

BLACKBEARD AND THE PIRATES

Divide the group into eight 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

BLACKBEARD	"I'll slit your throat"
CREW	"Walk the plank"
FAIR YOUNG MAIDENS	Woe is me!"
GOOD GUYS	"Get those rats!"
PARR0T	"Blow me down"
SEVEN SEAS	"Land Ho!"
HANDSOME HERO	(Sigh) "My hero"
JOLLY ROGER	"Save us!"

The terror of the SEVEN SEAS was BLACKBEARD the pirate. BLACKBEARD and his evil CREW preyed on peaceful ships and often captured FAIR YOUNG MAIDENS. The evil BLACKBEARD had a pet PARROT who would taunt prisoners while the CREW tortured them. BLACKBEARD and his murderous CREW were hunted through the SEVEN SEAS by GOOD GUYS.

One day a peaceful ship was sailing the SEVEN SEAS. Suddenly the JOLLY ROGER appeared on the horizon. The peaceful ship's mates knew the JOLLY ROGER meant that they would be attacked by the terrible BLACKBEARD and his CREW. The GOOD GUYS took battle stations and the FAIR YOUNG MAIDENS shuddered with fright. "All is lost," cried the GOOD GUYS. The pet PARROT shrieked with glee. BLACKBEARD howled, "We have them, CREW! Throw the GOOD GUYS over the side and capture the FAIR YOUNG MAIDENS. We will take them to our secret island and have a party. They can wash the dishes." So the CREW threw the GOOD GUYS over the side, and the JOLLY ROGER set sail for the secret island.

HANDSOME HERO was waiting for his sweetheart when he heard the terrible news that his girl and all the other FAIR YOUNG MAIDENS were prisoners. So HANDSOME HERO gathered a group of other GOOD GUYS and took off in his ship, Rocket. They planned to search the SEVEN SEAS until they found the secret island of BLACKBEARD and his CREW. Suddenly, HANDSOME HERO shouted, "There it is!" And they sailed the good ship Rocket to attack the evil CREW. BLACKBEARD was slain and his CREW was routed. The evil PARROT flew away.

Now the SEVEN SEAS were rid of BLACKBEARD and his treacherous CREW. The JOLLY ROGER would never sail again, and the FAIR YOUNG MAIDENS could go home. On the Rocket, the HANDSOME HERO and FAIR YOUNG MAIDENS sailed off into the sunset.