

Storytelling Nursery Stories and Songs

Add some fun to story time with my adaptations of selected popular nursery stories and songs.

In this resource package, you will find story pictures and text for three stories and two songs.

The pictures are easy to colour and assemble for storytelling. Ask parent volunteers to do the colouring for you. Laminate the pieces and store them in a folder. You'll have storytelling props for the classroom for years to come.

As you tell the story, place the story pictures, for everyone to see, on a flannel board or magnet board. For added enjoyment, let the children retell the story using the story pictures.

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How to Assemble Stories for Storytelling

♥ The stories

You will find text and story pictures for three stories and two songs, as well as optional pictures to help decorate your storyboard.

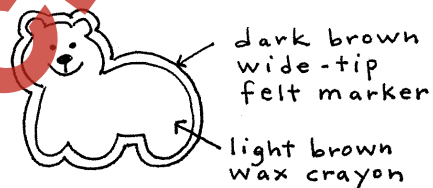
Before you begin colouring, make a photocopy of the story pictures and the text to use as your working copies. In case a piece gets lost, you will have the original.

 YOU MAY WANT TO USE YOUR STORY PICTURES FOR OTHER THINGS. REDUCE THEM FOR YOUR NEWSLETTERS OR ENLARGE THEM WITH AN OVERHEAD PROJECTOR TO MAKE BULLETIN BOARD.

♥ Colouring the story pictures

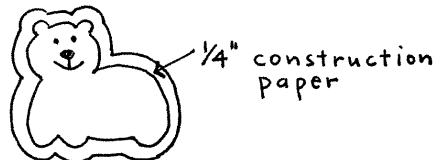
Wax crayon, applied lightly, can make colouring go faster. Just remember that if you press too hard and get too much wax on the paper, the wax will melt when you laminate.

Use felt markers or high lighters to add darker colour on the edges of the image.



♥ Prepare the pieces for your storyboard

Cut out the pictures and mount them on a backing of construction paper. Cut them out again. Make sure you leave about 1/4" of the construction paper as a border so the laminate doesn't come apart here.



The Magic Perogy Pot

Once upon a time in a small village, there lived a **Baba**. Baba was very old and very poor. All day long Baba made perogies to feed her family and to feed those even poorer than they. She made perogies each and every day. First she mixed the dough from flour and water. She rolled out the dough to cut out little circles. She made a filling out of potatoes, and then she put the potatoes inside little dough circles and pinched. She pinched and she pinched until she had a **big bowl full of perogies** to feed everyone. Even though times were tough, Baba never turned away a hungry soul.

"Yoi," Baba said one day. "Pinch, pinch, pinch, my fingers are getting sore. I think I'll go for a walk before I make more. I'll feel better then."

So, Baba went for a walk on the path through the woods behind her house. As she was walking she stubbed her toe on something hard.

"Yoi," said Baba, "this is a day for feeling sore. First my fingers and now my toe."

She looked down and there was a **black cooking pot** with a card attached to the handle. She looked at the card and read what was written inside.

"This magic perogy pot will only work for someone good and kind and someone who is not selfish. Take me home and try me out."

"I don't see anyone else around. Maybe I will take it home," said Baba.

Baba took home the cooking pot, filled it with water, and put it on the fire. She watched inside the pot to see if anything would happen.

And something did. It wasn't long before perogies started popping to the top of the water. When Baba saw that she had enough for dinner for the family, she said, "Thank you perogy pot, we have enough to fill our bellies." And the perogy pot stopped cooking.

For the next few days, Baba called on the magic perogy pot to make dinner for the family. Baba was able to rest her fingers and they weren't so sore from pinching. Even her back felt better from not having to roll out the dough.



The Magic Perogy Pot



The Little Red Hen

Illustrations and Adaptation by Vera Trembach

Once upon a time there lived a **little red hen** and her **three chicks**. She was a hard working hen, not like some of the animals that lived in on the farm.

One day in spring the little red hen was planning for the fall to come. She had a **small bag of seeds**. The seeds were wheat seeds.

"I will plant the seeds and grow some wheat to give me even more seeds," said the little red hen. "Who will help me?"

The Little Red Hen looked around the farmyard to find some help. Her little chicks were too small to be of much help. She saw **Pig, Cat** and **Dog**. All three were lazily lying in the sun.

"Who will help me plant my wheat?" she asked them.

"Not I," said Pig.

"Not I," said Dog.

"Not I," said Cat.

"Well then," said the Little Red Hen. "I guess I will do it myself." And so she did.

The **wheat** grew during the summer and in the fall it ripened to a beautiful golden colour.

"The wheat is ready to be harvested," said the Little Red Hen. "Who will help me harvest the wheat?"

"Not I," said Pig.

"Not I," said Dog.

"Not I," said Cat.

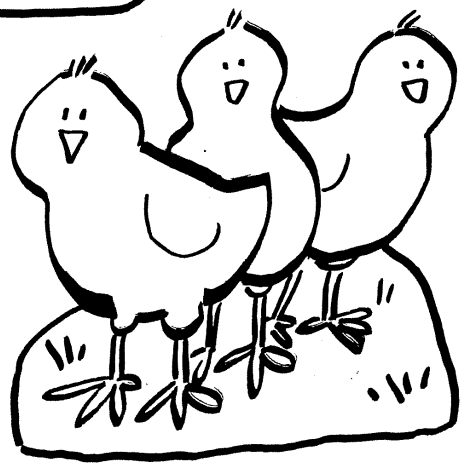
"Well then," said the Little Red Hen. "I guess I will do it myself." And so she did.

The Little Red Hen took out her scythe and cut the wheat. The she **pounded** it so all the wheat seeds came out. Soon she had **big a bag of wheat** to take to the mill. There they would grind the wheat into flour.

"Who will help me take my big bag of seeds to the mill?" asked the Little Red Hen.



The Little Red Hen



The Farmer in the Dell

Traditional

The farmer in the dell,
The farmer in the dell,
Hi ho the derry-o, the farmer in the dell.

The farmer takes a wife,
The farmer takes a wife,
Hi ho, the derry-o, the farmer takes a wife.

The wife takes a child,
The wife takes a child,
Hi ho the derry-o, the wife takes a child.

The child takes a nurse,
The child takes a nurse,
Hi ho the derry-o, the child takes a nurse.

The nurse takes a dog,
The nurse takes a dog,
Hi ho the derry-o, the nurse takes a dog.

The dog takes a cat,
The dog takes a cat,
Hi ho the derry-o, the dog takes a cat.

The cat takes a mouse,
The cat takes a mouse,
Hi ho the derry-o, the cat takes a mouse.

The mouse takes the cheese,
The mouse takes the cheese,
Hi ho the derry-o, the mouse takes the cheese.

The cheese stands alone,
The cheese stands alone,
Hi ho the derry-o, the cheese stands alone.



Eensie Weensie Spider

Traditional

Eensie Weensie spider,
Went up the water spout.
Down came the rain,
And washed the spider out.

Up came the sun,
And dried up all the rain,
So Eensie Weensie spider,
Went up the spout again.