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Thought for the day by Revd John Marshall

Do you like adventure stories? When I was young I would read adventure stories from the Bible in comic strips – in the Eagle and Look and Learn.

So if you want adventures – look in the Bible.

For example the story of David who as a young man challenged the giant Goliath, and overcame him through faith in God and superior technology.

The birth of Jesus is set in series of adventures and joy and sadness. But certainly the escape of the little family is exciting – and leads us into the gospel story of salvation.

Paul who had a less than promising start must be one of the most adventurous tentmakers. After he is confronted by the risen Jesus, blinded and eventually meets the brave Ananias who says “Brother Saul, the Lord-Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here-has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Later he escapes from the city lowered in a basket from the walls. He explains some of his experiences in one of his letters 2 Corinthians 6 3-10

But he was imprisoned, escaped had adventures at sea and challenged the leaders of the church as he took the gospel more widely.

He says “As God’s fellow workers we urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. “For he says in the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you now is the time of God’s favour now is the day of salvation” 2 Cor 6 1-2.

We too can embark on adventures with and for Jesus, as we know Christ and make him known.

Song: [Our God is an awesome God](#)

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love
Our God is an awesome God

Adventure is not outside man; it is within ~ George Eliot

[The Action Bible](#) might be something to consider to give as a gift to a godchild or any child or young person, aimed at 10-14 year olds, but might be suitable to children of all ages who like that genre of art.