

Apple star story

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You will need:

- A red apple
- A knife
- The Apple Star Story

Steps:

1. Discuss how water helps all living things grow, without water there would be no life!
2. Discuss – Today we will read a magical story and discover a wonderful surprise! If you have heard this story before, please keep it quiet so that the others can enjoy the surprise.
3. Read the story. Remember to have your apple ready to cut in half horizontally!
4. Discuss – How does water help the living things in the story? It is important to be careful with our precious water, because all living things need water to grow and survive.

The Apple Star Story

Once upon a time there was a little boy who had been playing with his toys and games by himself all morning long. He started feeling bored and found his Mum to ask her what he could do. “Mum, I have played by myself all morning long. Can you help me with some ideas? I don’t know what to do next!”

His mother, who was full of wonderful ideas, replied, “I know about a little red house, with no windows, and no doors, and a little star inside!” The boy’s eyes grew wide as he became curious...



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“Where do I find this little red house, with no windows, and no doors, and a star inside?”

“Well” said his mother, “you will need to go down the lane, past the farm and over the hill, and then you will find it!”

The boy started feeling excited, and he packed his things to take a walk down the lane and headed off on an adventure to find the little red house, with no windows, and no doors, and a little star inside. He packed a drink bottle and a snack, and said goodbye to his Mum, and off he went. “Come back before dinner time”, his Mum called. He walked down the lane, and he could hear a little creek trickling alongside the road. The birds were tweeting, the sun was shining, and there were little ducks splashing in the water. The boy was enjoying his walk in the afternoon sun, and as he got closer to the farm, he got more and more excited.

As he walked past the farm, he saw the farmer feeding the cows and filling up their water trough. “Hello farmer!” said the boy. “Hello there”, said the farmer, “what brings you out on this fine afternoon?”

“I am on an adventure!” said the boy, “I am off to find a little red house, with no windows, and no doors, and a little star inside!....Do you know where I might find it?”

“Oh no, I’m sorry, I have never seen a little red house, with no windows, and no doors, and a little star inside”, replied the farmer, “but if you ask Granny, who lives over the hill, she might be able to tell you!”



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The boy walked on, past the farm, further down the lane, up and over the hill. As the boy walked over the hill, he saw Granny watering the plants in her vegetable garden outside her cottage. “Hello Granny, can you help me? I am on an adventure! I am off to find a little red house, with no windows, and no doors, and a little star inside!....Do you know where I might find it?”

“Well that sounds like a lovely little house!”, exclaimed Granny, “But I am sorry, I don’t know where to find it....perhaps you could ask the wind? Because the wind goes everywhere, and I’m sure it can help you! Perhaps you could walk through the orchard, and make sure you listen carefully to the wind!”

The boy was starting to feel a little worried, and he wondered if his Mum might have made a mistake about the little red house. He looked up into the sky and saw the wind carrying the clouds on the breeze. Some of the clouds were becoming darker and heavier and he noticed a gentle sprinkle of rain beginning to fall from the clouds onto the orchard. The fruit trees lifted their leaves to catch the rain drops, and the rain began to soak into the ground around the trees. The boy heard a gentle sound as the wind began to blow around him and the trees, “OOOOOOOoooooWOOOOooooo, OOOOOoooooWOOOOooooo”, said the wind. The little boy listened carefully, and he thought to himself, I think the wind is trying to tell me something!”



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As the wind blew around the trees, the boy noticed the red apples in the tree above him. They were gently wobbling and shaking in the breeze, and soon, a round red apple dropped from the tree, gently falling onto the grass in front of him.

The boy knelt down, and looked carefully at the apple. **(lift up the apple to show the children)**

He noticed that the apple was little, and red, and then he realised something wonderful!!!
(turn the apple around for the children to observe)

The boy smiled, and tucked the apple in his pocket, and then he began to run home to his mother. Back through the orchard he ran, with the gentle rain sprinkling on the trees and the grass. Back past Granny's cottage where Granny was digging some vegetables for her dinner. Over the hill he ran, past the farm where the farmer was feeding the cows and filling their water troughs, down the lane and past the ducks in the trickling creek, until he reached his house. He burst through the door.

"Mum, Mum!" he called, "I think I found a little red house, it has no windows, it has no doors, but I'm not sure if it has a little star inside it?"

The boy's Mum smiled and gently took the apple from him, and very carefully, she sliced it in half **(cut the apple in half horizontally)**.



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The boy looked at his Mum, his eyes wide in wonder – for he could see it! The little star! Inside the little red house, with no windows, and no doors, was a beautiful little star!

The boy smiled, “I found it! I found it! I found the little red house, with no windows, and no doors, and a little star inside”. And not only had he found the star, he had enjoyed an adventure, he had heard the trickling creek and felt the gentle breeze and the sprinkling rain, and he had seen how water helps all living things to grow and survive. Without the water for the tree there would be no beautiful red apple.

Water is precious and we must all work together to save water, for all living things.

