

# The Hunt

Some words to practise before reading the passage:

**small, come, opened, read, water, clue, more, only, own, alone, could, hidden, split, shocked, shrubs, river, rushing, bush**

It is Sunday. On Sundays, Sam spends the day with his Pop.

Today, Pop and Sam are going to the park. On the way there, Pop says to Sam, "Today you are going to go on a hunt, but I cannot go with you. You must do this on your own." Pop passes a small card to Sam and says to him, "You must find what has been hidden in the big, red box. Good luck, Sam."

Sam opens the card and reads, "Find the spot where the water is split." It was the clue to start him on his hunt. He stops to think, then asks, "What does that mean, Pop?"

But Pop was not there.

In fact, as Sam looks up he is shocked to find that he is not in the park. He sees trees, shrubs and more trees, as well as a river rushing by.

He is in the bush.

And he is alone.

Sam can see what he needs to do. To get back to the park, and to Pop, he must find out what is in the big red box.

But first, he must find it.