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## George Washington

By Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire Narrated by Matthew Rushton, 8 years old

George Washington was born in Virginia. He was born in a little red brick house. On George's farm, he grew tobacco and other foods to trade for clothes, guns, and powder.

In the evening, his mother told stories to the children around the fireplace. She told them stories from the Bible. When George Washington grew old enough to go to school, he lived at Mt. Vernon. To get to Mt. Vernon, he had to pass deep forests, which scared him.

George Washington was taught to read and write and dance. His oldest brother, Lawrence was an officer. George wanted to be an officer too. So, he played that he was a general and a drummer.

When he was big enough to saddle his own horse, he rode his horse to school. He was the fastest boy in school.

## Leif, the Lucky

By Ingri and Edgar D' Aulaire Narrated by Matthew E. Rushton, 9 years old

When Vikings sailed the sea, there was a man named Eric the Red who had a son named Leif Ericson. Eric was a strong man and a very fierce warrior. He was a chieftain who was expelled from Norway and Iceland because of his bad temper. After being expelled from Iceland, he founded Greenland. Then, he came back for his sons, wife, and slaves. He sailed back towards Greenland.

When he got to Greenland, he built a home and settled down.

When his son Leif was old enough, Leif got a ship and sailed back to Norway to get supplies and to meet King Olav. When he got there, he stayed for quite a spell and visited with the king. While he was visiting the king, he became a Christian. Later when Leif sailed back toward his home, he missed the right way because of a storm and founded Vinland, meaning Wineland. He found grapevines everywhere. He and his sailors built houses and stayed for the summer.

When fall came they packed up and left for Greenland. Leif successfully returned home. Once home, he tried to evangelize his family. His father would not accept Christianity but his mother would. They built a temple to worship from. There was a man, named Torfinn, who came as a merchant to trade. He fell in love with Gudrid, the widow of Leif's brother Torstein. Leif told of Vinland. Torfinn wished to travel there. Leif told him the way. He married Gudrid and took her to live in Vinland.

In Vinland, Torfinn and Gudrid met people in which they called Skraellingers. The Skraellingers traded furs with the Norsemen for red cloth. The Norsemen had a bull grazing in the forest. It must have made him mad at the sight of all the red cloth. He charged at the Skraellingers. The Skraellingers left mad at the white men and soon returned with many warriors to fight the Norsemen. The white men decided that Vinland was not a safe land anymore. They left for Greenland to return to their homeland.

# Christopher Columbus

From *America Begins* By Alice Dalgliesh Narrated by Matthew E. Rushton, 9 years old

When Christopher Columbus was a boy, he dreamed of sailing on the sea and being a sailor. He heard stories of Marco Polo's travels that made him convinced that he wanted to sail. Soon, he decided that the world was round and that he could sail straight to the Indies (China, now).

When he was old enough, he asked the King and Queen of Portugal and England if he could use a ship to sail to the Indies but they did not let him. So, he asked King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain if he could use a ship. They gave him three ships, the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. He set sail for the Indies.

When he was on the journey, his men got tired of storms and all of the work. When he was just about to give up, the ship sped up and he found sticks with grapes on them floating in the sea. Then, he knew he was not far from land. That night he saw a light far off, but he did not know if it was land or not.

In the morning of October 12, 1492 when it was about 2:00, the spotter of the Pinta said "Land Ahoy!" All the sailors woke up and looked. There was land. The next morning they got in their rowboats and sailed for land. They met friendly Indians on the land. Then, with the help of the Indians, they found many birds, trees, and snakes that were not in Spain. Christopher and his men traded goods with the Indians such as glass beads, bells, shirts, and pants. The Indians traded furs, gold, and many other goods.

Soon, they had explored the whole island. They packed up and left to find India. They found more land and explored it. They lost sight of the Pinta and the Santa Maria struck a reef. They used the wood from the Santa Maria to build a fort. Some of the men had to stay behind in the fort. The rest of the men sailed back to Spain in the Nina. Then, they found the Pinta and started back together. A storm came and the two ships lost sight of each other.

The Nina reached Spain first. He showed King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella all of the treasures he had found.

Christopher Columbus set out three more times for America. He and his crew got tired of sailing and soon returned to Spain to live there.

#### A Lion to Guard Us

By Clyde Robert Bulla Narrated by Elisabeth Rushton, 6 years old

At first, Amanda was working for a wealthy lady, Mistress Tripett. Her mother was too sick and she died. The doctor told Amanda that her mother had died and asked if he should tell her brother and sister. She told them that mother died and was in heaven. She knew wherever Dad was, he was alive. Little Jemmy asked for a story. She told stories. After she told stories, she sat by their bed and went back to working. After then, she was so tired she went to bed

The next morning, she was fixing to pump water. She sat down the little wooden pail and she ran to the boat place. She beat on the door, no one answered. She opened the door and saw some men sitting at a table. She asked if they had seen her father, James Freebold. The man did not say a word. He backed up his chair. He told that he had not seen her father, but boats would be going soon. Then, she went back home and told Jemmy and Meg that the boats were sailing soon.

They got on a boat. The boat beached between two rocks at an island. They built themselves a house. First, out of sticks, mud, and rocks. It fell and everyone laughed. Then, they had help to build the house. The floor was by dirt, the side was sticks and rock, and the roof was sticks. Amanda swept the floor. Little Jemmy and Meg came to ask her, "Are we staying here long?" She said, "No."

In Jamestown, Indians attacked their father. Then, the three of them came and found their father. Amanda sent Meg to go get the captain. The captain was proud to see that they found their father.

#### A Lion to Guard Us

by Clyde Robert Bulla Narrated by Matthew Rushton, 9 years old

Once there were three little children named Amanda, Jemmy, and Meg. Their father had left for Jamestown and did not return. Their mother got sick and soon died. They met her doctor and he took them on a ship overseas.

While they were on the ship, the doctor fell overboard during a storm. The children were left alone to take care of themselves and to find their father. They were in a storm that dashed the ship side to side. Soon, they heard "Land!" They went up to the deck to look. The waves were still dashing the ship side to side. Then, the ship was caught between two rocks. Everyone had to prepare the small boats to go to land. They had found the island of Bermuda, but not Jamestown where their father was. They built houses on the island of Bermuda, and soon started to build two ships.

When they finished, they left for Jamestown. They were on the ship two weeks before they reached Jamestown. They were able to go ashore. They went through the houses of Jamestown that had been attacked by Indians. One by one, the houses were not the right house until they came to one house. Amanda looked in and they shouted "Father!" She sent Jemmy and Meg to tell the captain that they had found their father. They got water and food for him to help build up his strength again. Amanda held his hand and was happy to have her father around again.

#### Genesis 37

### Narrated by Matthew Rushton, 10 years old

Joseph's father greatly loved Joseph because he was born to him in his old age. Israel gave Joseph a greatly ornamented coat. His brothers were very mad at Joseph because his father loved Joseph more than he loved the other eleven brothers.

Joseph was out in the fields tending the flocks with his brothers when he told them about his dream. He had dreamed that they were binding sheaves in the field when his sheaf stood up and his brother's sheaves gathered around and bowed to his. That made his brothers all the more mad at him.

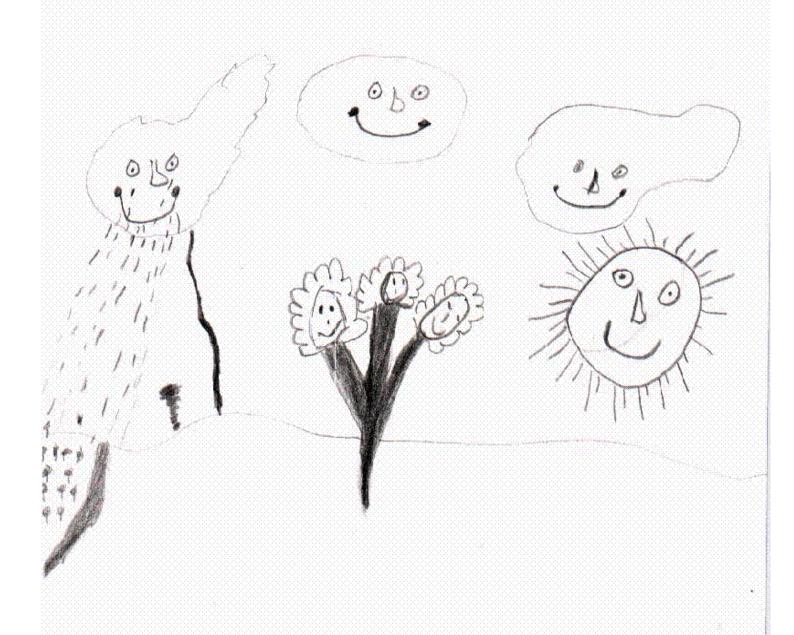
Later on, he had another dream that the Sun, Moon and eleven stars bowed down to him. His father reproved him greatly for this. His brothers hated him all the more greatly.

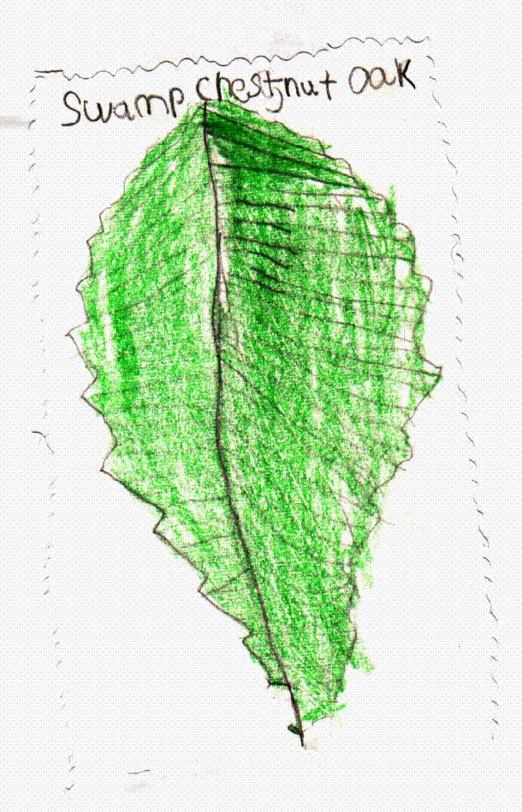
One day, Joseph's father sent him to the fields at Shechem where his brothers were supposed to be grazing their flocks. He was looking in the fields when a man asked, "What are you looking for?" Joseph explained to him that he was looking for his brothers. The man told him that his brothers had gone to Dothan. Off Joseph went to find his brothers.

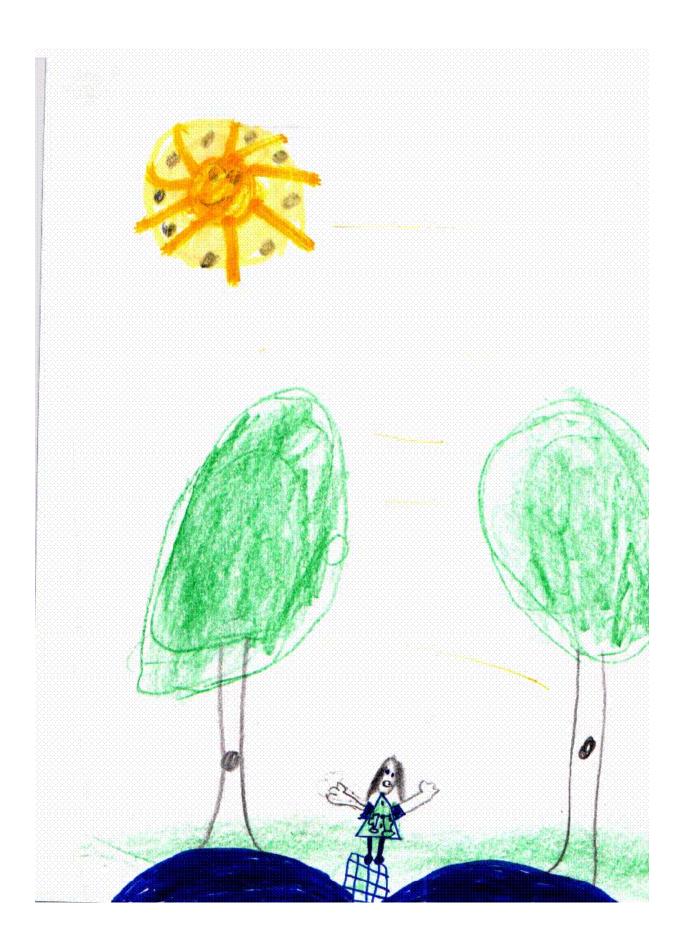
His brothers saw him coming at a distance and plotted to kill him. Reuben explained that Joseph was their brother and that they should not kill him. When he came up to them, they snatched him, took his garments, and threw him into a cistern. They began to eat and looked up to see an Ishmaelite caravan coming towards them. The brothers decided to sell him for twenty shekels of silver.

They killed a goat. Then, they took his garment and dipped it in the goat's blood. They took the coat to their father Israel and said, "We found this." Israel wept, tore his clothes, put on sack clothe, and poured ashes on his head in mourning for Joseph.

Meanwhile, Joseph was sold to Potiphar, the Captain of the Egyptian Pharoah's Guard.









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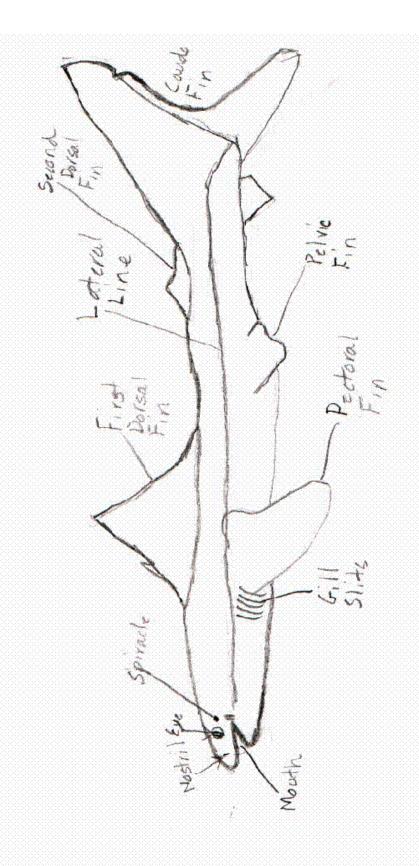
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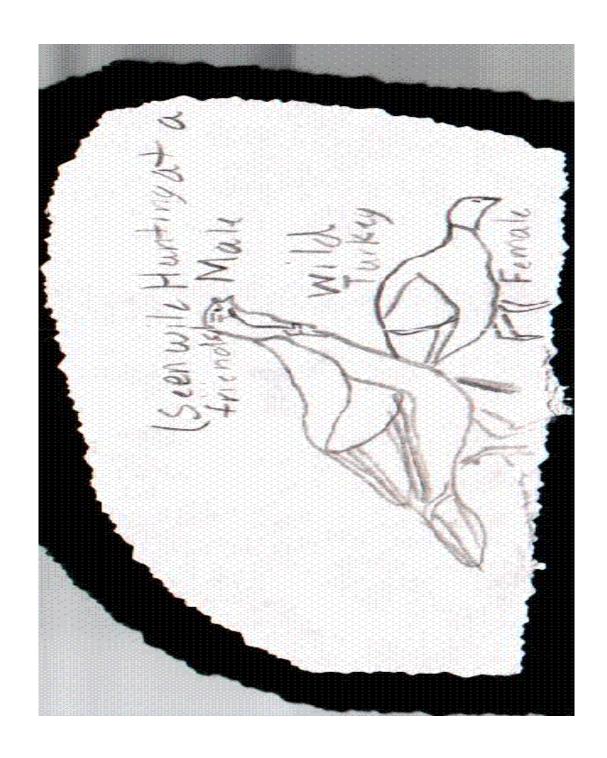


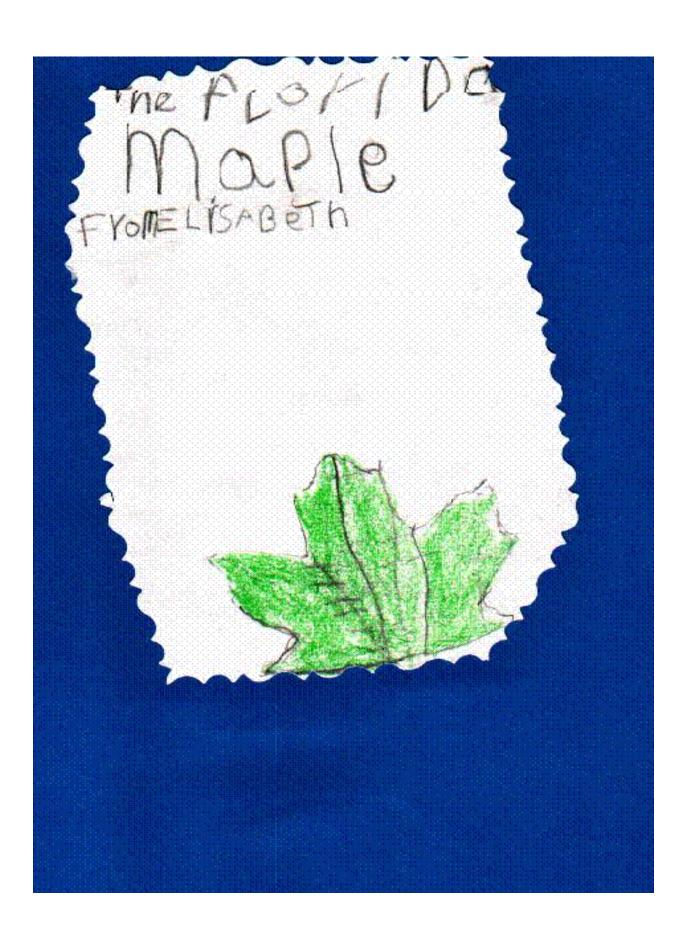


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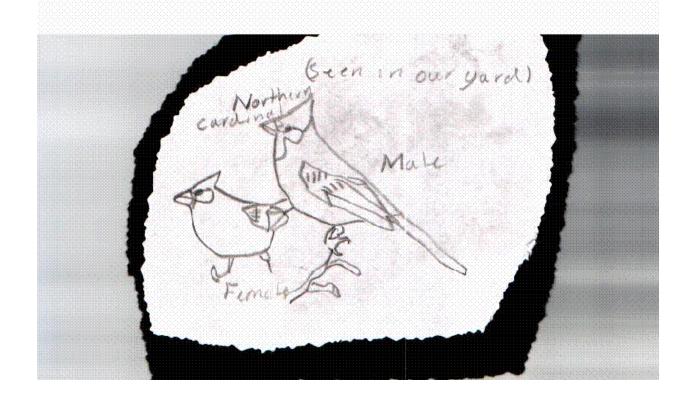












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