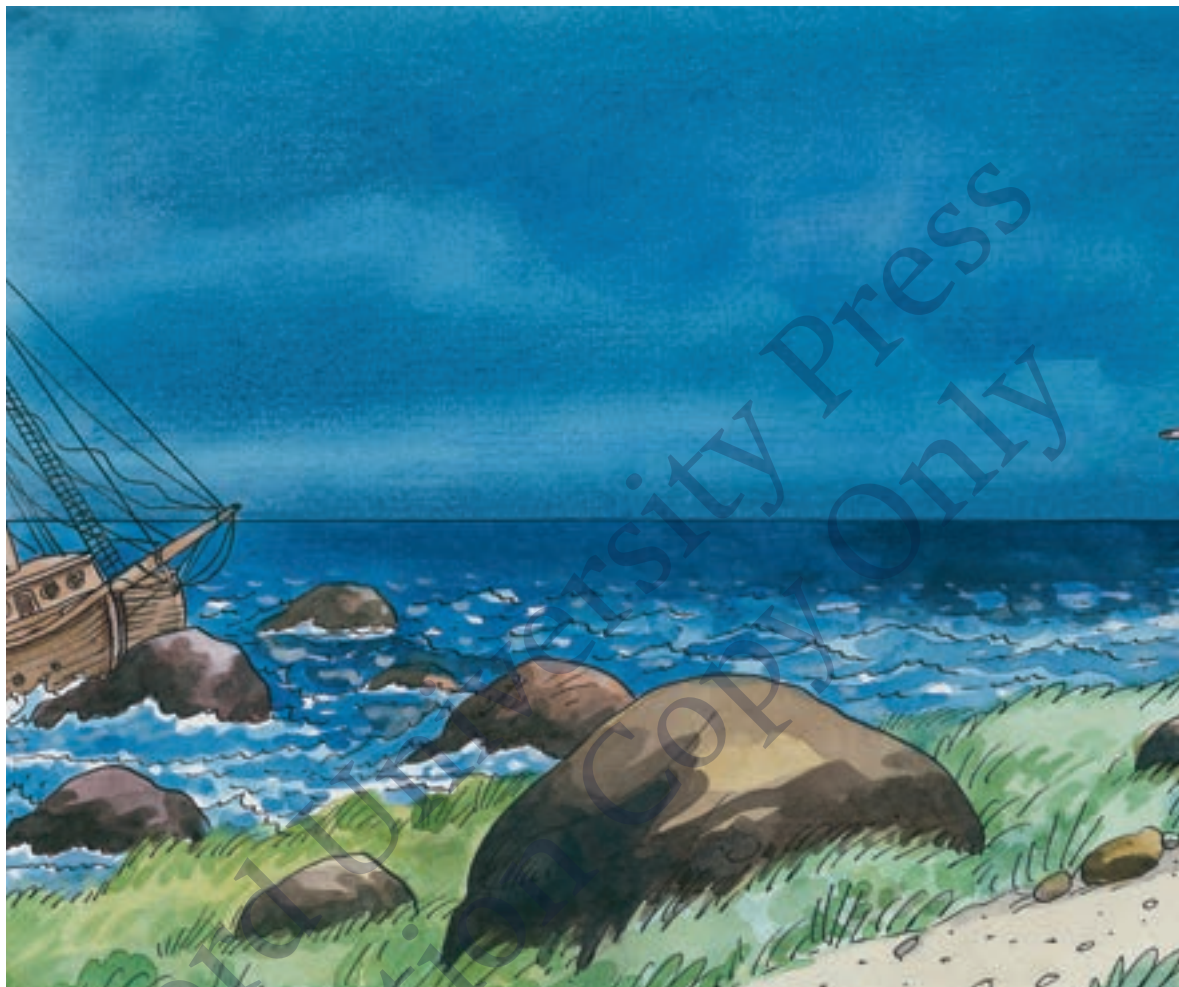


“Will you help us?” asked the girl.  
“The storm has blown a ship on to  
the rocks. The light in the sky was a  
call for help.”



“We can’t help,” said Wilma. “You need to call the lifeboat.”

“We can’t,” said the girl. “The lifeboat has gone to help another ship.”

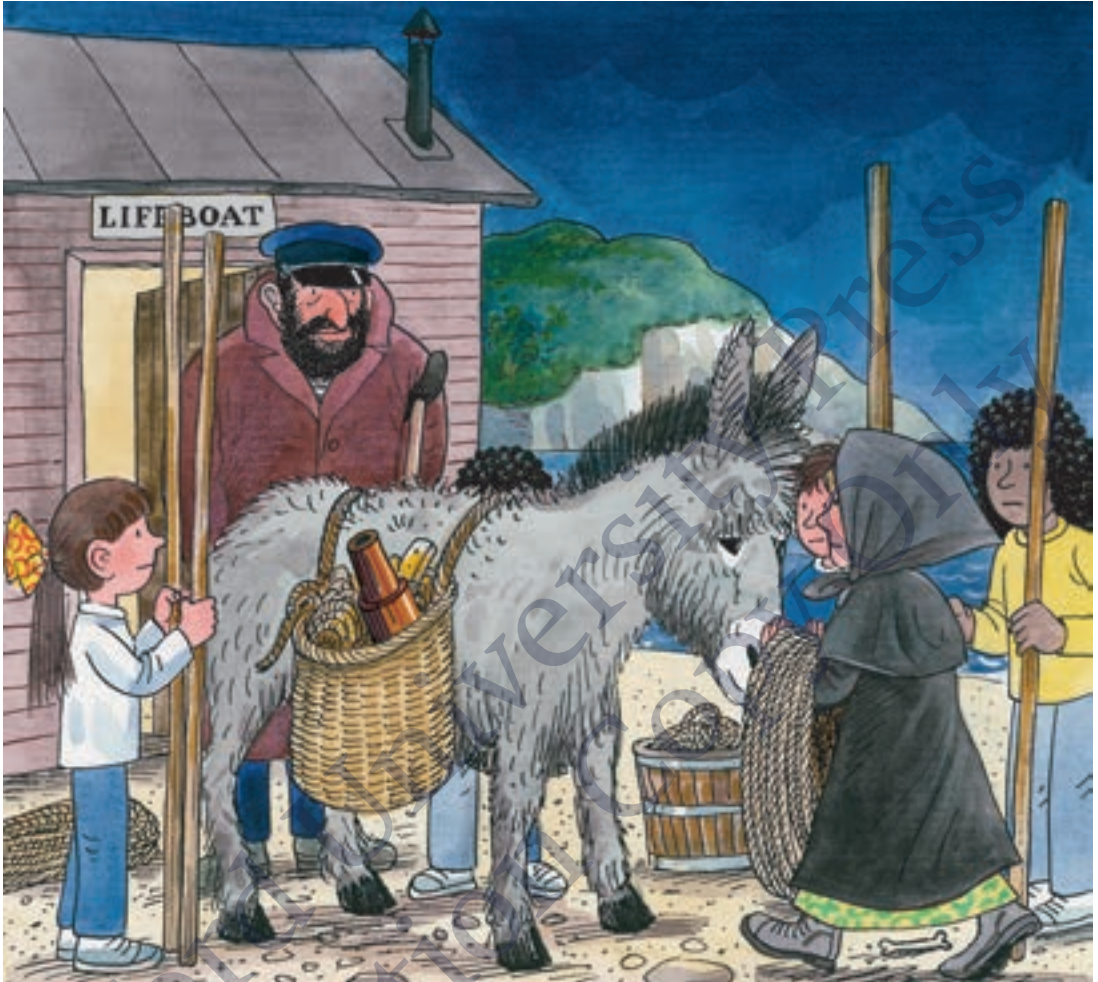


“My name is Jane,” said the girl.

“I’m Jane’s father,” said the man. “I should be out with the lifeboat, but I’ve hurt my back.”



“The ship is stuck on the rocks,” said Jane. “People are in danger. If you help us, we can rescue them.”



They ran to the lifeboat station.  
Jane loaded things on to a donkey.  
She gave the children long poles  
to carry.



They went back along the path. The waves were crashing over the ship.

“This is a bad storm,” said Wilf.



Jane told the children to lash two poles together.

“We must make sure they don’t fall over,” she said.



Jane's father had a special cannon. He shot a line out over the water. The line flew through the air and landed on the ship.



Jane tied a rope to the line. The people on the ship pulled it across. Then they tied the rope to the ship.



Jane's father put a pulley on the rope. The pulley had a ring tied to it.

"I get it," said Wilf. "The people sit in that funny-looking ring."



“Now we pull them in,” said Jane.

“And I thought the zip wire was scary,” said Wilma.



It was hard pulling the people  
across on the pulley. The rope dipped  
in the middle and it swung in the wind.



The last to come was the captain.

“I’ve lost my ship, but you’ve saved our lives,” he said. “Thank you.”



Jane looked at the children.

“Thank you for helping us,” she said.

Then the key began to glow.



“I’m glad I wasn’t on that ship,” said Wilma. “The zip wire at the playground won’t seem scary, now.”

“Not even in a storm?” asked Wilf.

## AFTER READING

- Re-read page 4. Ask: *Why did Wilma feel scared?*
- Look at the cover. Ask: *What do you think the fiery explosion in the picture is?*
- Turn to pages 20–21. Ask: *Do you think it would be exciting or scary to be taken off a ship in this way?*

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