

# Viking Adventure





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## BEFORE READING

### Talk together

- Read the title and look at the cover picture. Ask: *What do you know about the Vikings?*
- Look at the picture on the back cover and read the blurb. Ask: *What does raiders mean?* (people who attack suddenly)
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

### About the words in this book

- Your child will probably be able to read most of the words in this book. Encourage your child to sound out and blend any challenging words, such as those below. If necessary, model the blending or read the words for your child.

frightened  
beautiful

because



## DURING READING

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

- Break unfamiliar words into chunks or syllables to work them out (e.g. e-nor-mous).
- 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.

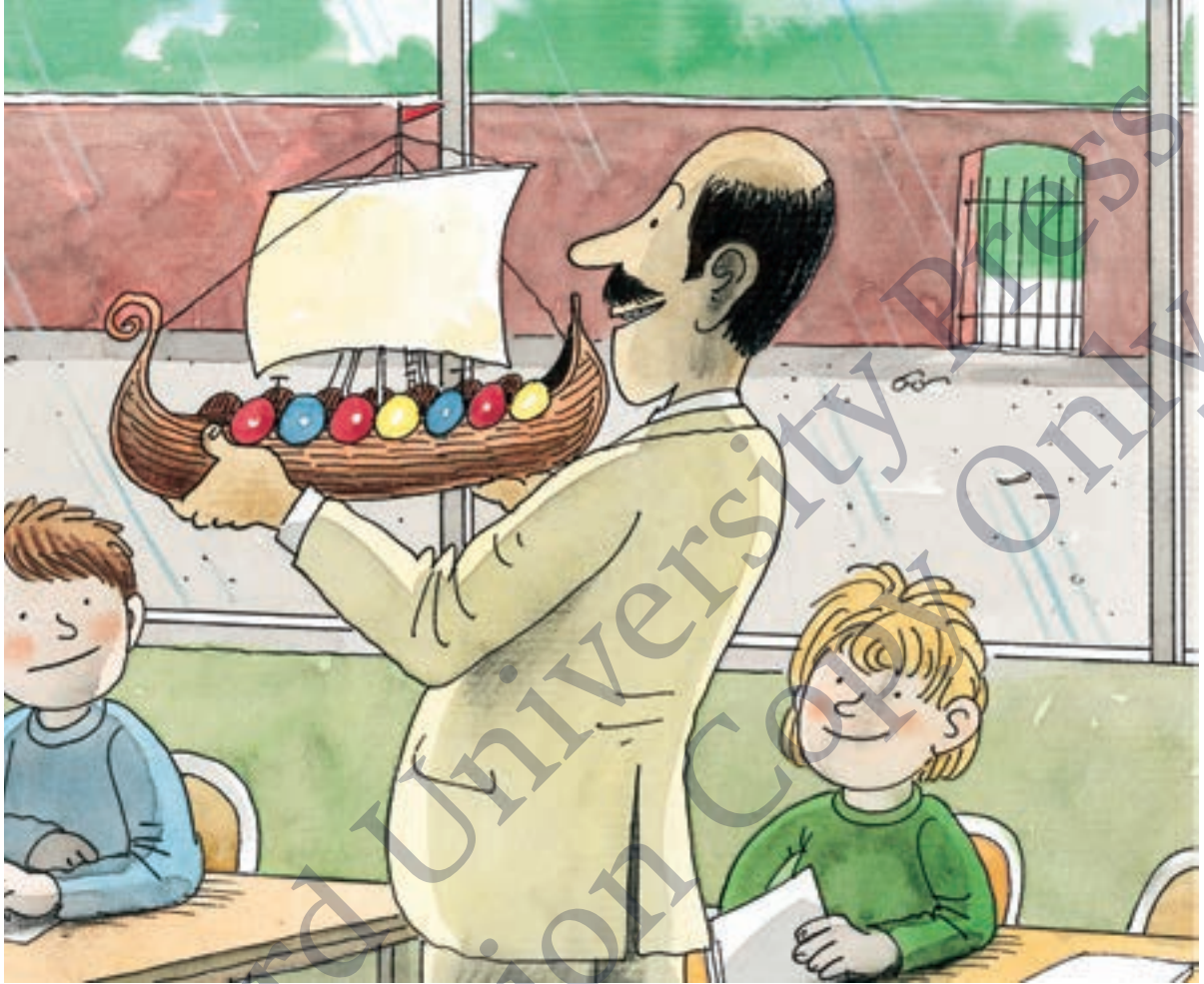


Wilf and Wilma came to the door. It was time to go to school. Kipper told everyone about his adventure at the Teddy Bears' picnic. But nobody believed him.





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.

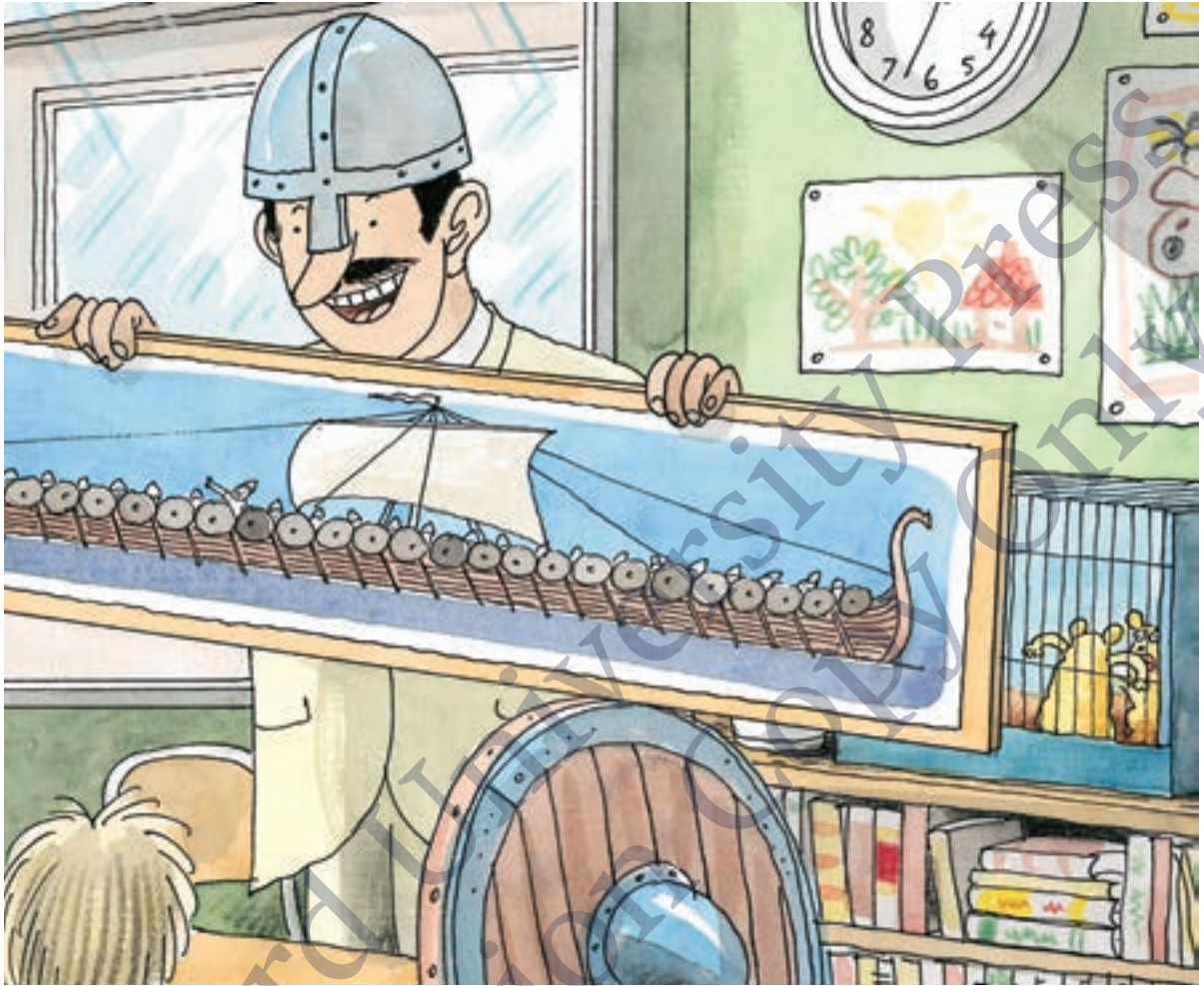
“Well done, Wilf,” said Mr Johnson.





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.

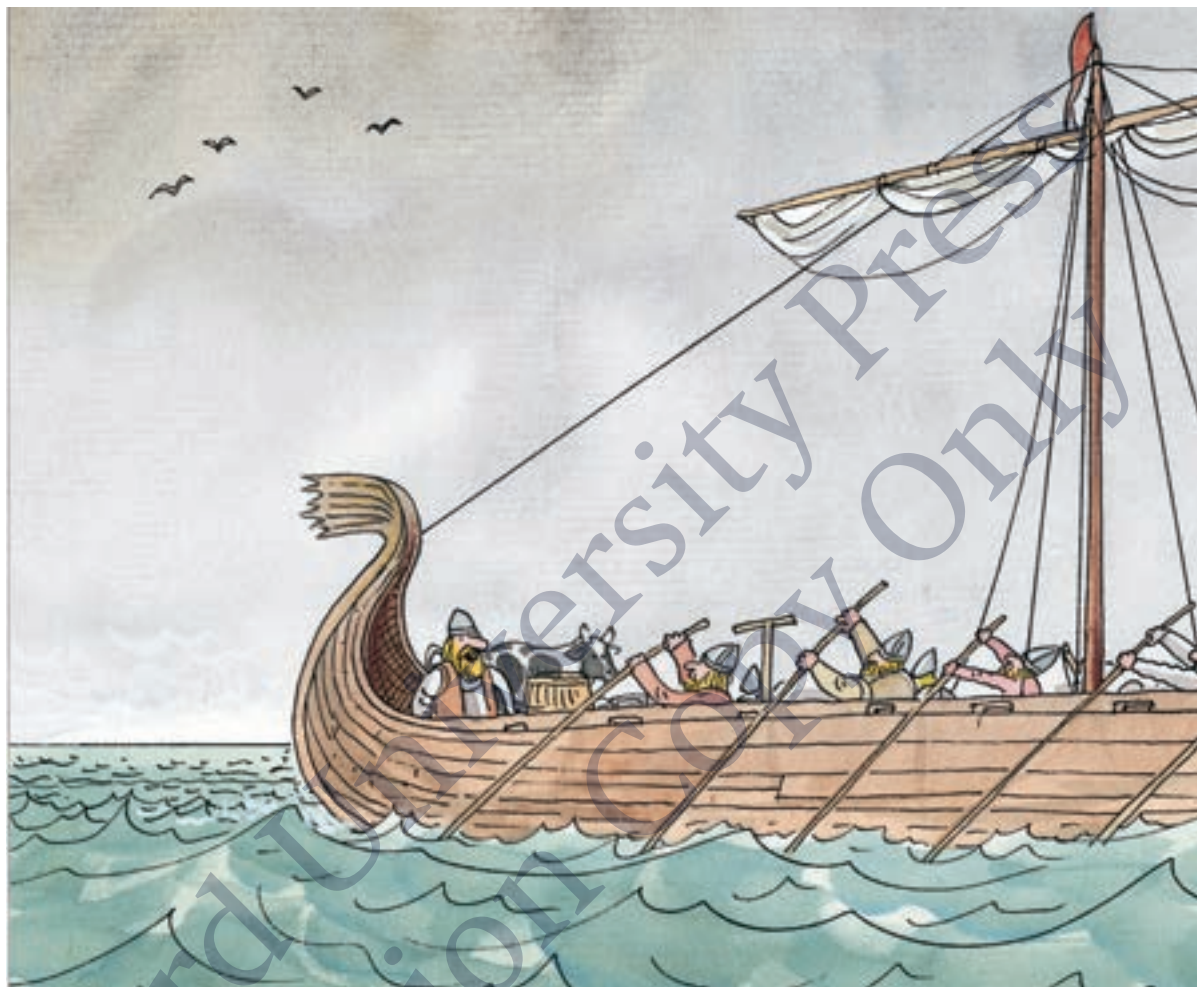
She got a torch and then she found a big thick  
blanket.





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.



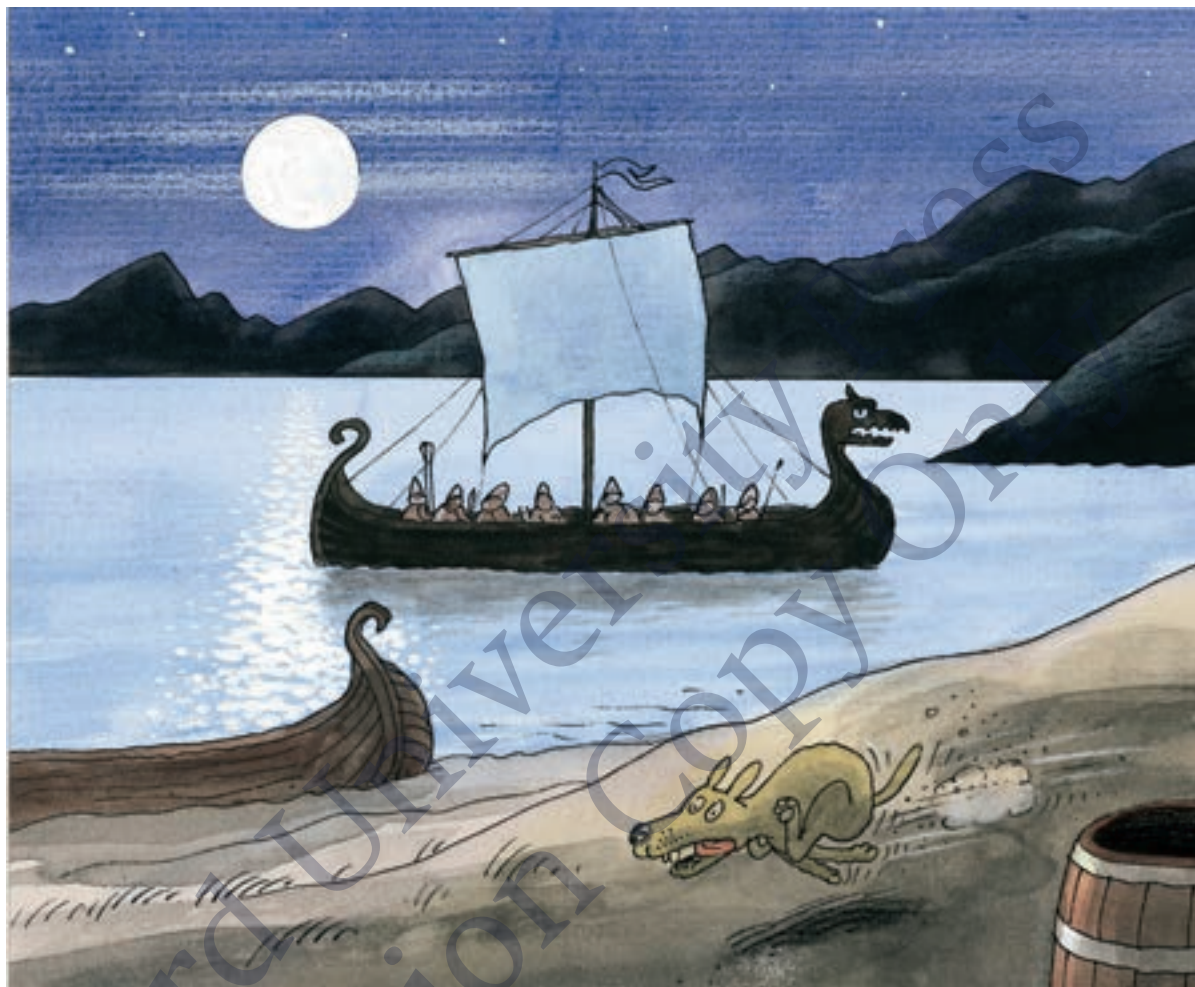
The Vikings took the children into a long hall.  
A fire was burning in the middle of the floor. There  
was smoke everywhere.





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.



## AFTER READING

- Turn to page 27. Ask: *How did Biff frighten the raiders away?*
- Ask: *Do you think the children enjoyed their adventure? Did you find any parts of the story frightening? Why?*
- Re-read page 32. Ask: *Why did Biff smile at Wilf?*

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