

Imagine Your Story

QUESTS AND ADVENTURES | Hansel & Gretel



Hansel & Gretel

Once upon a time there was a poor woodcutter who lived in the woods. His first wife had died, leaving him with two children to raise. He remarried, but his new wife didn't like the children. She decided to get them lost in the woods. Hansel overheard her plot, and went out and gathered white pebbles to help lead them home. The woodcutter's wife led the children into the forest and left them in a small clearing. On the way Hansel slowly dropped his white pebbles. Their stepmother said she would return for them before nightfall, but she didn't. When the moon rose in the sky, the pebbles reflected the light and Hansel led them home.

The next day, their step mother tried again, but this time Hansel didn't have time to gather pebbles, so he grabbed a loaf of bread. He slowly ripped off pieces to mark their way home. Unfortunately, the birds ate up all the crumbs, and Hansel and Gretel were lost.

They wandered in the woods until they came upon a house made entirely of candy. Hungry, they rushed up and started eating parts of the house. A woman charged out of the house and berated the children for eating her home. She invited them inside, and told them she would make them dinner. They agreed, before they realized she wanted to make *them* dinner. She locked up Hansel and fed him to fatten him up. She made Gretel do chores.

The day she decided to eat Hansel, she had Gretel stoke up a fire in her oven, and told her to hop inside to make sure it was hot enough. Gretel pretended not to understand, until the witch, in a fit of rage, jumped in herself. Gretel locked her in the oven and freed her brother.

Together, they left the witch's house and made their way home. When they got there they discovered that their stepmother had died and their father was overjoyed to see them again. And they all lived happily ever after... except the witch.

-- Retold from the Grimm Brother's *Hansel & Gretel*

Discovery Walk

Go for a walk around your neighborhood. As you walk do the following:

- Count how many trees you pass
- Collect at least three white pebbles
- Look for a bird eating lunch, can you tell what they're eating?

Build a House

You can build a house either with cardboard or with actual gingerbread. Check out the links below for instructions and ideas!

Cereal Box Gingerbread House from Innerchildfun:
<https://tinyurl.com/y78qvoef>

Easy Gingerbread House from Kitchn:
<https://tinyurl.com/y83g3gfx>

Decorate the House

Once you've built your house, now it's time to decorate! You can either use candy and frosting, or paper and markers. The sky's the limit. Just try to make it as delicious looking as possible.



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