COLORING THE CLASSICS

Beowulf

The Hero Who Came to Help



A story first told around crackling fires more than a thousand years ago. Read it, then color it your way.

TALK ABOUT IT

What colors would a hero's ship be?

This book belongs to _____

Listen!



Long ago, across the cold North Sea, lived a kind old king named Hrothgar.

He built the grandest hall in all the land and named it Heorot. Every night it was full of music and stories and happy feasting. The harp played. The fire crackled. Everyone felt at home.

TALK ABOUT IT

What makes a place feel like home to you?

Trouble in the Marsh



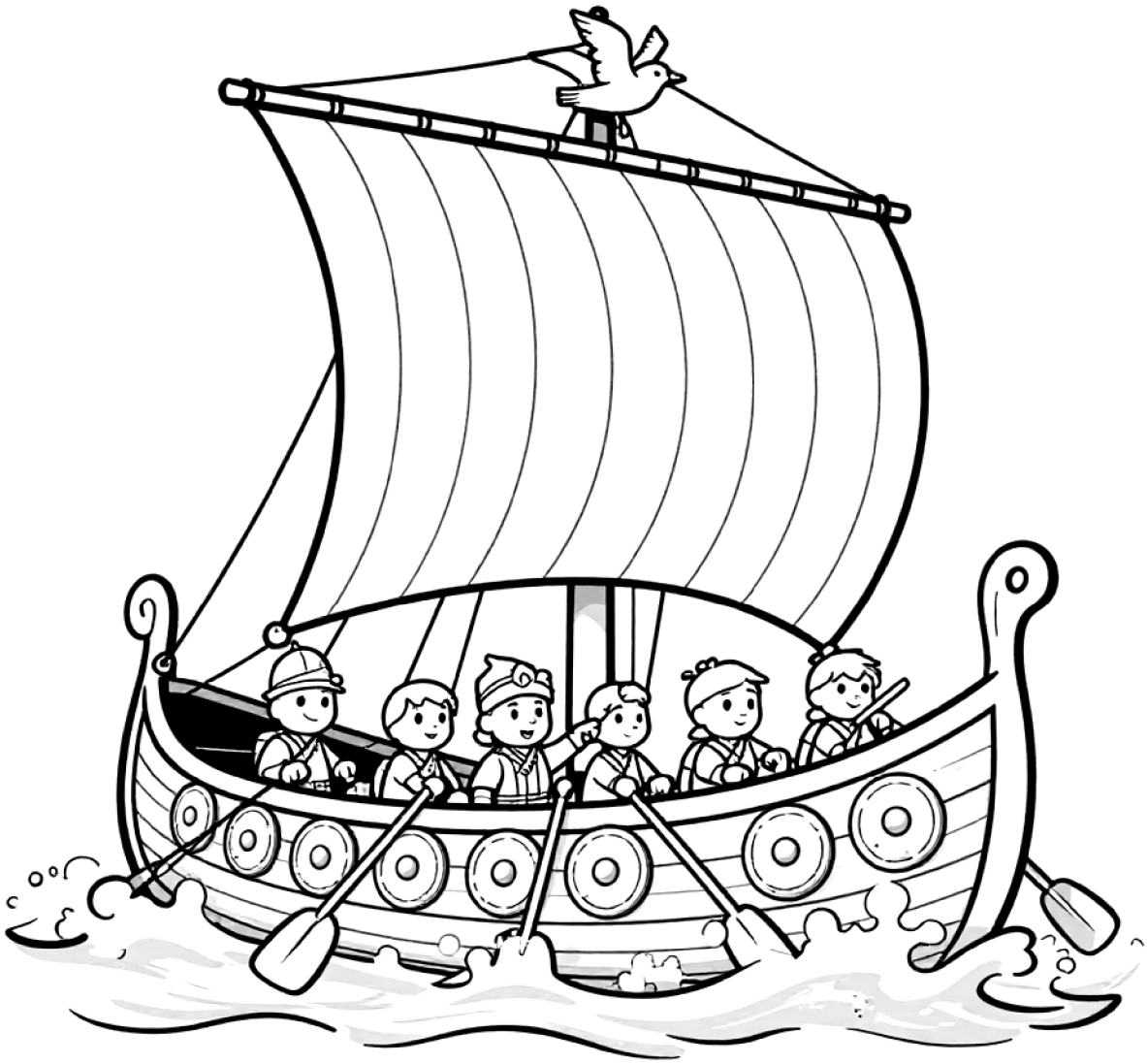
But out in the misty marsh lived Grendel, a huge, shaggy creature who was lonely and angry.

The laughter from the hall made him grumble and growl. One night he stomped in and caused terrible trouble. After that, Heorot stood empty for twelve long years, and King Hrothgar's heart was heavy.

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think the happy sounds made Grendel so grumpy?

A Friend Sets Sail



Far away, in the land of the Geats, a young man named Beowulf heard the sad news. He was the strongest swimmer anyone knew, and a loyal friend.

“A king needs help,” he said. “Then we will go.” He gathered fourteen companions, and they sailed across the foaming waves.

TALK ABOUT IT

Beowulf went to help people he had never met. Have you ever helped a stranger?

The Long Night



Beowulf waited in the dark hall. When Grendel burst through the doors, Beowulf did not reach for a sword. He grabbed Grendel's mighty claw and held on with all his strength.

The benches shook! The rafters rattled! At last Grendel howled, pulled free, and fled to his marsh, never to return.

TALK ABOUT IT

Beowulf held on and didn't give up. When is it hard for you to keep going?

Down, Down, Down



But Grendel had a mother, and she was furious. She lived at the bottom of a deep, dark lake.

Beowulf took a breath and dove down, down, down to her underwater cave. There, glowing on the wall, he found an enormous sword made by giants long ago. He won the fight and swam back up into the morning light.

TALK ABOUT IT

What creatures might live at the bottom of a lake?

The Dragon Wakes



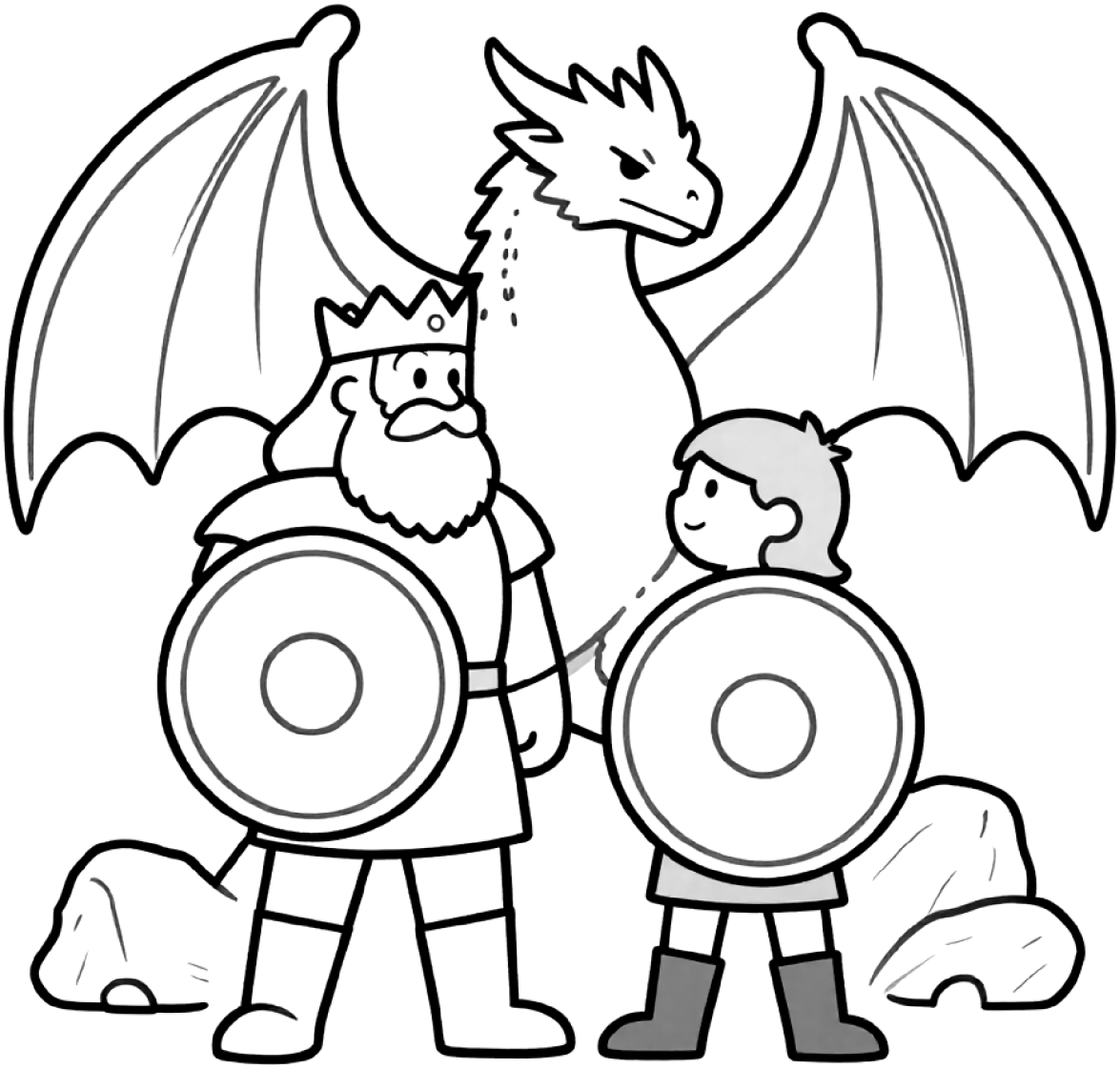
Beowulf went home and became king of the Geats. He ruled wisely for fifty years.

Then one day, a thief crept into a cave and stole a golden cup from a sleeping dragon's treasure. The dragon woke up roaring and flew over the land breathing fire. Old King Beowulf lifted his iron shield. “My people need me,” he said.

TALK ABOUT IT

If you guarded a treasure, what would be in it?

One Friend Stays



When Beowulf's warriors saw the dragon, they ran away, all except one: young Wiglaf.

“I will not leave my friend,” Wiglaf said, and he stood shield to shield beside his king. Together they defeated the dragon. Beowulf was badly hurt, and he knew his long journey was ending. He gave Wiglaf his golden necklace and asked him to care for their people.

TALK ABOUT IT
Wiglaf stayed when it was scary. Who is a friend who stays beside you?

Remember



The Geats built a tall tower on a cliff by the sea, so sailors passing by would always remember Beowulf: a king who was strong, and kind, and came whenever someone needed help.

And Wiglaf never forgot what he learned that day. Real courage means staying beside a friend.

TALK ABOUT IT

Who could you help this week?

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." — Yeshua HaMashiach

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