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Young William Kidd became a captain on the day a ship's crew mutinied! He was appointed captain and the ship was re-named the Blessed William. After proving to be good at protecting British colonies from the French, he spent some time as a privateer – someone who worked for a country's government to attack foreign shipping in a time of war.

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Captain Kidd was hired by rich men to set sail for the Indian Ocean to hunt for pirates and rogues who were enemies of England. Making a ship ready to sail with supplies, crewmen and repairs was expensive to do, but the possibility of treasure was appealing. Any treasure Captain Kidd found he only had to share some of it with the men who'd hired him. On the ship the Adventure Galley, he found himself in trouble almost as soon as he set sail from London. When a ship of the Royal Navy was passing by, Captain Kidd and his crew refused to salute. As punishment for this (very pirate-like) behavior the navy held most of his crew. This forced him to hire new crewmen in other ports along the way.

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By the time Captain Kidd reached the Indian Ocean he was running out of time! He had not found any pirates, his crew was getting sick, and his ship was breaking down! Captain Kidd made a decision: they would attack any ship that passed by, in hopes of finding treasure. It was one year past the date he was supposed to return to England with loot. If he didn't find any, he'd be in a lot of trouble.

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An Armenian ship, called the Cara Merchant, came within view full of expensive fabrics, gold and silver. There were no pirates on that ship but Kidd captured it and took the ship and all its treasures. He sold the goods for profit and hid the Cara Merchant, anchored off of an island in the Caribbean.

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Captain Kidd was captured. He owed men in England a lot of money and he'd stolen a ship! But before he was captured he buried his treasure; no one knows where. Some people say that to this day his treasure is there, buried somewhere in the Caribbean.

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