

STORY GUIDE

The Golden Goose

Original story by: The Brothers Grimm

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morals and themes

Sharing, Be Yourself

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

- What does Dummling want to do at the beginning of the story? Why doesn't his family allow it?
- What did his parents do to discourage him? Do you think this was a good idea?
- Why did Dummling decide to share his food with the old man?
- What was special about the Golden Goose?
- Why do you think all the people got stuck to the Golden Goose? What might the goose have symbolized?
- What did the king and the princess like about Dummling?

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 gold.
- Is gold always the color yellow?
 - How much does a bar of gold weigh?
 - Where is the most gold stored in the world?

notes on this adaptation

The story of The Golden Goose has some very interesting and complex moral implications. Though at first the three sisters become stuck to the goose as a seeming punishment for their greedy intentions, others become stuck with outwardly good intentions. Though the minister, deacon and workers are trying to help, the fact that they become stuck to the goose shows that they also want something for themselves, be it the minister's desire to scold the young women or the praise gained from helping somebody else.