



Little Red Riding Hood

A String Puppet Production of Bits N Pieces Puppet Theatre

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Before the Show



Read the story synopsis and describe the show to your class.

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD A Synopsis of the Fairytale

Something good is always cooking in Mama Hood's kitchen. Today Little Red and her Brother Blue are baking Shorten' Bread to take to old Grannie Hood. Mama tells Little Red to "Take the Basket of Goodies to Grannie's house. Take the path, then come straight home. It gets dark early, so don't stop to play in the woods alone!" Little Red says she knows what to do, she makes good grades and helps people too.

On her way to Grannie's House, Little Red takes just one step off the forest path and she is LOST! Then she makes the mistake of talking to a STRANGER! Now Little Red and her Grannie too could be in DANGER.

Hungry Mister Wolf then ran ahead to the house of Little Red's Grannie. He tricks the old woman, catches her and locks her in a cupboard. Its Little Red Riding Hood the old wolf wants for dinner! KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK! At the door. "Come in", says the bad old wolf dressed like a Grandma lying in the bed. "How strange you look" says Little Red. "STEP CLOSER DEAR" was the snarl. "And what big teeth you have!" says Little Red. "The better to Gobble you Up!", said the Wolf whose teeth clacked SNAP, SNAP SNAP!

Little Red Riding Hood would certainly have been eaten by the wolf if she had not taken Tai Kwon Dou classes!

Little Red chased the wolf away and Grannie lived for many a happy day.

About Author Charles Perrault 1608-1703

Charles Perrault is known as the first writer for children. His book, THE MOTHER GOOSE TALES, was published in 1697 and included LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD. Even though his stories were often retellings of European oral folk tales, his versions have become the ones known by people today.

ABOUT MARIONETTES

What to Look for



Solo artist, puppeteer and storyteller Holli Rubin uses marionettes to bring his story to life on stage. These marionettes are made of wood and plaster and fabric. Some of the marionettes are “French” with strings, and some marionettes are “Czech” with wires instead. In addition to the performance Holli also presents an illustrated demonstration of the marionette’s historical development. During the performance Holli allows the audience to see the “manipulation technique” of the puppets and the “backstage” workings of the theatre.

Puppetry uses movement and sound effects to enhance the storytelling.

Six marionettes are animated on stage with dramatic action movement and precision.

During the puppetry demonstration the audience is invited to participate with words, sounds and movement.

Memory and Recall

Which of these were NOT in our Little Red Riding Hood puppet show?
Circle the answers.

FROG

CAR

TREES

TV

WOLF

PUPPETS

HOUSE

CAT

BALLOON

BASKET

BED

HAT

Memory
Answers
Frog
TV
Car
Car
Balloon

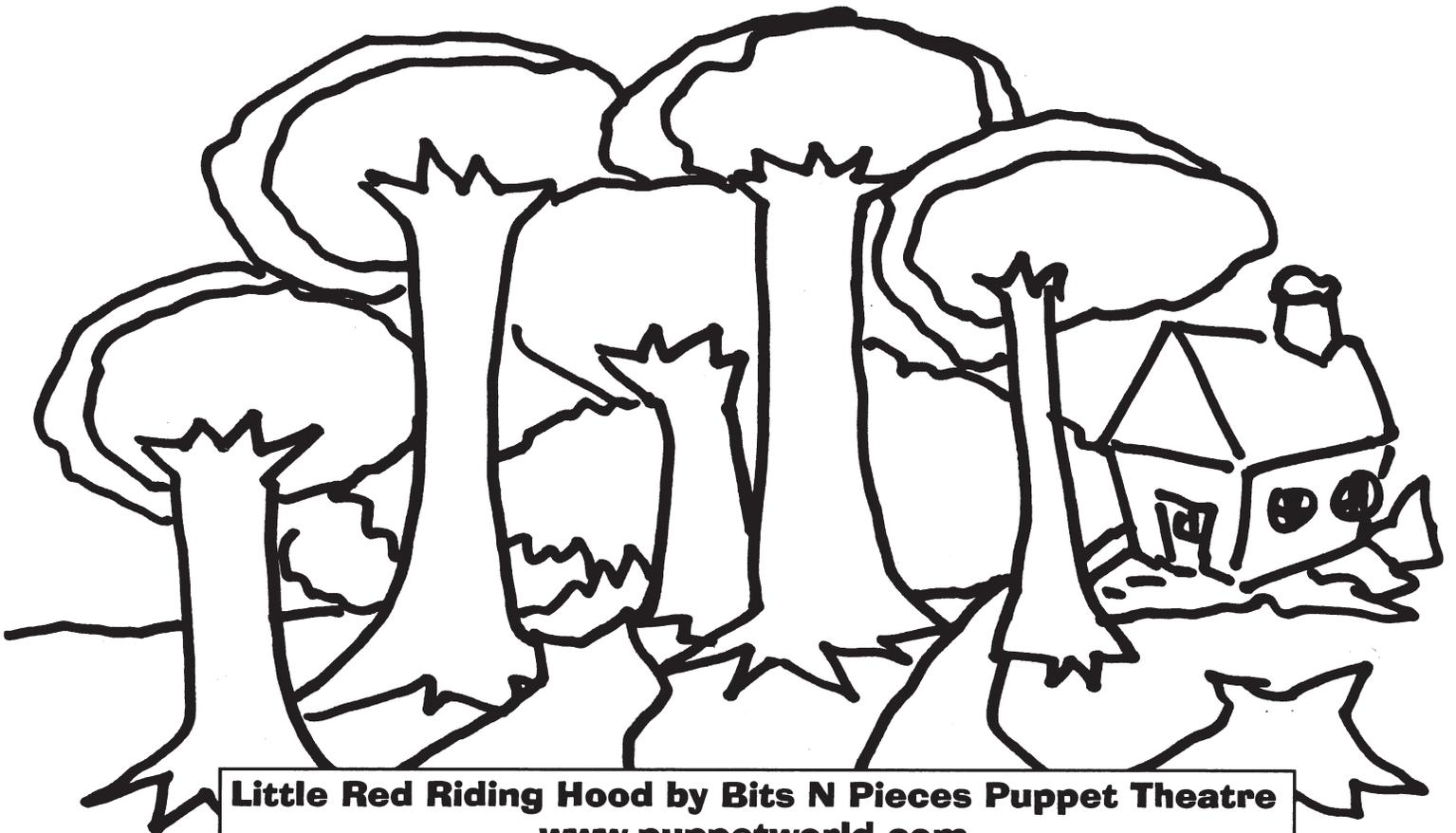
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Crossword Answers
1. Finger
2. String/Shadow
3. Rod
4. Giant
5. Hand



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LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD

Did you know it only takes eight different letters
to spell the name of our play?

1. Can you find these letters in the title to our play?
2. Circle the letters you find in different colors.
3. Now, count and write how many you find.

T _____

I _____

E _____

O _____

L _____

D _____

R _____

H _____

G _____

N _____

Is every letter circled? Keep going until you've found them all.

Little Red's Favorite Shortbread

A Perfect Present for Grandma and for Someone You Love Too

Make Baking a Learning Opportunity

- ✦ Discuss where butter comes from. Have children touch and taste the butter wrapper. This is a good time to also talk about where flour and salt come from. Have children taste a drop of honey and compare it to the other ingredients. Discuss where honey comes from.
- ✦ How does the texture, smell, color or taste of the butter compare to sugar or flour? Talk about similarities and differences.
- ✦ Pay attention to and discuss how the mix changes as it is squeezed.
- ✦ Use the measuring of ingredients to discuss math. How many 1/2 cups does it take to make 1 cup or 2 cups?

SHORTBREAD

- * 2 cups butter
- * 1 cup packed brown sugar
- * 4 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).
2. Cream butter and brown sugar. Add 3 to 3 3/4 cups flour. Mix well.
3. Sprinkle board with the remaining flour. Knead for 5 minutes, adding enough flour to make a soft dough.
4. Roll to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut into 3x1 inch strips. Poke holes with fork and place on ungreased baking sheets.
5. Bake at 325 degrees F (165 degrees C) for 20 to 25 minutes.



Many variations are possible with shortbread from toppings such as sprinkles or icing to the flavors of vanilla or walnuts.

WHERE IT COMES FROM

There is general agreement shortbread originated in Scotland in the 16th Century. It was a simple recipe baked in a pan and cut into wedges. Oats were a primary ingredient then and have since been replaced by flour. In some place shortbread is called biscuit bread.

WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IT

Rich and buttery shortbread makes a tasty gift for teachers, grandparents and others PLUS it's easy for children to make. Let them make a gift card and attach a copy of this recipe so your loved ones can enjoy this dish for years to come.

Types of Puppets

Crossword Clues

ACROSS

2. These puppets are worked from above and very good for flying. In France, they say "Marionette."
5. Mr. Punch is one of these puppets. It attaches to your arm.

DOWN

1. You can put five of these puppets on one hand.
2. Even with a bright stage light you can't see this puppet, you only see its _____.
3. These European and Javanese puppets are worked from underneath with sticks.
4. One of Bits 'N Pieces' really big puppets.

