

# TREASURES ON THE DEEP

## 9. Sir John Franklin

### -The North-West Passage

1. For many years it was the explorer's dream to find a way through the ice-bound seas of Northern C\_\_\_\_\_, from the At\_\_\_\_\_ to the P\_\_\_\_\_ Ocean.
2. Towards the end of 1819, John Fr\_\_\_\_\_ led an expedition to explore the northern coast of C\_\_\_\_\_. He sailed down the Nelson R\_\_\_\_\_ to Saskatchewan, then by sl\_\_\_\_\_ to the Slave River and on to the Great Slave L\_\_\_\_\_, then to the Coppermine River and up to the Ar\_\_\_\_\_ Coast.
3. For many days on that Arctic Coast, the only food available was Lichen (moss). On returning, he was knighted and became S\_\_\_\_ J\_\_\_\_ F\_\_\_\_\_.
4. When he was 60 years old, he was chosen to lead an expedition with the ships 'Erebus' and 'Terror' to find the North-West Passage. For 2 years, the 2 ships were stuck in the pack-ice.
5. 39 expeditions, (4 paid for by Lady Franklin), were sent out to try and find them.
6. Franklin and his men had left the ships and set out to find the N\_\_\_\_-W\_\_\_\_ P\_\_\_\_\_ on foot, which they did! But they died in the attempt. Their bodies were found less than 50 miles from the P\_\_\_\_\_ Coast.
7. John Franklin was a Christian man, and in his diary were found all the records of the way that his faith kept him going in these difficult circumstances. Texts like those overleaf were his favourites.



**SIR JOHN FRANKLIN**

*Can you draw John Franklin and his expedition, travelling by sledge?*

Jesus saith.. 'I am the way,  
the truth and the life'.

John 14 v 6

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'When thou passest  
through the waters  
I will be with thee'.

Isaiah 43 v 2