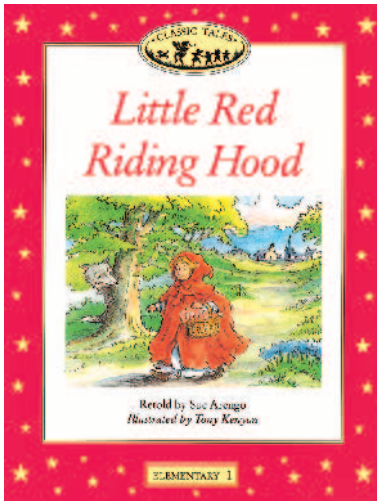


Little Red Riding Hood

*A Classic Tales Play developed by Donatella Fitzgerald
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The story of *Little Red Riding Hood*

A little girl lived with her mother and father in a little white house in a village. The village was near a forest. Her grandmother lived in an old house in the middle of the forest. The little girl often went to her grandmother's house.

One Christmas, Grandma gave the little girl a beautiful red cloak with a hood. She wore the cloak all the time, so people gave her a new name. They called her 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

One day her mother asked Little Red Riding Hood to go to her grandmother's house because she was ill. Her mother said, 'Go to Grandma's house and take her this basket of bread and butter. Walk quickly to her house. Don't stop and play. And don't leave the road. Do you understand?'

So the little girl walked very quickly into the forest. But soon she saw a wolf.

The wolf asked, 'Where are you going?' and, 'Where does your grandmother live? Is it far from here?' The wolf wanted to eat the little girl and her grandmother, so he said to the girl,

'Look over there! You can go and get some of those nice flowers for your grandmother.'

So the little girl picked lots of flowers.

The wolf ran to Grandma's house. He jumped onto the bed and ate her. Then he put on one of Grandma's nightdresses, got into her bed and waited for Little Red Riding Hood.

Little Red Riding Hood went to her Grandma's house. She thought her Grandma looked strange.

She asked her Grandma lots of questions. And she was afraid.

Then the wolf jumped out of the bed and ate Little Red Riding Hood. Now he was big and fat and he wanted to go to sleep. He took off Grandma's nightdress and put it on the floor. Then he got back into bed and went to sleep. He began to snore loudly.

Soon after, Little Red Riding Hood's father came to the house. He saw the open door and he heard the wolf.

He went upstairs and killed the wolf with his knife.

Then he cut open the wolf and Little Red Riding Hood jumped out. Then Grandma jumped out.

'Everything's all right now,' said her father. 'The wolf is dead.'

So Grandma had a cup of tea and some nice bread and butter. And Little Red Riding Hood went home with her father. She told her mother everything. And, after that, she always stayed on the road. And she never saw a wolf again.

Characters in the play

Red Riding Hood

Cat

Mother

Father

Grandma

Wolf

Trees

Chorus



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SCENE 1

GRANDMA IS ILL

Chorus	This is the story of a little girl, her grandmother and a big bad wolf.
Mother	Red Riding Hood, your grandma is ill.
Chorus	Her grandma is ill.
Red Riding Hood	Oh, no!
Mother	Go to her house.
Red Riding Hood	Yes, mother.
Mother	Take her some bread and butter.
Chorus	Some bread and butter for her grandma.
Father	Don't stop and play.
Chorus	Don't stop and play.
Red Riding Hood	No, father.
Cat	Can I come, please?
Red Riding Hood	OK. Goodbye.
Mother and Father	Goodbye.
Chorus	Goodbye.

SCENE 2

THE BIG BAD WOLF

Little Red Riding Hood walks quickly along the path and she sings happily.

Red Riding Hood	La, la, la, la ...
Wolf	Hello. Hello.
Trees	Oh, no! The big bad wolf! Oh, no! The big bad wolf!
Chorus	Oh, no! The big bad wolf! Oh, no! The big bad wolf!
Red Riding Hood	Hello.
Wolf	How are you?
Red Riding Hood	I'm very well, thank you.
Wolf	Mm, bread and butter?
Red Riding Hood	Yes, it's for Grandma.
Wolf	Grandma?
Red Riding Hood	Yes, she's ill.
Wolf	Where does your grandma live?
Cat	Miao! She lives in the middle of the forest.

Wolf	Look over there! You can go and get some of those nice flowers for her.
Red Riding Hood	Yes, I can. I can come back to the road later. Goodbye.
Trees	Goodbye, big bad wolf! Goodbye, big bad wolf!
Cat	Look! What beautiful flowers!
Red Riding Hood	Yes, flowers for Grandma.
Chorus	Yes, flowers for Grandma.

SCENE 3

I WANT TO EAT YOU

Grandma is in bed. The wolf comes to her house.

Wolf	Knock, knock!
Grandma	Who is it?
Wolf	It's me, Little Red Riding Hood.
Grandma	Open the door and come in.
Wolf	Where are you, Grandma?
Grandma	I'm upstairs in bed, dear. I'm ill. I can't get up.

The wolf comes in and jumps on Grandma.

Grandma	Help! Ah!
Chorus	Oh, no! Poor Grandma!
<i>The wolf eats Grandma. Then he puts on one of her nightdresses, gets into her bed and waits.</i>	



SCENE 4

SOME BREAD AND BUTTER FOR GRANDMA

Red Riding Hood Knock, knock!
Wolf Who is it?
Red Riding Hood It's me, Little Red Riding Hood.
Wolf Come upstairs, my dear.
Red Riding Hood Hello, Grandma.
Cat Look! We've got some bread and butter and flowers for you.
Wolf Thank you. Put them on the table, my dear.
Red Riding Hood Oh, Grandma, you look very strange today!
Chorus She looks very strange today!
Red Riding Hood Oh, Grandma, you've got very big eyes today!
Wolf That's because I want to see you, my dear.
Red Riding Hood Oh, Grandma, you've got very big ears today!
Wolf That's because I want to hear you, my dear.
Red Riding Hood Oh, Grandma, you've got a very big nose today!
Wolf That's because I want to smell those beautiful flowers.
Red Riding Hood Oh, Grandma, you've got a very big mouth and very big teeth!
Wolf Yes, my dear, and that's because I want to eat you!
The wolf jumps on Little Red Riding Hood and eats her.
Cat Oh, no!
Chorus Oh, no! Poor Little Red Riding Hood.

SCENE 5

GOODBYE BIG BAD WOLF

Little Red Riding Hood's father walks into Grandma's room. The wolf is sleeping.

Wolf Zhhhhhhh! Zhhhhhhh!
Father What's that strange noise?
Chorus The wolf is snoring.
Wolf Zhhhhhhh! Zhhhhhhh!
Father It isn't Grandma! It's the Wolf!
Chorus The big bad wolf!
Father It's you, Wolf! You can't run away now.
Chorus He cuts open the wolf and Little Red Riding Hood jumps out.
Father takes a knife and kills the wolf. Father cuts open the wolf and Little Red Riding Hood jumps out.
Red Riding Hood Oh, Father! Quick! Help Grandma.
Grandma jumps out.
Grandma Where's that bad wolf?
Father Everything's all right. The wolf is dead.
Everybody Goodbye, big bad wolf.

SCENE 6

LET'S HAVE A PARTY

Mother Hello everyone.
Red Riding Hood We saw the big bad wolf.
Mother Oh, no! The big bad wolf.
Cat Oh, yes! The big bad wolf.
Father The big bad wolf is dead.
Everybody Hooray! Hooray!
Grandma Let's have a party.
Red Riding Hood Yes. Let's have a party.
Chorus After that, Little Red Riding Hood always stayed on the road. And she never saw a wolf again.

