



Wesley's Wednesday Challenge



Wesley's Travels



Who was John Wesley?

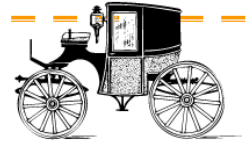
John Wesley worked in a church in the 18th century (the 18th century is any date between 1700 and 1799). He is most famous for helping to start a church called the Methodist Church. He was born in 1703 in Epworth, Lincolnshire.

John travelled to many places throughout his life and this week we'll be thinking about how he got to different places and why he went!



This is Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission, it opened in 1778.

Why did John Wesley travel so much?



When John Wesley was a young man, he, along with some friends, started a group called the Holy Club. This small group, that got together to study the bible and work with the local community, eventually grew into the Methodist Church. As Methodism was new, not many people knew what it was. This made it important to spread the word.

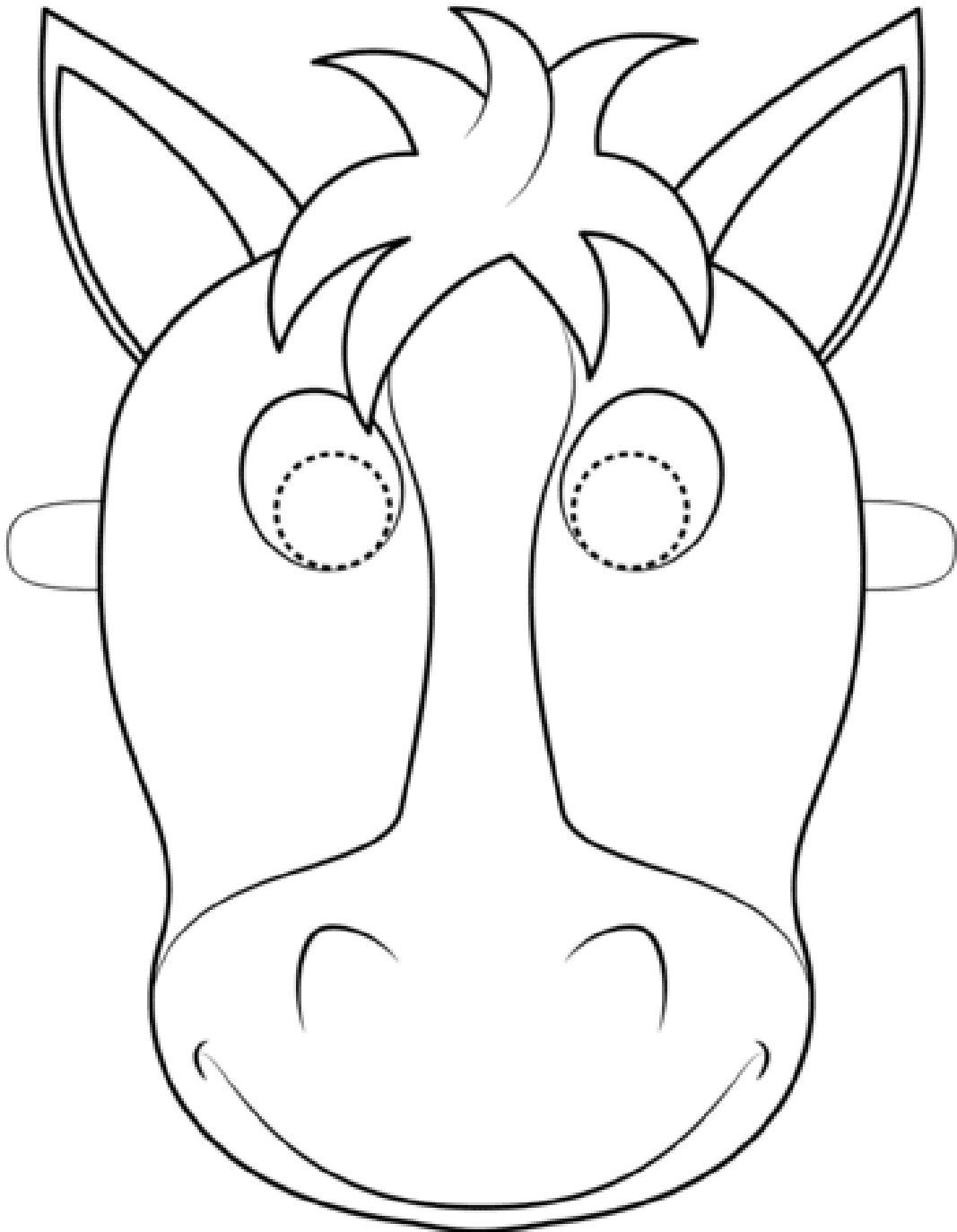
John Wesley, and other early Methodists, travelled to many different towns preach to people. We know John visited many places in his lifetime as he wrote about it in his journal. He went to Edinburgh, Cardiff, Rotterdam, Cork, Dundee and St Ives to name just a few!

Can you look on a map and find out where some of the places are?

He wasn't always very warmly received. In the early days of Methodism, people were unsure about John Wesley and other Methodists. Sometimes preachers faced angry crowds. John Wesley gave this money pot to a family from a town called Wednesbury that hid him during a riot against him.



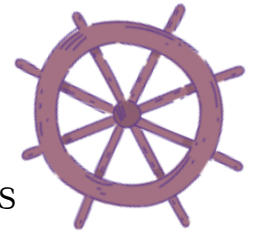
In the 18th century there were no cars, trains or planes. John Wesley, like everyone else, either travelled on horseback or by horse and carriage. Have a go at decorating this horse mask and imagine you are going on a journey of your own!



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Voyage to America

People did travel across oceans in the 18th century, but it was a long and dangerous journey. John Wesley and his brother Charles travelled to a place in America called Savannah in 1735. On the way, they encountered a ferocious storm. This image from our Museum depicts one of the storms he encountered, what in the picture tells us there is a storm?



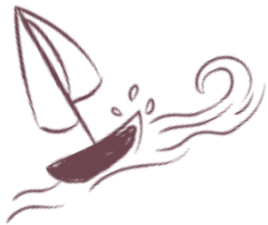
The journey took nearly 4 months. Savannah at the time was a small settlement with only a few houses and John was there to help set up churches.

Make a sail boat

Have a go at creating your own sail boat. Where will you go and explore? What adventures might you discover?

You will need:

- A paper plate
- Scissors
- Stapler or glue
- Square piece of paper
- Toilet roll tube
- Craft stick or straw



4) Make a hole in a toilet roll tube and place it in the boat.

3) To make the sail I used a napkin, but you can use a square of paper and decorate it. Lay the straw or craft stick along the left-hand side. Fold the top right-hand corner to the opposite corner and glue in place to create the sail



1) Cut your paper plate in half.



2) Place the 2 halves together. Cut a strip off the rounded edge of the plate.



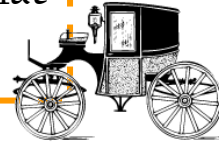
Then, have the 2 halves facing each other and glue or staple the four corners together.



5) Put the sail into the toilet roll. You can decorate the outside of your boat and give it a name.

What would you take?

This is John Wesley's travelling case. In it are some of the things he might have taken on his travels including his night cap! It's also likely he took books to read, a bible, his travelling lamp and his portable desk. What would you take on a long journey?



Travelling case memory game

Have a go at the travelling case memory game. The first player thinks of a word beginning with the letter A and adds it to the travelling case:

'I packed my travelling case with an apple'

The next player repeats the sentence and adds something beginning with B:

'I packed my travelling case with an apple and a book'

The next player adds a word beginning with C:

'I packed my travelling case with an apple, a book and a cat'

Play continues until someone can't remember the list or makes a mistake!



Just for fun we've created a puzzle of the travelling case, can you put all the pieces back together?

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=27edf8247ff0>

Flags

The flags below belong to some of the different countries that John Wesley visited. One has been left blank for you to design your own flag for your family, town, village or city.



Scotland



Netherlands



Ireland



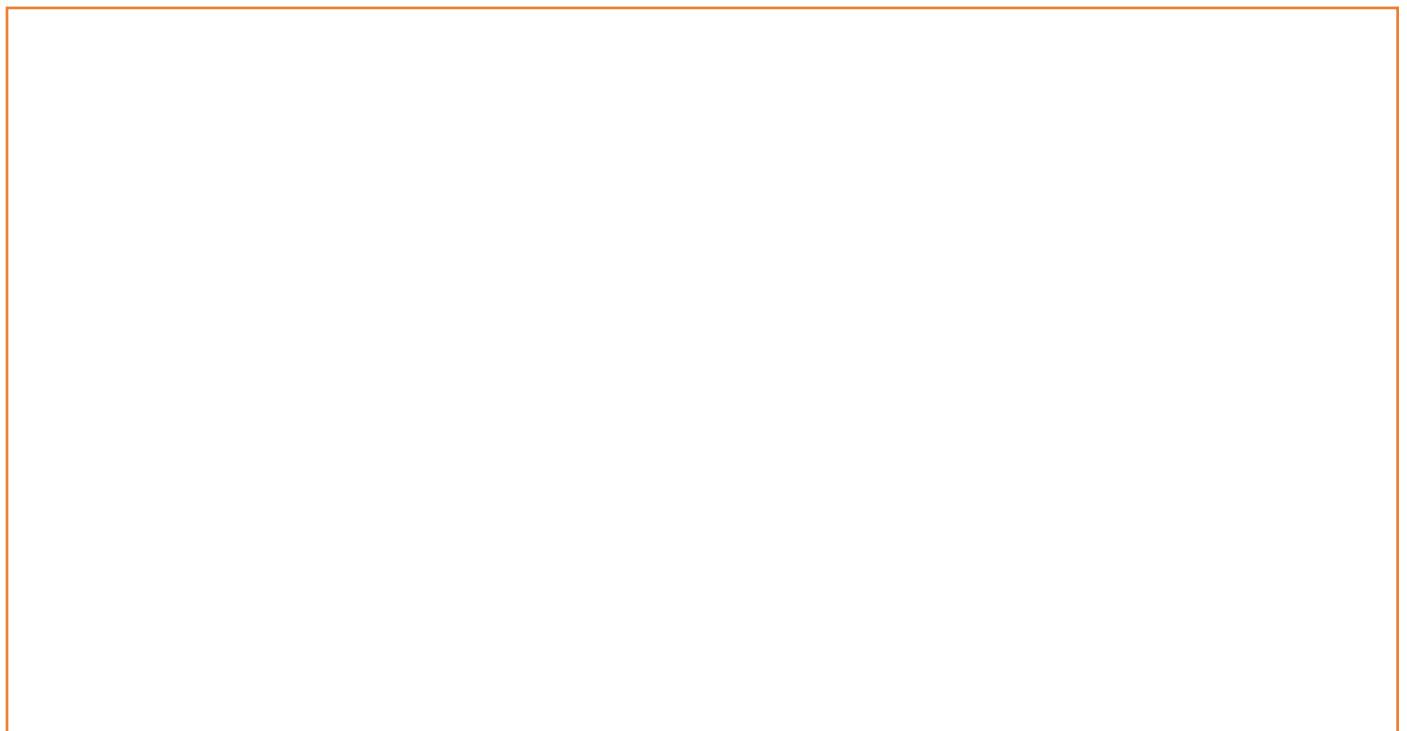
Germany



Wales



America

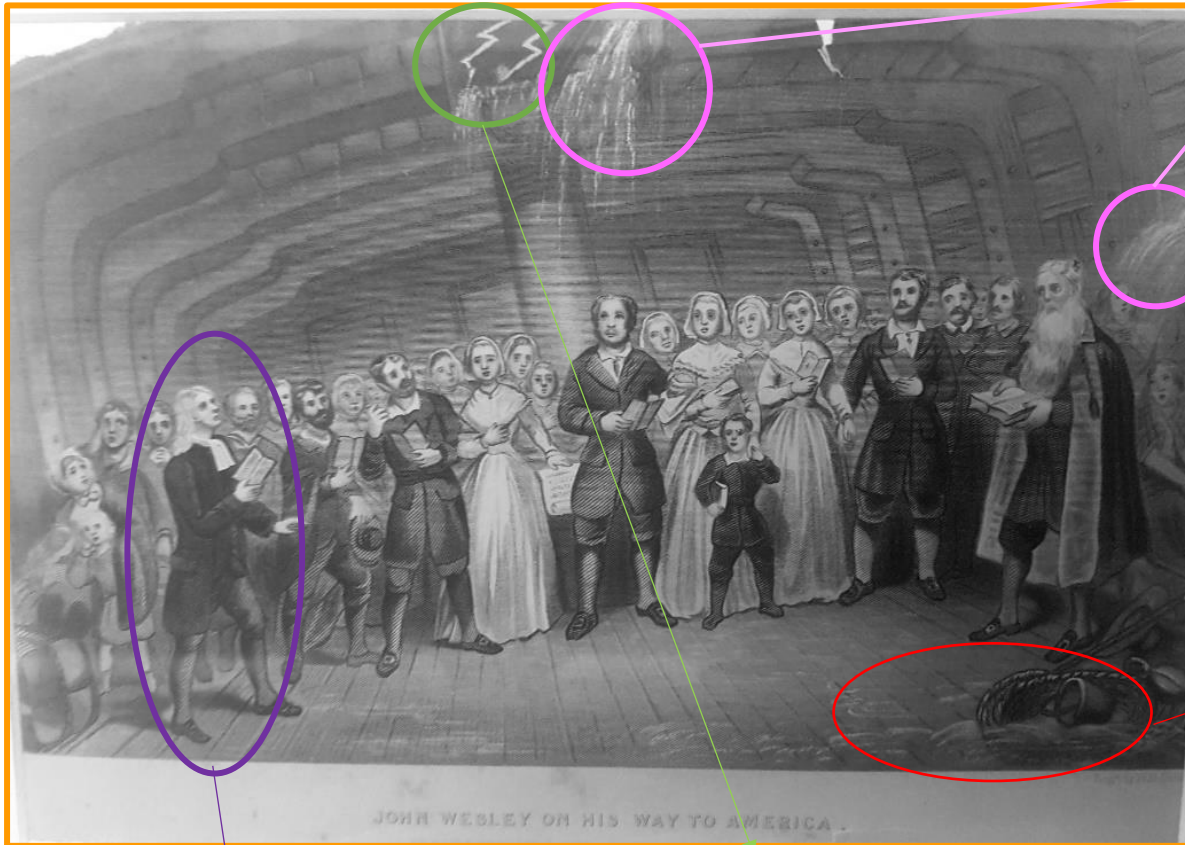




Thank you! We hope you enjoyed the
activities.

Our next pack will be sent on 22nd July

How does the image show there is a storm on board?



There is some water coming in here. Also, the picture looks a bit wonky! This is to show the boat is rocking.

There is some water on the floor here.

This looks a bit like lightning, or some wood breaking

This is John Wesley. The other people we can see are German Moravians (a religious group). John was inspired by the way the Moravians reacted so calmly to the storm and the way they worshipped influenced him.