

## The Glacier

*Explain that a glacier is a large sheet of slowly moving snow that does not melt.*

There was a very tall mountain. On the peak of this mountain, there was a rock. And on the tip of that rock, there was a snowflake.

The snowflake was once a part of a group of snowflakes, falling from the sky. But this snowflake wanted to have a better view of the land than all the other snowflakes. So it left the group of snowflakes and landed by itself on top of the rock.

On top of this very tall mountain, the snowflake was excited about its view. Soon, however, it began to feel lonely and regret leaving the others. It thought to itself, "The view up here is not as wonderful as I thought it would be, especially without my friends. The rest of the snow is far below. That's where I should be."

And so the little snowflake bravely rolled itself down the mountainside to ask to join its group of snowflakes again. It knew it was wrong to have run away.

As it rolled and met other snowflakes, the little snowflake was relieved and happy. The others were welcoming it and together they all rolled down the mountainside. The further they rolled, the bigger the welcome became. Soon the snowflakes grew in number and became a great snowball. Then the great snowball became a sheet of snow moving down the mountainside. It came to rest on a hill, and the sheet of snow was as large as the hill beneath it.

And so, in the summer, this sheet of snow became a glacier. It was so large that it never completely melted in the sun. And the view of the land was perfect.