

STORY GUIDE

Hansel and Gretel

Original story by: The Brothers Grimm

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morals and themes

Responsibility, Growing up, Adventure

general comprehension questions

- Where does the story take place?
- Who are the characters?
- Who is your favorite character and why?
- Which character don't you like and why?
- What are the problems the characters face?
- How do they solve these problems?
- How does the story end?
- What lesson does this story teach you?

discussion questions

- Why did Hansel and Gretel's step mother want to get rid of them? Do you think her plan is fair?
- Hansel and Gretel were all alone in the forest. How do you think they felt?
- What was the first thing Hansel and Gretel did when they saw the Gingerbread House? Do you think that was nice?
- Hansel tried to save his sister by laying a track of bread crumbs to their house. Gretel, though, saved the two of them by killing the witch. Which one do you think was more courageous? Explain your answer.
- Hansel and Gretel are excellent siblings. Who do you play and help the most with in your family? Explain how you make a great pair like the characters from our story.
- Even though their father initially tried to get rid of them, Hansel and Gretel shared their riches with him. What does this tell you about their family?

extension questions

- What other stories does this remind you of?
- How does this story relate to your own life?
- Write an alternate ending for the story.
- Write your own version of what happens next.

research activity

Use the internet or library to research gingerbread houses.

- Can you find any pictures that you really like?
- What do people use to decorate their houses?
- Bonus: Go make your own gingerbread house
(Hint: Look at the Speakaboos recipe section for some advice!)

notes on this adaptation

The Speakaboos version of this classic tale tries to portray the great friendship and love that Hansel and Gretel have for each other. The two siblings compliment each other perfectly and we tried to highlight this connection.