

# Story Time: Years 5&6



ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND

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## The Island by Armin Greder



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### Book Summary from BookTrust

Islanders find a man on the beach. He isn't like them. They want to send him back to sea, but they don't want to be responsible for his death.

They take him in, but lock him in a goat pen. He needs food, so they give him the pigs' scraps and lock him up again.

The islanders imagine the evil the man could do. Growing restless and fearful, they march him to his raft and force him out to sea. They build a high wall around the island so that outsiders can't trouble them again.

### Discussion Prompts

- 1) At the start, some people want the man to go, the fisherman says they should let him stay. Who do you agree with? How would you persuade the Islanders?
- 2) How many of the rumours that spread about the man... how many of them are true? And if they are true – why?
- 3) At the end... it says "some people agreed with the fisherman, but the others were louder". Have you ever been part of something that you knew wasn't right... but you took part because that was what your friends were doing... or it was easier to do that because it was easier to stand up for what was right?
- 4) How might you have persuaded the Islanders to let the man stay?
- 5) Is this story about something bigger than just a man and an island? Is it about something that is going on in our world today. If so, what?