



Cast



Narrator 1



Aunt



Father



Witch



Narrator 2



Hansel



Gretel

Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.

Narrator 1:

Hansel and Gretel lived with their father and aunt in a little house near a forest.

Narrator 2:

Their father cut wood to get money, but he was very poor. They were all very hungry.

Father:

There is no more money. There is no more food for us to eat.

Aunt:

Then Hansel and Gretel cannot live here. We must leave them in the forest.

Father:

No. We can't do that.

Aunt:

But we must do it.

Narrator 1:

Hansel and Gretel were in their bedroom, but they heard everything.

Hansel:

I have an idea.

Narrator 2:

He went outside to get some stones.

Narrator 1:

The next day, they all went into the forest. Hansel put the stones on the path.

- Father:** Wait here. We want to get some wood.
- Narrator 2:** Hansel and Gretel waited all day. Then, they found all the stones on the path and walked home.
- Narrator 1:** Hansel and Gretel's father was happy to see them, but their aunt was very angry.
- Aunt:** There isn't enough food for all of us. We must take Hansel and Gretel back into the forest.
- Father:** No! I don't want to do that.
- Aunt:** We have to do it. This time, they mustn't come home.
- Narrator 2:** Hansel and Gretel's aunt closed the door and used the key. Hansel and Gretel couldn't get out of the house. Hansel couldn't find any stones.
- Narrator 1:** The next day, they all went back into the forest. This time, Hansel left some bread on the path.
- Father:** Wait here. We want to get some wood.
- Narrator 2:** Hansel and Gretel waited all day. Then, they looked for the bread on the path.
- Narrator 1:** But there was no bread.
- Gretel:** The birds ate it.
- Narrator 2:** Hansel and Gretel couldn't get home.
- Narrator 1:** Hansel and Gretel went into the forest. They walked for many hours.
- Narrator 2:** In the middle of the forest, they found a house made of candies and cake. They wanted to eat it.

- Narrator 1:** A witch lived in the house made of candies and cake. She wanted to eat Hansel and Gretel.
- Narrator 2:** She put Hansel in a cage, and gave him lots of food.
- Witch:** I want him to get fat. Then, I want to cook him in my fire, and eat him.
- Gretel:** Where is your fire?
- Witch:** Here.
- Narrator 1:** She showed the oven to Gretel.
- Gretel:** I can't see the fire.
- Narrator 2:** The witch opened the oven door.
- Gretel:** No, I can't see the fire.
- Narrator 1:** The witch opened the oven door as much as she could. Gretel pushed her into the oven, and closed the door!

