



# The Lantern

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# Chapter 1

There once was a palace in a forest. In the palace was a lantern. Nobody could get into the palace because it had traps.

One day two boys named Caleb and Anthony were having fun at school on the playground. After school the boys took a shortcut through the woods. Caleb went to his house and Anthony went to his house. While Caleb was going to his house, he tripped on something. He picked it up. It was a map with a lantern on it! Caleb got excited and called Anthony and told him to meet him at their cave. The boys were looking at the map and thought it was a prophecy. They wondered what the lantern did. They said they would follow the map over their fall break from school. They thought it was a great idea, so they asked their parents. They said no! They begged like babies to go and their parents finally said yes. The boys cried with joy!



They packed a tent to sleep in, lots of water to stay hydrated and some food. They asked their parents to drive them to a certain spot. They got ready, kissed

their parents good-bye, and prayed to God not to get hurt.

They started on their journey. When it started to get dark, they decided to build their camp site. They built a fire to cook some beef to eat for dinner. After that they went to bed. During the night, they heard a growl and became scared. They heard the growl again. "Grrr." "What do you think it is Anthony?" said Caleb. They peeked out of the tent. "A BEAR!"

## *Chapter 2*

The bear heard them yell. It started to go into their tent. They hid next to the opening so the bear wouldn't see them. Caleb was searching for food. He found a cereal bar with a mind controlling ring. He held it against the bear's face. The bear gruffed. "It isn't working," said Caleb. Then a bird, they never had seen before, swooped down and pecked the bear. The bear ran away and the bird flew away in a flash. The boys looked at each other, "Whoa!" said the boys. They both went to sleep





The next morning the boys had breakfast. They cleaned the site up and continued on their journey. They were chatting until one of the boys tripped on a stone. They turned it over and it had a lantern carved on it. Caleb put the stone in his pocket and they kept walking. It started raining so they ran to a flat spot and made a cover with leaves so they wouldn't get soaked. Anthony decided to stop for the day. They set up their camp site and played a board game inside their tent until the rain stopped. An hour later the rain stopped. They came out of the tent, the sun was shining and the birds were chirping. Anthony and Caleb went to get sticks to make a fire. When the boys got back to the campsite, Anthony rubbed two sticks together and made a fire. "Time for dinner and

marshmallows," Caleb said. "What's for dinner?" said Anthony. "We are having steak," Caleb answered. The boys wrapped the steak in tin foil and put in on the fire to cook. After it was done cooking, Anthony found a stick for Caleb to pull out the food. "This food is delicious!" said Anthony. "Thank you," said Caleb.

## *Chapter 3*

In the morning, Caleb got up before Anthony. Caleb searched for the whipped cream. He went to Anthony's tent and he put the whipped cream on Anthony's hand. Caleb found a feather and tickled Anthony on his nose. He slapped himself with the whipped cream! "Caleb!" Anthony shouted. After breakfast, they cleaned up their space and kept going. Caleb and Anthony got bored, so they told each other jokes. "Hey Caleb, what do you call a bear with no teeth?" Anthony asked. "A gummy bear!" Caleb laughed. They kept walking and walking in the very hot sun. They stopped to get a drink of water. After a few more hours, they walked into a very shady area and decided to have a long break. The boys were sweating like crazy! They got a fan from their bag and set up their tents and stayed there for the night. They had dinner early that night because they were getting close to the palace and they were excited to find out about the lantern. They said their good nights and went to bed. The next morning, they

skipped breakfast, packed their bags and continued very fast because they were so close to their destination. They walked until they saw a small barn. They went inside. When they walked into the barn, the rock that was in Caleb's pocket started to glow. He took it out and a small platform in the barn started to glow. The platform had a message about the rock they had found. It said that the rock must be placed inside a pole inside a palace. They were nervous. They wrote the message down on a slip of paper.



## *Chapter 4*

After they came out of the barn, they kept walking. All of a sudden, Anthony saw the palace! Then Caleb saw the palace too. Both boys screamed with joy until they remembered there were traps. They both walked up to the palace. "Whoa," Caleb said in shock. "The lantern must cost a fortune," Anthony answered. They went in to see what it looked like. The inside was huge! It was bigger than 20 grown-up elephants! "Be careful for traps," Caleb said. They walked slowly across the floor. They found a slip of paper on the floor. Anthony picked it up and noticed it said where to step. The first rule said to go to the middle and skip one tile, then, diagonal right. Next, it said to up go five steps and six steps sideways. Then, go up the rest of the way! They got past the tiles and continued on. They found a pole with a chip in it. Caleb took the rock out of his pocket and placed it in the crack. The lantern came up on a platform. They thought before they moved. Anthony got the jelly beans out. Caleb added some rocks to the jelly bean bag to be exact. He moved the lantern slowly with one hand and held the jelly bean bag with the other. As quick as a flash, Anthony switched the jelly bean bag with the lantern.





The boys ran away, out of the palace and far from it. They watched the palace break down. They walked back to where they started and called their parents to come pick them up. They were very excited that they got the lantern but they were sad that the palace was destroyed.

## *Chapter 5*

When they got home, they tested the lantern out. They found out that the lantern could talk to you, help you and give you powers. They played with it all day. Then it was time for bed and they had a sleepover. In the morning, they got dressed for school and said

good-bye to the lantern. They tried not to tell anyone about the lantern. After school, Anthony went to Caleb's house to play with the lantern, but when they were playing with it, the lantern broke! They tried to hide it from their parents. They hid it in Caleb's room and sighed in relief. Caleb tried to call a company to fix it, but nobody answered. They knew they would have to fix it themselves. The boys didn't know what to do. They waited for a long time until Anthony had to go home. Anthony and Caleb thought and thought. Caleb finally figured out how to fix it. He wrote it down to remember. At school, they were looking at the paper that Caleb had written on. They boys were very happy that they finally found a way to fix the lantern.



After a long day at school, the boys finally got to go home to fix the lantern. Caleb brought the lantern to Anthony's house to fix it because Anthony had all the tools. They started to rebuild the lantern. At last they were finished and began playing with the lantern again.

## *The End*

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