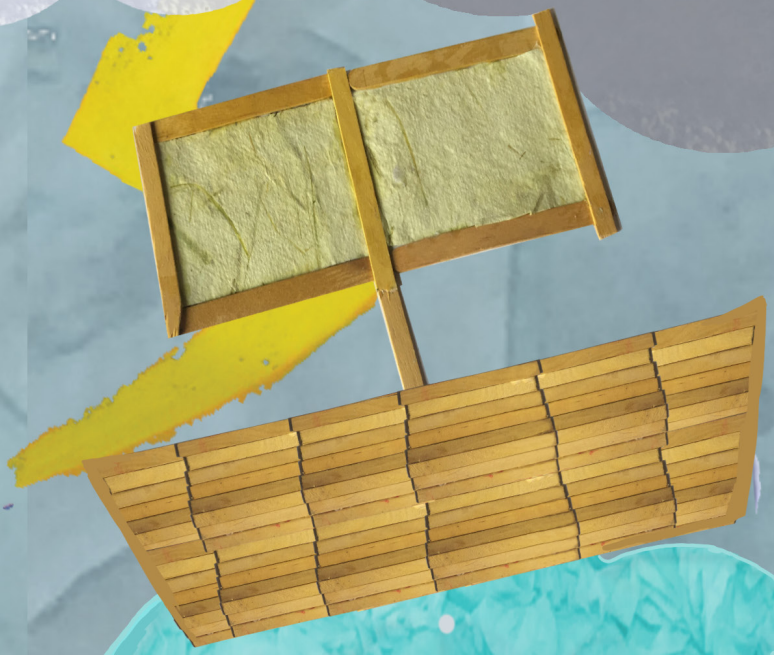
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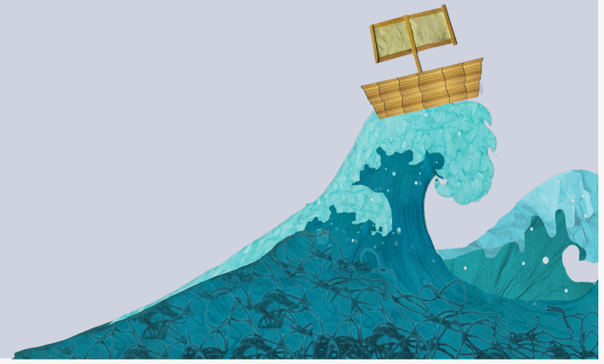


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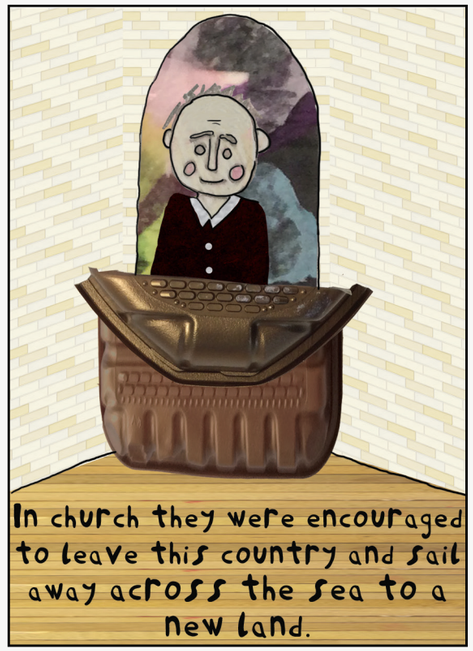
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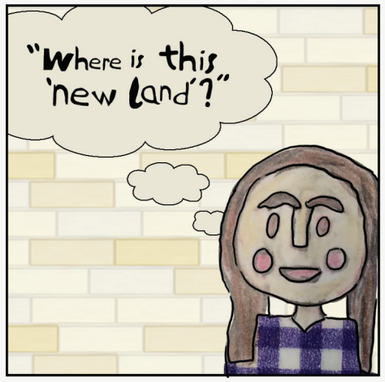
Recognised as the first major organised migration of Ulster-Scots Presbyterians to the American colonies, the 1718 migration was comprised largely of people from The Bann Valley County Londonderry. It reveals significant connections in terms of history, heritage, language, culture and identity to the area, within which exists a unique and rich narrative detailing the experiences of those arriving in America, but also of those left behind. Indeed, it would not be possible to fully understand and explore the lives of the Ulster-Scots community in Ulster and America. without tracing the journey made by so many to the New World. Often cast as both the 'people with no name' and as a community imbued with a migratory spirit, the Ulster-Scots are synonymous with mass emigration to foreign shores from the Seventeenth Century onwards. Their journeys underscore the 'push' and 'pull' dynamics of migration, propelled by a desire to seek happier, freer lives across the ocean.

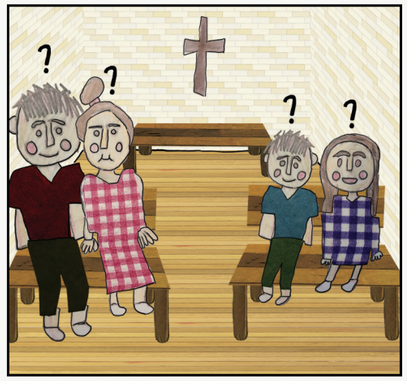


During the 18th Century, people from the Bann Valley were encouraged to find new lives in America.

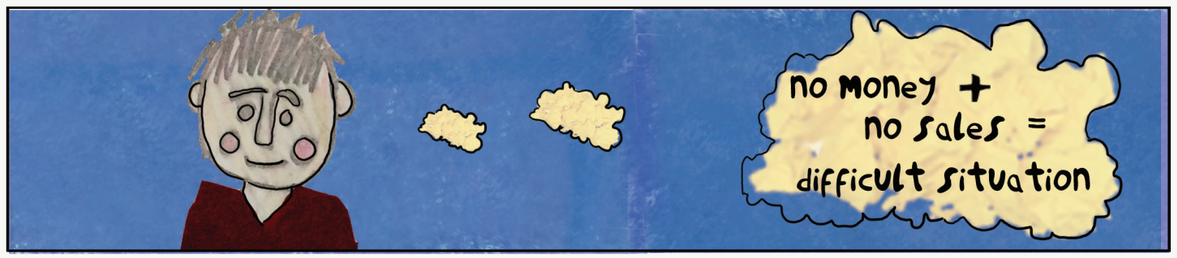


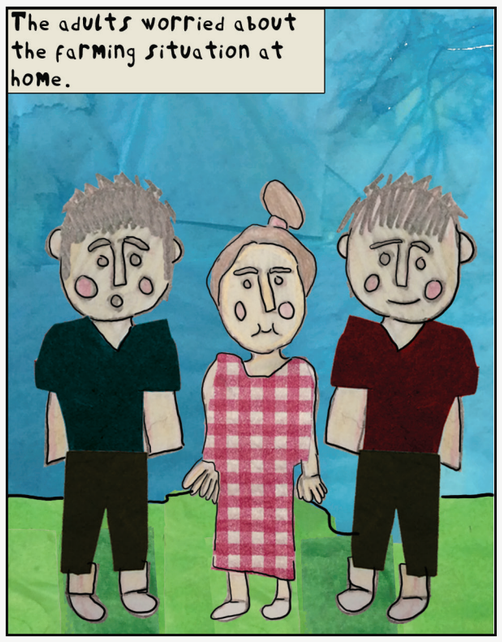






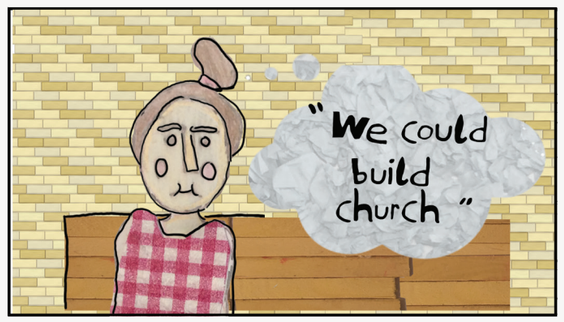




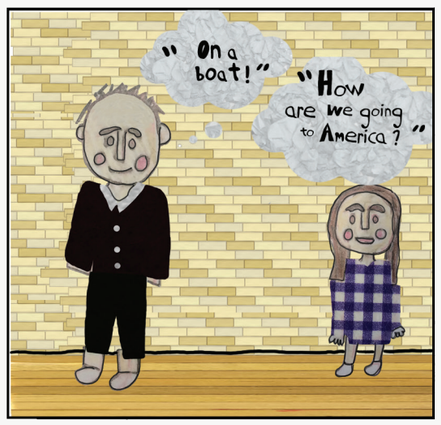












I'm very excited about the boat journey

Many families boarded the boat in the hope of a better life

"I wonder what it's going to be like in America"

"I'm nervous"

"It's okay it's not be too long"

Little did they know it took 8 weeks

Everyone had to sleep on the boat for more than 50 nights

Sometimes the sea was very calm

Their exciting new adventure took a turn for the worse...

CRASH

"what was that?"

"I don't like this"

BOOM!

It was a storm that lasted for many weeks.

"This isn't what I imagined"

Without food and shelter many people on the boat started to feel sick

Squeek!

Squeek!

There were loads of mice on board...

Everyone wanted to get off the boat. They all wondered if the journey was worth it.

There was nothing much to do but sleep

Bleugh

...and young children were frightened.


Finally the boat arrived in America.


The families were relieved to arrive.

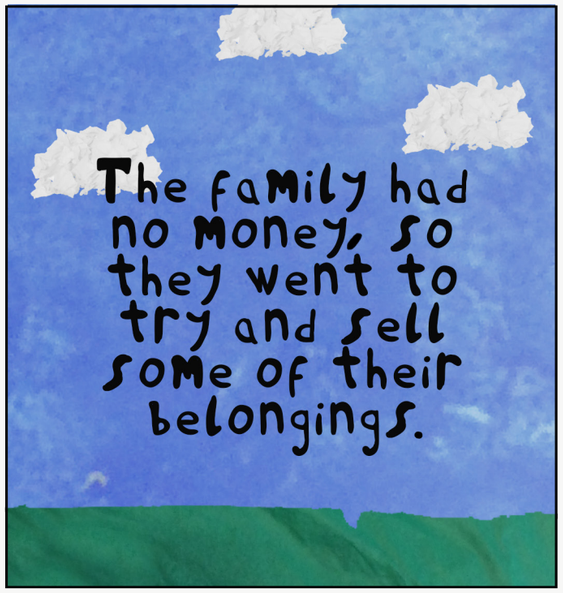

They were full of excitment for their new life.


"Now what?"


They lifted their belongings and went in search for somewhere to live.


"Hello, would you be able to help us find somewhere to live?"

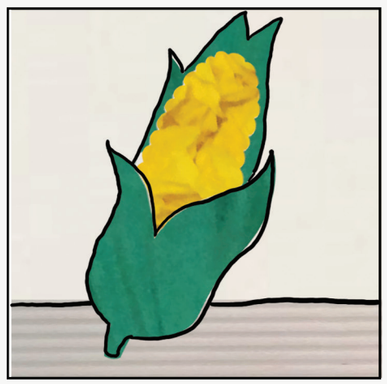

"Do you have any money?"

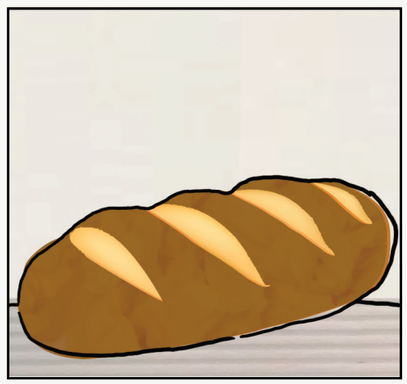

The family had no money, so they went to try and sell some of their belongings.


J.Wilkens.
"welcome"

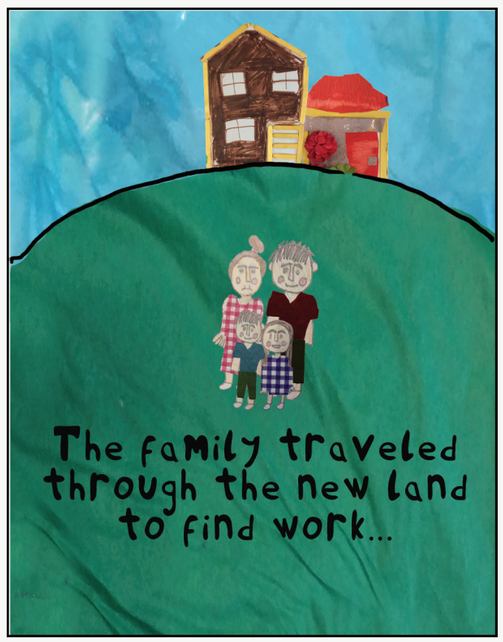

J. Wilkens
How much for this ring?


They traded the ring so they could buy food & drink.

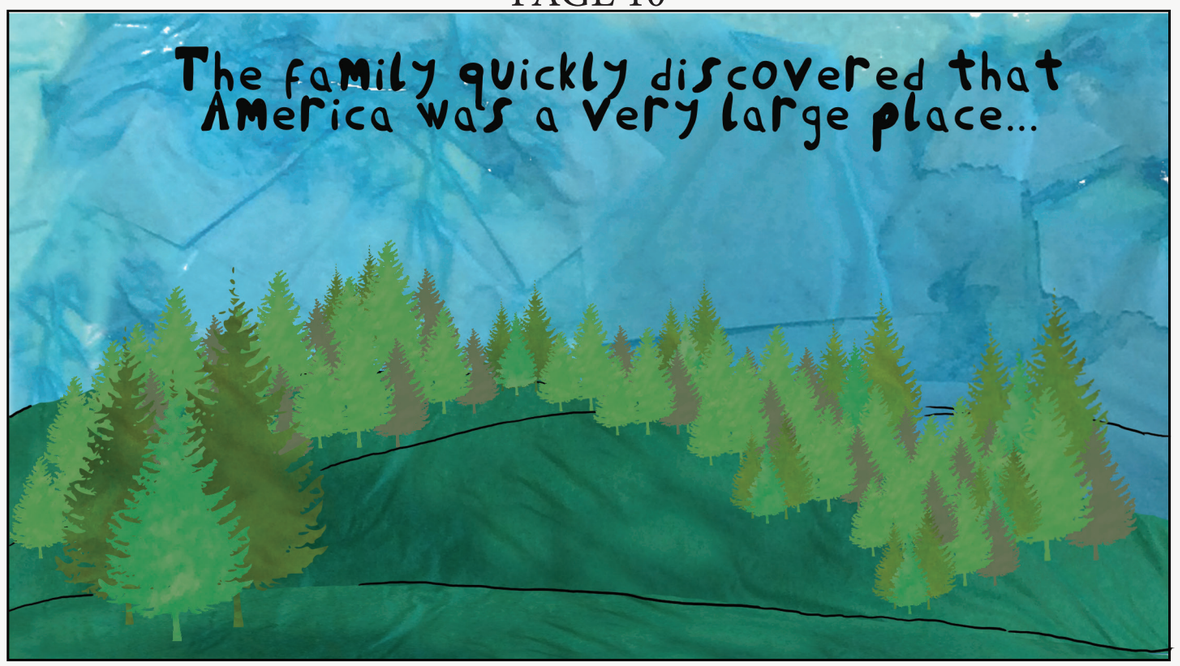






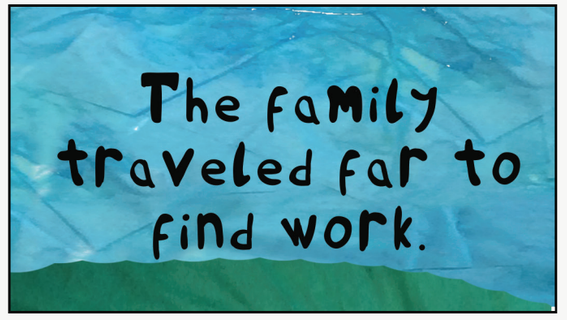

The family traveled through the new land to find work...


... but nobody wanted to help


The family quickly discovered that America was a very large place...

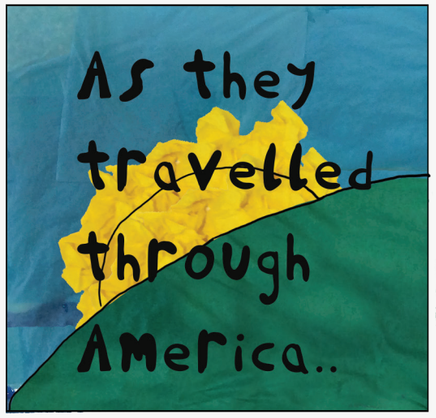

...and they felt very small.




The family traveled far to find work.


It was easy to feel lonely...


...and home sick in this new land.


As they travelled through America..


...they discovered...


...New foods


...New landscapes


And even new Animals!.


RAWR!



Some people they met along the way were happy to help.





They found work on the farm...



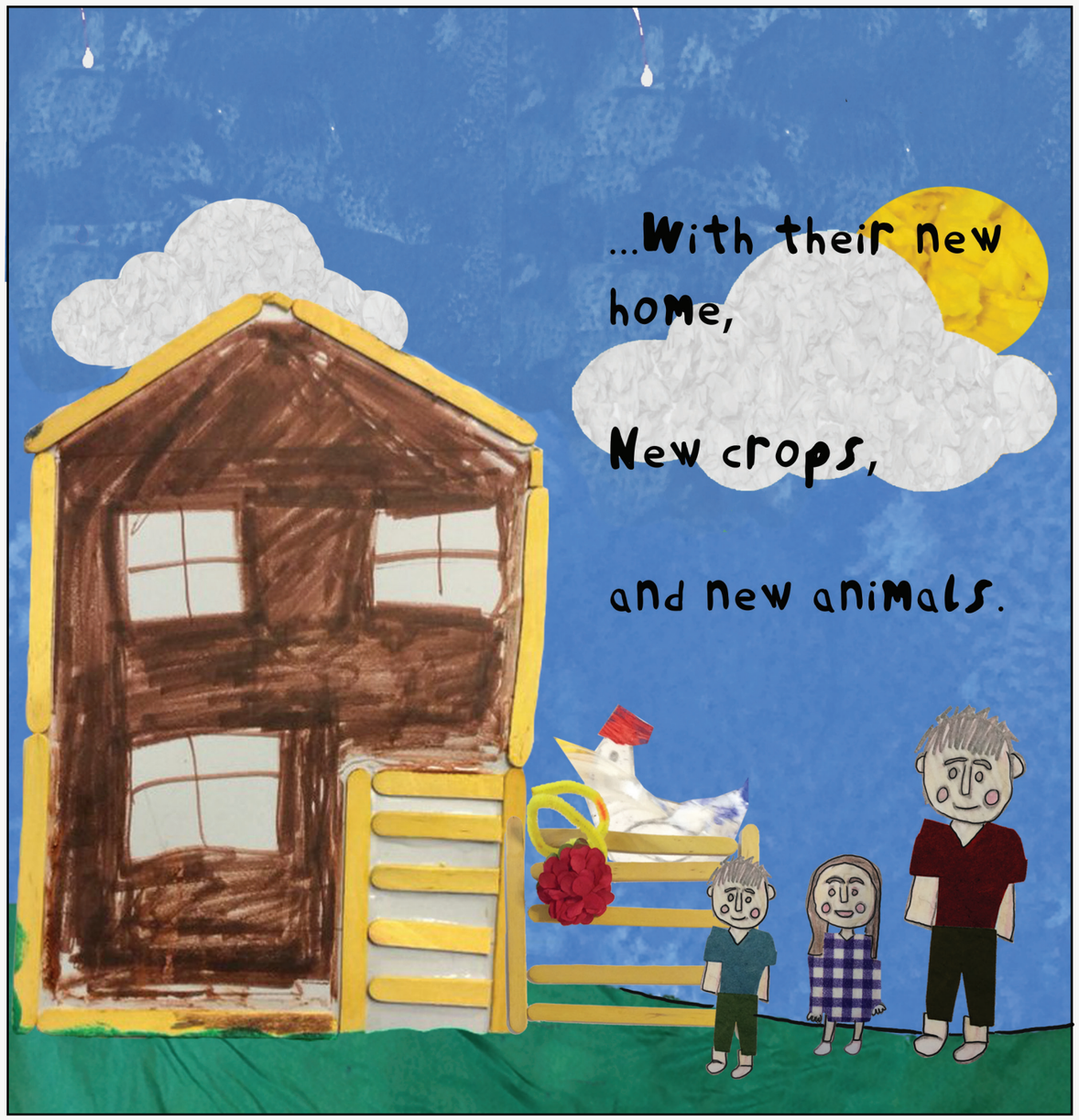


The family followed the friendly farmer back to his farm.



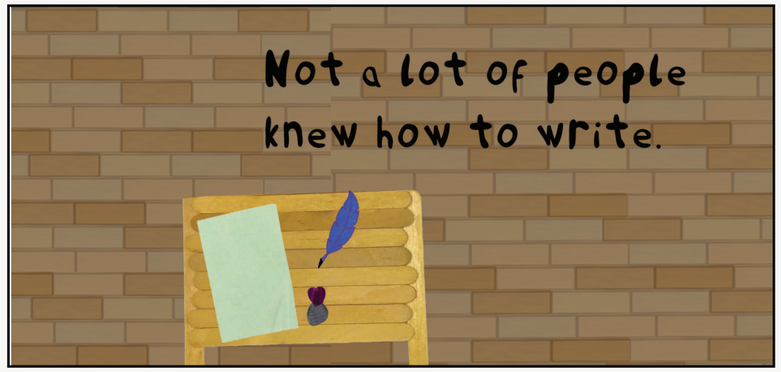



Finally the family was enjoying their new life in America...


...With their new home,
New crops,
and new animals.


We need to tell the people back home about our new life.

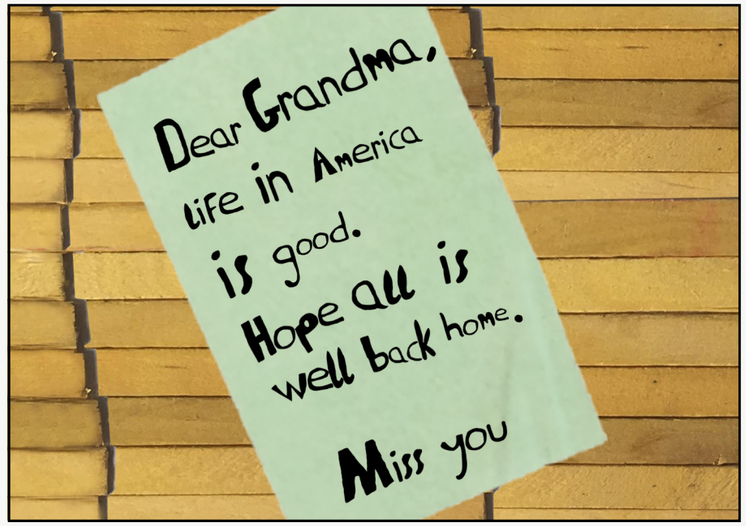

"Can we write a letter to grandma?"


Not a lot of people knew how to write.


"The minister can help us!"

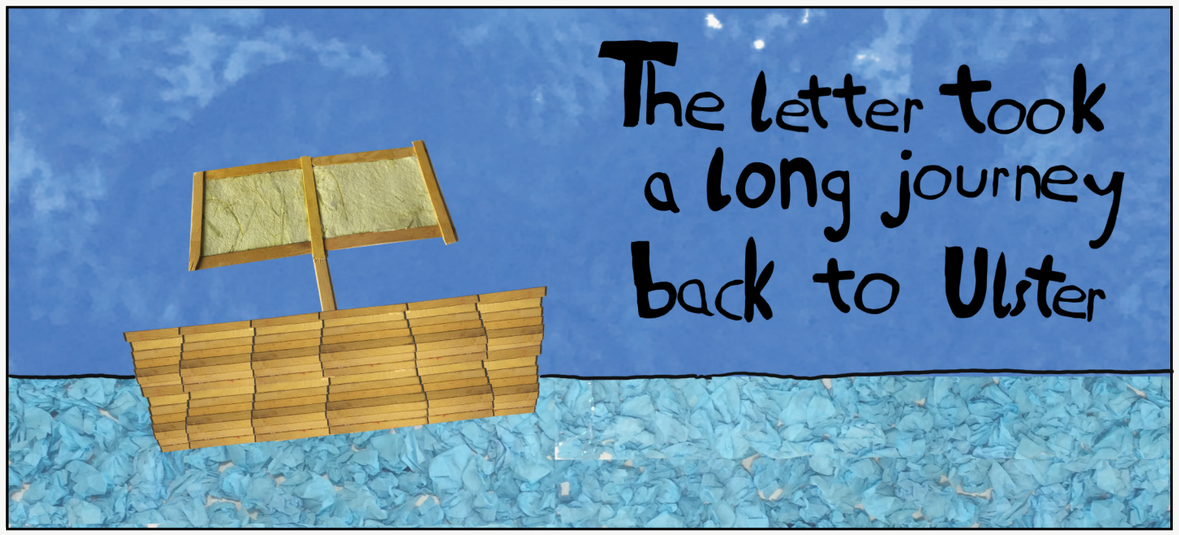

The children walked to the church.


Hello, can you help us write a letter to our grandma?


Dear Grandma,
life in America
is good.
Hope all is
well back home.
Miss you


The letter was
posted back home.
Coleraine

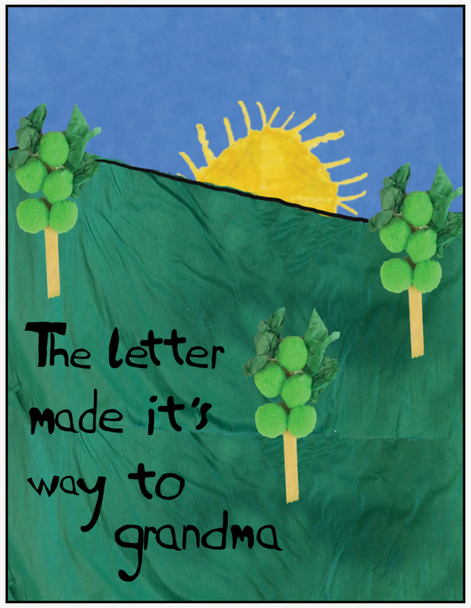

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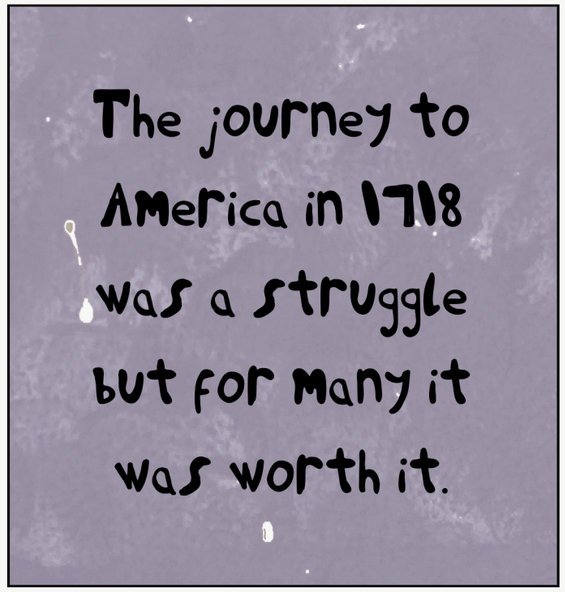

The letter took
a long journey
back to Ulster


Aww my
grandchildren
are so sweet
I Miss
them!


THE END


The boat brought
the stories of
the new land
to those
back home.


The letter
made it's
way to
grandma


The journey to
America in 1718
was a struggle
but for many it
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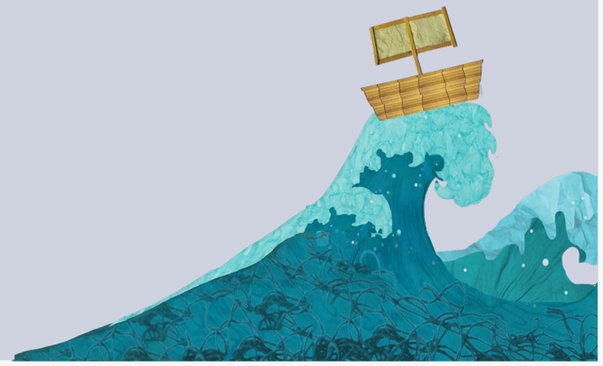
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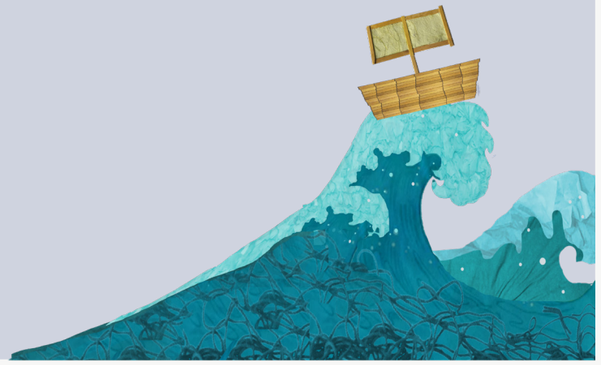
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