

A WISH COME TRUE

Divide the group into seven smaller groups and assign each group one of the words listed below. Read the story. After each of the words is read pause for the group to make the appropriate response.

CUB SCOUT	"Hip, hip, hooray!"
PARROT	"Blow me down!"
PIRATE	"Walk the plank!"
BEACH	"Land ho!"
GENIE	"Poof" (swing hands over head)
BOTTLE	"Yo ho ho and a bottle of rum"
REGATTA	Everyone "Ship ahoy!"

Early one day a **CUB SCOUT** stood on the **BEACH** with his sailboat. He was ready to race in the **REGATTA** and was hoping no **PIRATE** would steal his ship. Scanning the **BEACH**, the **CUB SCOUT** spotted a large green **BOTTLE** lying in the sand. A **PIRATE** with a **PARROT** also saw the **BOTTLE**.

The **CUB SCOUT** and the **PIRATE** with the **PARROT** on his shoulder reached the **BOTTLE** at the same time. Both grabbed for it, but the **PIRATE** slipped, the **PARROT** flew off, and out came a **GENIE** from the **BOTTLE**.

"Grant me a wish," cried the **CUB SCOUT**. "No grant me one," yelled the **PIRATE**. The **GENIE** did not know what to do. Suddenly the **PARROT** landed on the shoulder of the **PIRATE** and said, "Polly wants a cracker."

"Your wish is my command," said the **GENIE**. He granted the **PARROT'S** wish, then disappeared into the **BOTTLE**, which rolled down the **BEACH** and into the sea. And thus we learn that we first make a wish before it can come true.