

**Scene 1 Emergency landing!**

**Narrator** A class of children from New Zealand are on a school trip. They were flying in a small plane across the Pacific Ocean when there was a problem with their plane. They had to land on the beach of a small desert island.

**Pilot** I've spoken to the rescue services and told them where we are. They know which island we're on. They're going to send a boat for us. It will be here in two days.



**Child 1** Two days?!

**Child 2** But there's nothing to eat! Or drink! And where will we sleep?

*(Everyone looks at each other in alarm.)*

**Scene 2 Plan of action!**

**Teacher** OK! We need to find food, and water, and a place to sleep. We will make three groups.

*(The first group is looking for something to drink.)*

**Child 3** Look! There's a small stream. Let's follow it. The water will be cleaner further up.

*(15 minutes later)*

**Child 4** Look! There's lots of fresh water here!

**Child 1** Yes, and look! There are water pots!

**Child 2** How strange! Where did they come from?

*(The second group is looking for food.)*

**Child 5** Look! There's a coconut tree. And there are lots of coconuts on the ground. We can eat those.

**Child 6** Great! What else?

**Child 7** There's a banana tree! But the bananas are too high.

**Child 8** Yes, but look! There's a wooden ladder to climb up to get the bananas!

**Child 5** How strange! Where did it come from?

*(The third group is looking for somewhere to sleep.)*

**Child 9** There's a cave over there! If it rains, we won't get wet!

**Child 10** Let's go and look inside.

*(Inside the cave)*

**Child 11** It's very big.

**Child 12** Look at this! There's a message on the wall!

**Child 9** *If you seek a hidden treasure,  
That will give you lots of pleasure,  
Then find a flag and where it flies,  
That's where you'll find my precious prize!*  
*(Children look at each other in amazement.)*



**Scene 3 Back on the beach**

**Teacher** Hello, everyone! What did you find?

*(The first group holds up pots of water.)*

**Child 1** We found some water!

**Child 2** And we found these old pots by the river! But where did they come from?

*(The second group holds up coconuts and bananas.)*

**Child 5** We found some food!

**Child 6** And we also found an old wooden ladder up a tree! But where did it come from?

**Teacher** So, someone lived on this island before!

**Child 9** And we found a cave to sleep in! And we also found a message on the cave wall!

**Child 10** It said: *If you seek a hidden treasure,  
Which will give you lots of pleasure,  
Then find a flag and where it flies,  
That's where you'll find my precious prize!*

**Child 11** There's some treasure buried on the island!

**Child 7** Let's find it!

**Teacher** OK, children! First, let's eat and drink and then go to sleep.  
The treasure will still be there tomorrow!

**Scene 4 The day of the treasure hunt!**

**Narrator** The next day ...

**Child 1** Today we're going to find the treasure!

**Child 2** I can't wait!

**Child 6** But how can we find the flag?

**Child 9** Let's walk to the top of the island. We can see everything from there!

*(The children walk to the top of the island.)*

**Child 12** Look! There's a flag! It's on the beach on the other side of the island!

**Child 5** Let's go!

*(The children are on the beach looking at the flag.)*

**Child 3** The treasure must be buried below the flag. Let's dig!

*(All the children dig away the sand.)*

**Child 8** Look! There's a box!

**Child 10** We've found the treasure!

**Child 4** Let's open the box!

*(Slowly they open the box.)*

**Child 11** It's a guitar ...

**Child 7** A guitar? But, that isn't treasure!



Scene 5 **Going home**

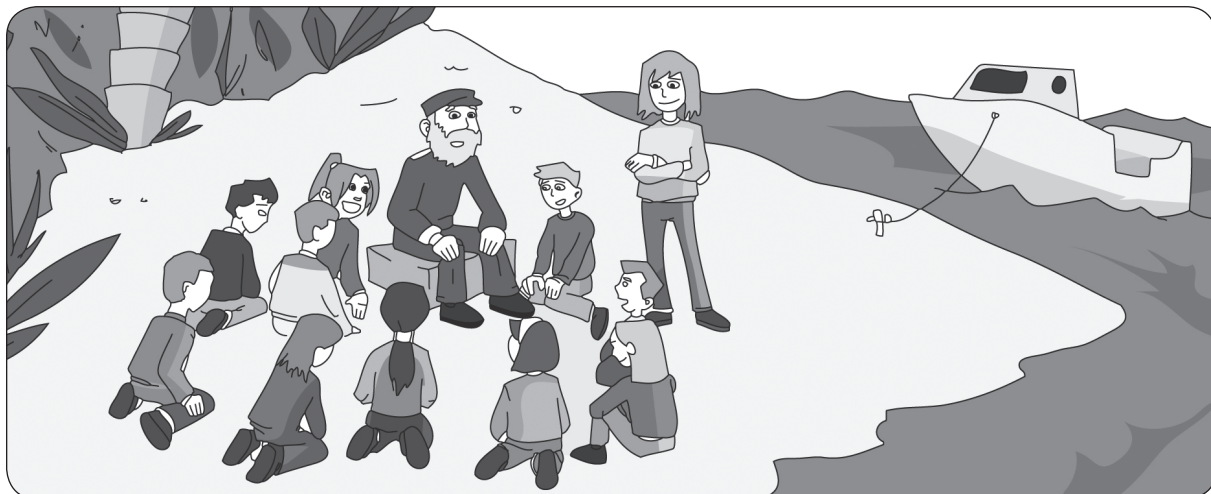
**Narrator** The boat has arrived to collect everyone and take them home.

**Boat captain** Hello, everyone! Have you enjoyed your stay on the island?

**Teacher** Yes, we have.

**Boat captain** I could tell you a lot of stories about this island. I spent three years here!

**All** Really?



**Boat captain** Yes! I was sailing past the island when there was a terrible storm. My boat was destroyed on the rocks. But I survived.

**All** What did you do?

**Boat captain** I waited! I learnt many things. I learnt how to make pots to carry water ...

**Child 1** You made the pots!

**Boat captain** Yes! And I learnt how to grow food, and catch fish. Every day I made a fire. I waited three years. Then one day, a boat was passing. It saw the fire and came and rescued me!

**Child 6** Wow!

**Child 10** So, you buried the treasure – the guitar?

**Boat captain** Yes!

**Child 12** But a guitar isn't treasure! Treasure is coins and jewels!

**Boat captain** My guitar was more precious than coins and jewels. Coins and jewels weren't useful! There was nothing to buy! But I played my guitar every night! To me, it was treasure!

**Child 9** So, why did you leave it here?

**Boat captain** I left it here in case someone else landed here one day and needed it! For three years, it was my only friend!

**Teacher** What a lovely idea!

**Boat captain** Anyway, now it's time to go home!

**Child 11** I'm quite sad to leave this beautiful island!

**All** Yes, it's been fun!