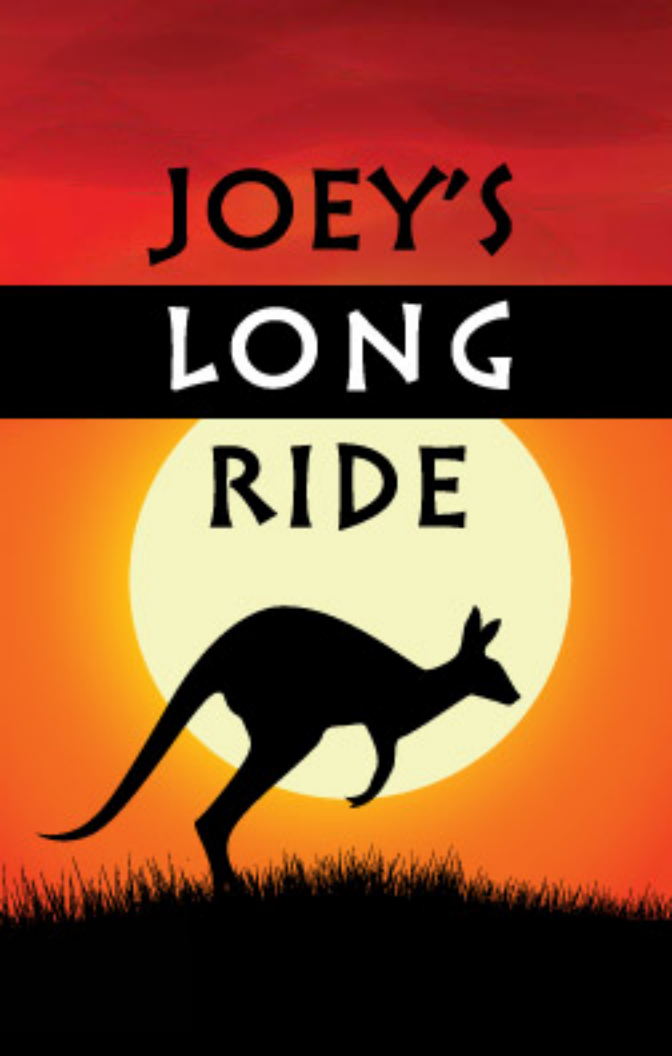
JOEY'S LONG RIDE



JOEY'S LONG RIDE

G'DAY!
I'm JOEY, a Red Kangaroo.

I am peeking out of my mother's pouch. She is hopping along the dry plain in central Australia.

BOUNCE...BOUNCE...BOUNCE!

It is very early in the morning. My father, "Boomer" is the leader of our 'mob' of nine kangaroos. He hops very quickly with high giant leaps. My mother is called "Blue Flyer" because she has blue gray fur. I am seven months old, so I can still get a ride! Soon, I will have to leave her pouch and make my own way.



There has been no rain for many months. All the grass has dried up. We are moving to find food and water. My father and the others must keep a close watch for danger from dingoes or humans.

Today the adult kangaroos were able to smell water at last! That means we will get to the new feeding area tomorrow. It has been a very long trip. I am so tired!



Soon it will be very hot. We will try to find a shady tree. Then we will rest all day before moving on. I will get out of mom's pouch and explore a bit. Then I will come back to her for a good sleep.

My parents, adult kangaroos, have long, very strong hind legs. They can travel very fast. Their front limbs are small and short, with strong claws. They can fight if they must. They also use their front limbs to dig for water underground.

We kangaroos will do whatever it takes to get the water we need!

ALL ANIMALS NEED WATER TO LIVE. PEOPLE DO TOO!

Jesus talked about water. This is a different kind of water that we all need. He called it **'living water'**. You can't drink living water. It won't get you wet. But when we believe in Him, Jesus gives us life from God that will last forever. That's what Jesus meant by living water! He said that His living water is inside a person.



Jesus said,

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink." John 7:38

"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14

We all need the living water that Jesus promises to give us.

We must believe in Him so that we have the living water we need.



INTERNATIONAL BIBLE HOUSE
PUBLISHING SOCIETY

WWW.IBHGOSPEL.COM

RED KANGAROO FACTS

- A Red Kangaroo **can leap more than 5 metres**. It can jump up to 3 metres high. It can move at up to 65 kilometres an hour.
- **Kangaroos cannot move backwards.** They can only move their hind legs together.
- **They stamp their hind legs** and thump their tail to warn the mob of danger.
- A baby kangaroo is **smaller than a cherry** when it is born! It is blind and has no fur.
- Red Kangaroos are **able to see 300 degrees** because their eyes are on the sides of their head.