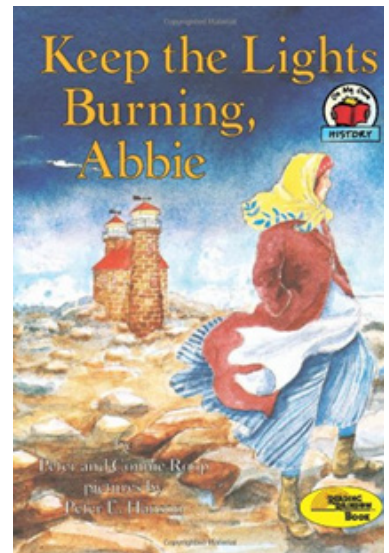


Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie

by Peter and Connie Roop

(Reading level: 7 and up)



Things to talk about:

Where did Abbie live?

Why did Abbie's father leave the island?

How long was he gone?

What jobs did Abbie have to do while her father was gone?

Discuss how you would feel if you were Abbie.

What would you have found most difficult?

Could this situation happen today? Why or why not?

Learn more about lighthouses:

Suggested Reading:

The Lighthouse Book by Michael Berenstain

Safely to Shore: America's Lighthouses by Iris Van Rynbach

Talk about what you have learned:

Why do we need lighthouses?

How do lighthouses differ from each other?

How have lighthouses changed from Abbie's time?

Tickle the funny bone time!

How do lighthouse keepers communicate?

Shine language.

What instrument did lighthouse keepers play?

The fog horn.

What did the ocean say to the lighthouse?

Nothing; it just waved.

What's the difference between a lighthouse keeper and a jeweler?

One watches seas, and the other sees watches.

Did you hear about the lighthouse keeper's daughter?

She never went out at night.

Choose from the following craft ideas:

Make lighthouse nightlights (search lighthouse craft)

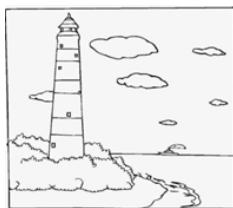


Bible verse suggestion: Have children write the verse on a coloring page or decorate page with their own lighthouse scene.

Psalm 27:1a

The Lord is my light and salvation. Whom shall I fear?

Coloring page



Draw a Lighthouse



(search for lighthouse coloring pages and how to draw light houses.)

Take a snack break

Snack ideas:

Lighthouse sandwich idea



Ice cream cone lighthouses
Upside down cake ice cream cone
Fruit roll-ups
Big Marshmallows
Yellow Dots
Optional: pudding or ice cream



Turn cones upside down and wrap a strip of fruit roll-ups around the base. Decorate with other strips working your way to the top. Cut a marshmallow in two and place sticky side down on top of cone. Eat the other half. Use a tiny snip of fruit roll-up to stick yellow Dot on top of marshmallow. When finished, let children eat dots and marshmallows and cones. If the cones are too plain you can turn them over and fill with pudding or ice cream.

While the children are enjoying their snacks, continue learning by enjoying these books:

Suggested Reading:

Birdie's Lighthouse by Kimberly Bulcken Root
The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge by Hildegarde H. Swift and Lynd Ward
The Littlest Lighthouse Keeper by Heidi and Daniel Howarth

Optional Activities as time permits:

Lighthouse Game

On a moonless night, the fort or treehouse in your backyard will be the lighthouse. If you don't have a treehouse, you can use a stepladder or chair. Place several different sized boxes around the back yard as rocks or boulders. Stand on the ladder or the treehouse with a flashlight while the children pretend to be boats sailing around trying not to run into the rocks. Help them navigate their way.

Take a field trip to a real lighthouse.

