

## Jessica and the Secret of a Rainbow

For weeks and weeks, the cloud beat down on the village where Jessica lived. It was very cold. So cold that Jessica, her Mumma, her brother and all the other villagers stayed inside, away from the freezing clouds. It was too cold to plant some seeds, too cold to gather food and even too cold to feed the chickens. Jessica wanted so much for the clouds to stop glooming and for a rainbow to come. But the clouds did not stop glooming and a rainbow did not come.

One night, Jessica's grandad told her a story about her a story about a man he met when he was a boy; a man who told him the secret of a rainbow: "You must climb the tallest cliff and tell the sky the most worrying things you know."

The following morning, Jessica had a big breakfast and got on a bus and set off to find the tallest cliff she could find. When she reached the foot of a very tall cliff, it was so tall it went through the clouds. Luckily there was a staircase so she began to climb. When she reached the top she began to tell the sky the most worrying things she knew. First, she told of the time she had tonsillitis then she told of the time she broke her skull when she was a baby and fell down the stairs. At the end of each story she looked for sight of a rainbow. Jessica started to cry. Nothing could be heard except for the sound of Jessica weeping.

Suddenly the sun came out and the rain started to pour. Then, a rainbow appeared. Jessica put her hands in her backpack and got out her ski's. Then she skied down the cliff as fast as she could. By the time she got home the villagers were celebrating with a party with loud music and a bouncy castle. Jessica felt proud because she had saved the village using the secret of a rainbow.

By Jessica Chalkley, age 6.