

Apple Stories and Activities

The Little House with No Doors and No Windows and a Star Inside

(Plan to have an apple and a knife ready for the ending. A plate full of apple slices is sometimes enjoyed after the story.)

Once there was a little boy who had played almost all day. He had played with all of his toys and all the games he knew, and he could not think of anything else to do. So he went to his mother who always knew the nicest things for a child to do. He said, "Mother, what shall I do now?"

His mother said, "I know about a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside. You can find it, if you look for it."

So the little boy went outside and there he met a little girl. He asked, "Do you know where there is a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside?"

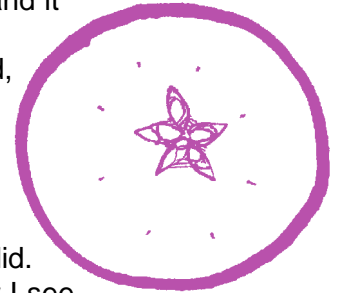
The little girl said, "No, I don't know where there is a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside, but you ask my daddy. He is a farmer and he knows lots of things. He's down by the barn and maybe he can help you."

"No, said the farmer, "I don't know, but why don't you ask grandmother. She is in her house up on the hill. She is very wise and knows many things. Maybe she can help you."

So the little boy went up the hill to Grandmother's and asked, "Do you know where there is a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside?" "No," said Grandmother, "I don't know, but you ask the wind, for the wind goes everywhere, and I am sure he can help you."

So the little boy went outside and asked the wind, "Do you know where I can find a little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside?" And the wind said, "OHHHHH! OOOOOOO! OOOOOOO!" And it sounded to the little boy as if the wind said, "Come with me." So the little boy ran after the wind. He ran through the grass and into the orchard, and there on the ground he found the little house...the little red house with no doors and no windows and a star inside! He picked it up, and it filled both his hands. He ran home to his mother and said, "Look Mother! I found the little red house with no doors and no windows, but I cannot see the star!"

So, this is what his mother did. [cut apple horizontally] "Now I see **the star!**" said the little boy. [ask children] DO YOU?



Apple Book

Cut out an apple shape out of different colors: green, blue, yellow, orange, purple, brown and red. Punch holes in upper left side of apple and attach with ring.

Tell the following story while flipping pages of the Apple Book to correspond with the color spoken about.

There was a beautiful red apple getting ready for Rosh Hashanah. The night before Rosh Hashanah, the apple got very hungry, so it went to the refrigerator. It ate a cucumber and turned green...but it was still hungry. It ate a plate of blueberries and turned blue...but it was still hungry. It ate a banana and turned yellow...but it was still hungry. It ate an orange and turned orange...but it was still hungry. It ate a bunch of grapes and turned purple...but it was still hungry. It ate a big piece of chocolate cake and turned brown...but it was still hungry. It ate a big, beautiful red apple, turned red and was ready for Rosh Hashanah.

Circle Time Activity

