The Brave Adventures of Percy the Pig
Tale • 7-8 years old
Once upon a time, in a sunny little farm nestled in the rolling hills of the countryside, there lived a curious and adventurous pig named Percy. Percy was not like the other pigs on the farm. While the others were content to laze about in the mud and eat all day, Percy yearned for excitement and exploration.

One fine morning, as the golden rays of the sun peeked through the trees, Percy made a decision. He would venture beyond the farm and explore the world beyond. With a determined snout and a twinkle in his eye, Percy set off on his grand adventure.

As Percy trotted along the dirt path, he encountered a wise old owl perched upon a branch. The owl hooted and said, « Be cautious, young Percy, for the world beyond the farm is vast and full of surprises. Remember, it is not the destination that matters, but the journey itself. »

Percy nodded gratefully and continued on his way. Soon, he reached a babbling brook where a clever fox sat basking in the sun. The fox looked at Percy and said, « Ah, a brave little pig you are! Remember, Percy, the path may be filled with obstacles, but with wit and determination, you can overcome them all. »

Encouraged by the wise words of the owl and the fox, Percy pressed on. He traveled through lush meadows, crossed babbling brooks, and ventured into deep forests. Along the way, he met a mischievous squirrel, an elegant swan, and even a playful kitten. Each encounter brought new lessons and new friendships.

After days of wandering, Percy finally arrived at a bustling city. The sights and sounds overwhelmed him, but he was eager to explore. Percy roamed the busy streets, marveling at the towering buildings and colorful shops. He even managed to find a quaint little bookstore and bought himself a treasure trove of adventure books.

One day, as Percy was sitting in a park, reading a thrilling tale, he noticed a sad little girl sitting all alone on a bench. Her tears glistened in the sunlight, and Percy knew he had to help her. He put down his book and approached her gently. « What troubles you, dear child? » Percy asked in his gentle piggy voice.

The girl looked up, surprised to see a talking pig. With a sniffle, she replied, « I've lost my beloved stuffed bear. He's my best friend, and I can't sleep without him. »

Percy's heart melted at her words. He knew he had to find the bear and bring a smile back to the girl's face. With his newfound determination, Percy set off on a quest to find the lost bear.

He searched high and low, asking everyone he met if they had seen the bear. Finally, after much perseverance, Percy discovered the bear hidden beneath a pile of leaves in the park. With a triumphant oink, he returned to the girl and handed her the bear.

Overwhelmed with joy, the little girl hugged Percy tightly. « Thank you, Percy. You're my hero! »

Percy blushed with pride, knowing that he had made a difference in someone's life. From that day on, Percy realized that true adventure was not only about exploring the world but also about helping others and spreading kindness.
And so, Percy returned to the farm, a hero in his own right. He shared his tales of adventure with the other animals and inspired them to see beyond the confines of the farm. Percy’s spirit of exploration and compassion lived on, reminding everyone that even the smallest of creatures can make the biggest impact.
The quiz: did you understand the story well?

1) What is the name of the adventurous pig in the story?
   • a) Peter
   • b) Percy
   • c) Patrick
   • d) Paul

2) Who warned Percy about the surprises in the world beyond the farm?
   • a) A wise old owl
   • b) A clever fox
   • c) A mischievous squirrel
   • d) A playful kitten

3) What did the fox tell Percy about the obstacles on his journey?
   • a) They are impossible to overcome
   • b) They require courage and determination
   • c) They can be ignored
   • d) They are not important

4) Where did Percy find the lost stuffed bear?
   • a) In a bookstore
   • b) Under a pile of leaves in the park
   • c) In a busy city street
   • d) In a deep forest

5) What did Percy learn about true adventure?
   • a) It is only about exploring the world
   • b) It is about helping others and spreading kindness
   • c) It is about being mischievous and playful
   • d) It is about finding valuable treasures

Correct answers:
1) b) Percy 2) a) A wise old owl 3) b) They require courage and determination 4) b) Under a pile of leaves in the park 5) b) It is about helping others and spreading kindness
Glossary: complicated words in the story

**Adventure:** An exciting or daring experience

**Perch:** To sit or rest on a high or narrow object

**Bask:** To lie or relax in a pleasant warmth

**Quaint:** Attractively old-fashioned or unusual

**Perseverance:** Continued effort and determination

**Triumphant:** Feeling great joy or satisfaction from a victory or success