

# The Beat

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Erden Eruc wants to encourage kids to reach for their goals and not give up in the face of challenges. To set an example, Erden set a goal of his own. Erden planned the six stages needed to accomplish his goal, and he estimated how long each stage should take. He's finished the first stage; he's almost through stage two.

Erden's goal is to travel around the world powered only by his own strength. He's rowing, biking, climbing, and hiking across the continents and seas. So far he's covered 13,000 miles. Right now, Erden is in the South Pacific in his 23-foot-long boat being blown about by strong winds. He had planned to reach Australia by March, but winds are making that difficult.

Since leaving California in his boat on July 10, 2007, Erden has had only birds, fish, and sharks for company. Many challenges are making the trip tough, but Erden is determined not to give up.



## THINK ABOUT IT

- What do you think about Erden Eruc's plan?
- Why is a plan important when you want to accomplish a goal?

## Important Plans

Many people make plans to accomplish goals. As a class, brainstorm and list five things people plan (examples: vacations, careers). In the great scheme of life, which is the most important? Rank the class list in order from least important (5) to most important (1). Discuss how God's plan for man is the most important of all plans.



The Bible tells God's plan for man. What can you do this week to learn more about that plan?