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Amelia  
Earhart

Mary  
Anning

Ernest  
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**I Can Be a  
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You're about to meet some of the world's greatest adventurers. Each had their own hopes, fears, joys and challenges – and their own unique dream.

Their stories show that if you follow your own dream and believe in yourself, you can do anything!



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**I Can Be a  
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AMELIA EARHART**



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Little Amelia lived in Kansas, USA, with her family. She imagined she could fly like a bird. When she was older, she went to an air show. She wished she could soar into the sky.



When she got to ride in an aeroplane,  
she liked it so much she didn't want to  
ever come down.



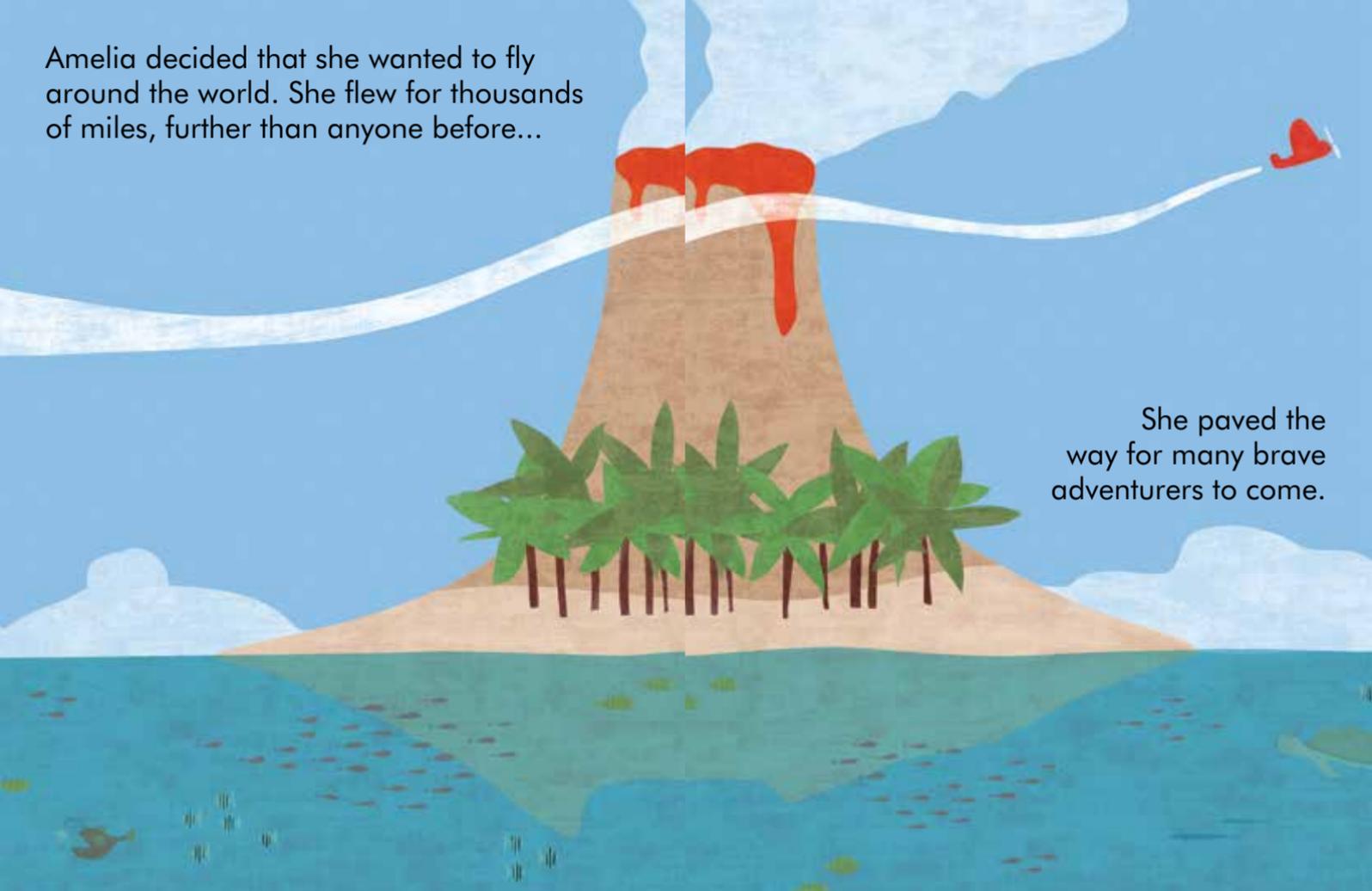
So Amelia learnt to fly! She became the first  
woman aviator to fly up to 14,000 feet.

Along with another aviator and a mechanic, she was also the first woman to fly over the enormous Atlantic ocean, waving at whales far beneath her.



Amelia thought that every girl deserved to fly, so she founded a club with 98 other fearless women aviators. A little later, she flew across the Atlantic again all by herself.

Amelia decided that she wanted to fly around the world. She flew for thousands of miles, further than anyone before...



She paved the way for many brave adventurers to come.

Amelia always followed her own advice:  
if you want something, do it. You never  
know how far you could get!



Choose the right path to fly over the volcano  
and meet the plane on the other side!



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**MARY ANNING**



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Little Mary grew up in a poor family in England. From an early age, she joined her father looking for shells and bones on the cliffs.



She spent hours cleaning these curiosities,  
and sold them to tourists who visited town.



Mary learnt that the shells and bones she  
found were from animals that lived millions  
of years before! They were called fossils and  
they became her greatest passion.





When she was 12, she found something amazing: the first complete skeleton of an Ichthyosaur, a creature that lived in the time of the dinosaurs!

Only wealthy men went to university so Mary became a fossil expert by herself. Looking at what scientists believed were rare stones, she realised they were... dinosaur pool!



She was happy to share her findings with other scientists, but, sadly, no one ever mentioned her name... It took almost a lifetime for her work to be acknowledged, just because she was a woman from a family without much money.

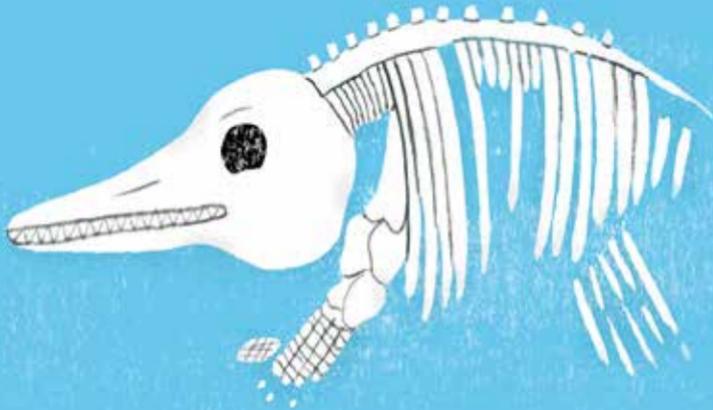




And although her groundbreaking work was unfairly not recognised at the time, a new species of Ichthyosaur is now named after little Mary, the girl who became the Mother of Palaeontology.

Can you recreate the Ichthyosaur?

1. Using a piece of paper, trace the image of the Ichthyosaur below.
2. Next, take your tracing and fill in the missing bones.
3. Now you can draw how the Ichthyosaur might have looked when it was alive!



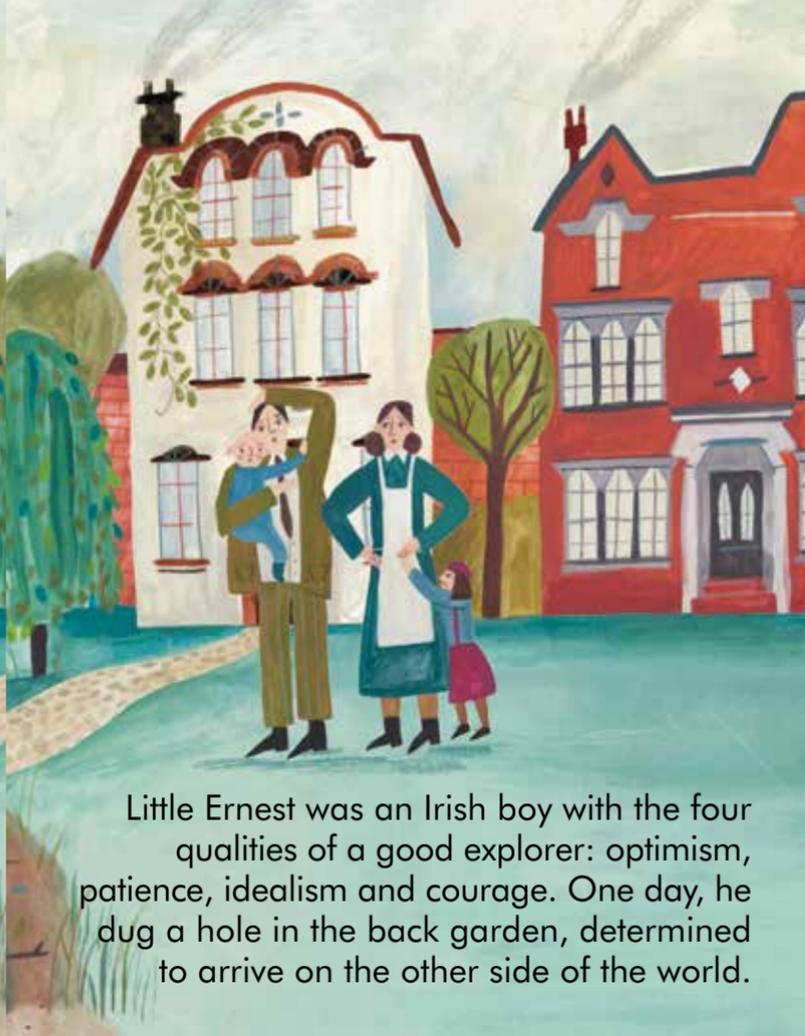
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ERNEST SHACKLETON**



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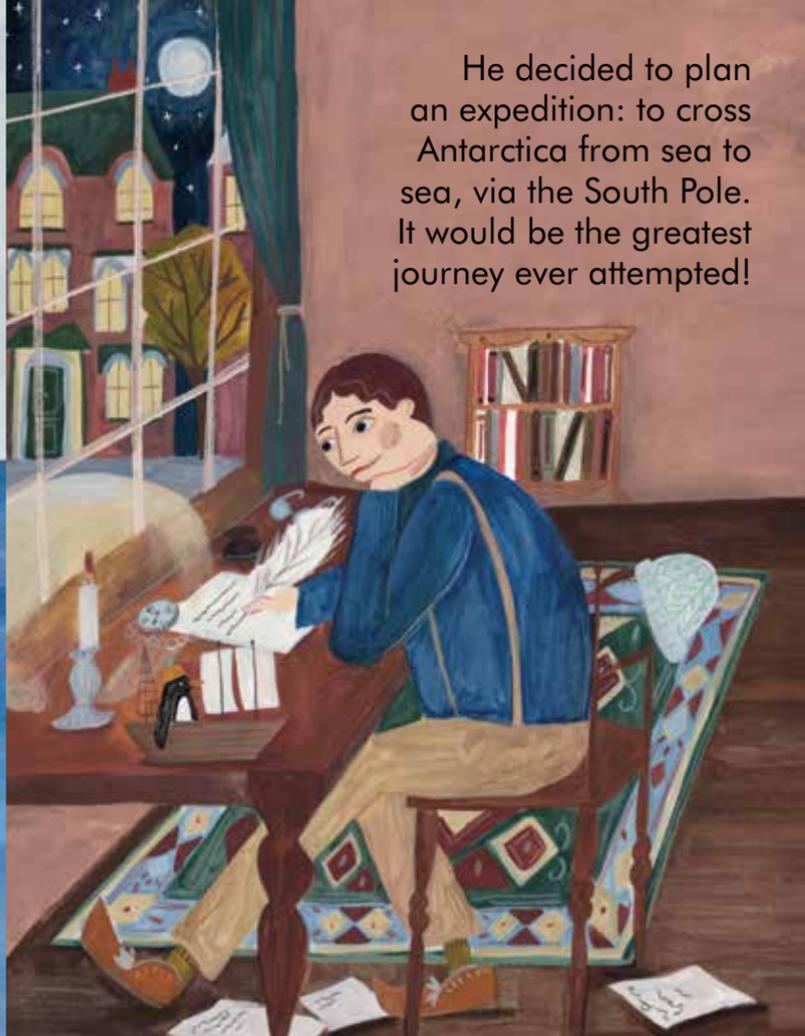


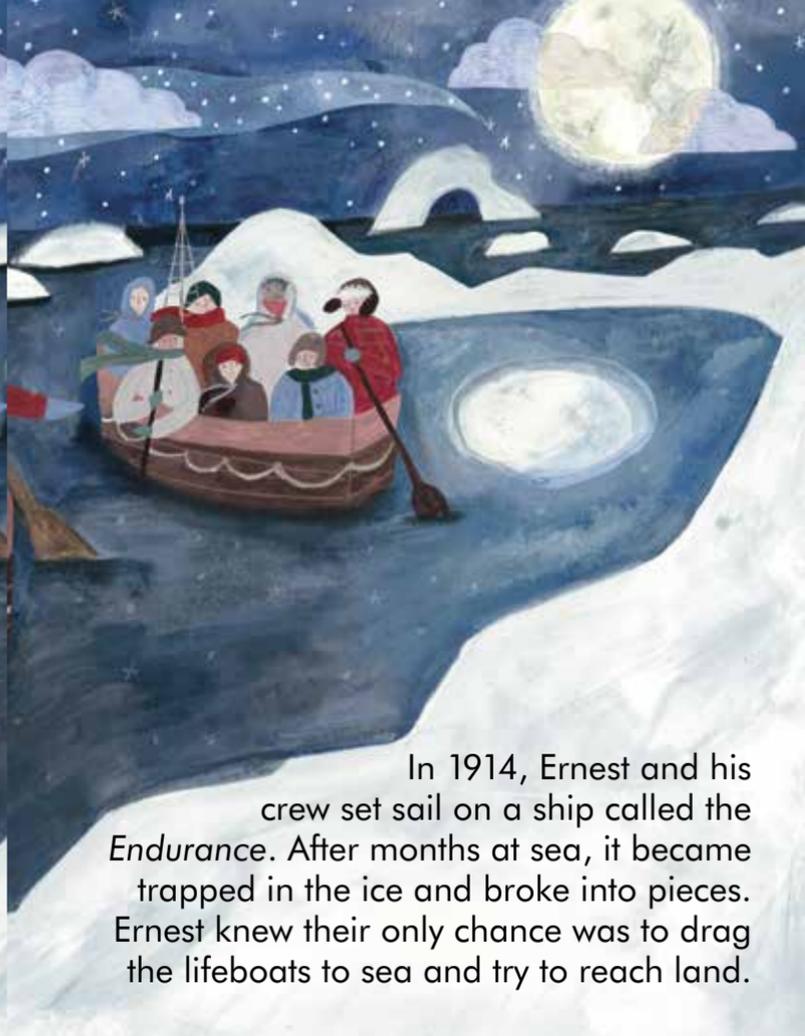
Little Ernest was an Irish boy with the four qualities of a good explorer: optimism, patience, idealism and courage. One day, he dug a hole in the back garden, determined to arrive on the other side of the world.

When he grew up, he joined the merchant navy and became an expert mariner.

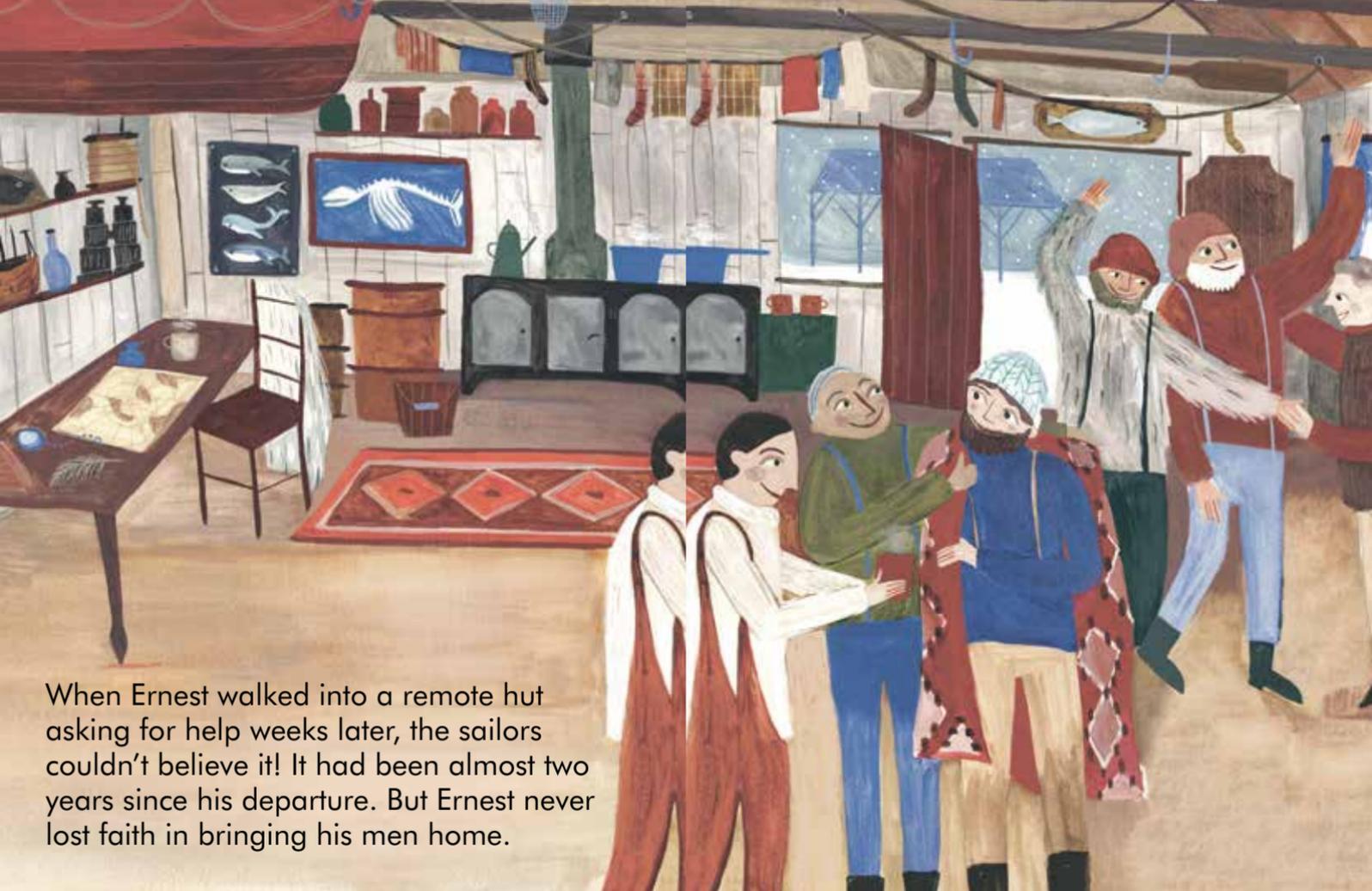


He decided to plan an expedition: to cross Antarctica from sea to sea, via the South Pole. It would be the greatest journey ever attempted!



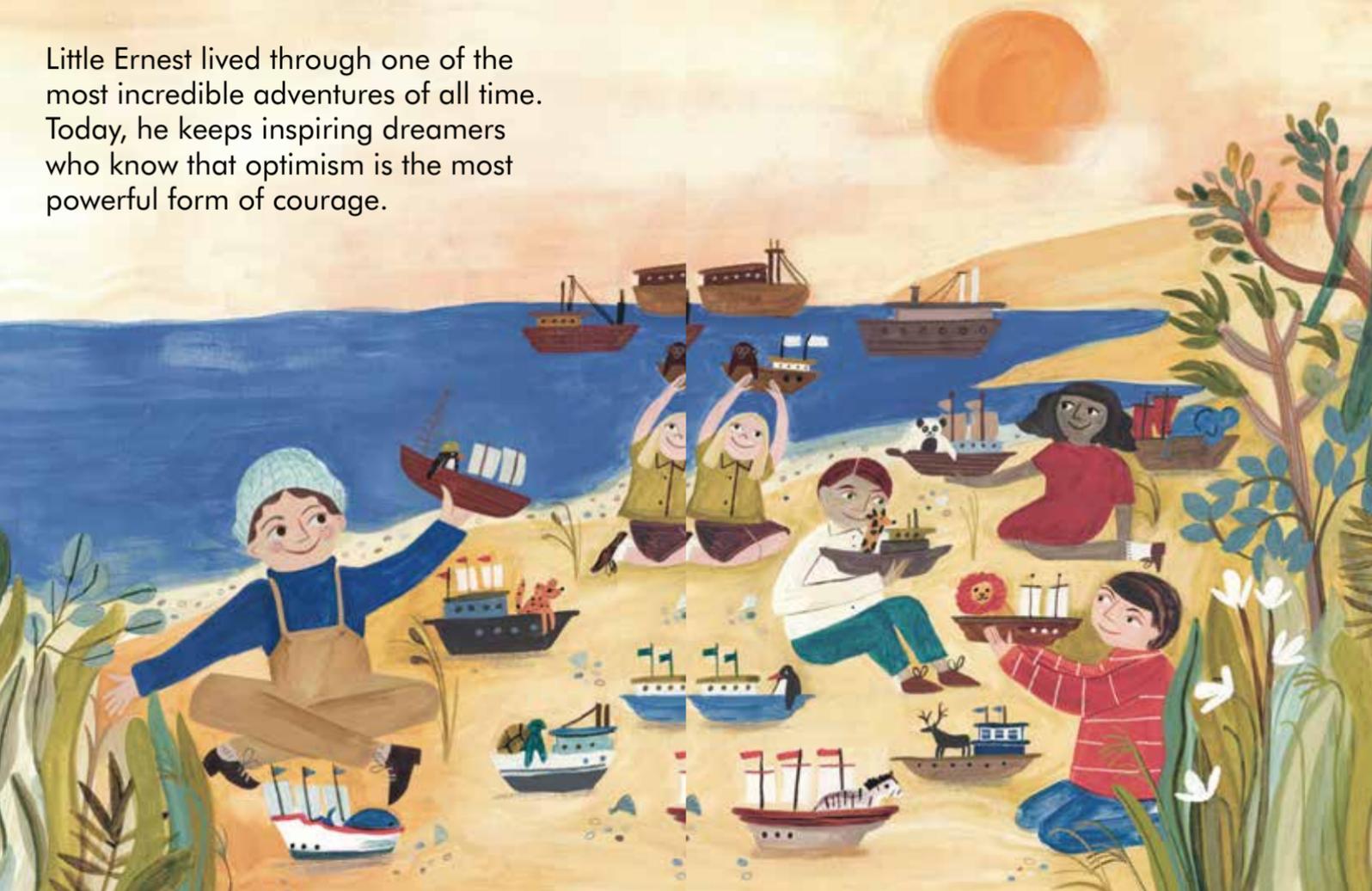


In 1914, Ernest and his crew set sail on a ship called the *Endurance*. After months at sea, it became trapped in the ice and broke into pieces. Ernest knew their only chance was to drag the lifeboats to sea and try to reach land.



When Ernest walked into a remote hut asking for help weeks later, the sailors couldn't believe it! It had been almost two years since his departure. But Ernest never lost faith in bringing his men home.

Little Ernest lived through one of the most incredible adventures of all time. Today, he keeps inspiring dreamers who know that optimism is the most powerful form of courage.



What would you take with you if you were going on an adventure?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_



Go outside and have a scavenger hunt!  
Can you find these things?



a tree



a rock



a cloud



a butterfly



a bird



## Glossary

**Mechanic** – a person who fixes machinery

**Aviator** – a person who flies a plane

**Curiosities** – unique and interesting things

**Ichthyosaur** (say 'ick-thee-oh-saw') – a very old type of reptile that was alive during the time of the dinosaurs

**Palaeontology** – the study of plants and animals that lived millions of years ago through fossils

**Expedition** – a journey that someone goes on for a reason