

To Be a Pioneer Song Story

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“Mom, we learned about Pioneers today in Primary! Do we have Pioneer ancestors?” Jenny asked her mother, “I want to learn about what their life was like. Did they have to push a handcart? Did our family travel from Europe?”

“I love that you’re thinking about your ancestors. But did you know, not everyone is a pioneer in the same way?” Jenny’s mother replied.

SING: You don’t have to push a handcart, leave your fam’ly dear

“Let me tell you about one of our pioneer ancestors. She was a pioneer in a different way! Grandma Betty grew up in Ohio in the 1920s during the Great Depression. It was a hard time with many families struggling. While she didn’t have to walk across the plains, she was a great example of her faith right where she lived.” Her mom explained.

SING: Or walk a thousand miles or more to be a pioneer!

“Let me tell you about one story from her life that I love. When Grandma Betty was 9, she had a dear friend who got sick with mumps. She had to quarantine at home as their family didn’t have the means to send her to a hospital. Betty was determined to help her friend get better. Every day she wrote her friend a letter and picked her flowers along the path between their homes.”

SING: You do need to have great courage

“Great-Great-Great-Grandma Betty would leave the note and bouquet on the doorstep and knock and run away. Her friend later told Grandma Betty that that little bit of cheer each day helped her stay positive and fight off the disease. Grandma Betty worried more about helping her friend than her own exposure to the very infectious disease.”

SING: Faith to conquer fear

“Grandma Betty grew up in the Protestant faith and loved God. Whenever any of her children or grandchildren would come to her for help, she would immediately excuse herself from the room and go say a prayer asking for God’s help with whatever problem they faced. It was this great faith that led my grandmother, your great-grandmother, to accept the missionaries into her home as a young mom. That legacy of faith is why we are members of the church today.”

SING: And work with might for a cause that’s right to be a pioneer!

“Wow, mom, I didn’t know all those stories about Grandma Betty! I want to be just like her. Can I be a pioneer, too?” Jenny asked. Her mom quickly replied, “Of course! You are a Pioneer each time you share the gospel with a friend or show love to others like Jesus’ did. Let’s go make a card for one of your friends just like Grandma Betty did.”



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