



Cast



Narrator



Robin Hood



Priest



Michael



Squire



Ralph



Richard Malbete



Tull

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: A young squire was leading some men through Sherwood Forest. A priest rode next to him.

Priest: Where is the outlaw? I've been on this horse for many hours.

Squire: He'll find us.

Narrator: A tall man appeared. A group of men followed him.

Squire: You must be Robin Hood. My name's Robert. I'm King Richard's squire. Here's a letter from him.

Narrator: Robin took the letter.

(Robin reads the letter.)

Robin Hood: "Robin, be careful. There are spies in the forest who are working for Sir Guy of Gisbourne. These men are looking for your camp in the forest. King Richard."

Robin Hood:
(to the squire) Please thank King Richard for this information.

Narrator: Later that day, Robin was walking through the forest when an enormous man came out of the trees.

(Richard Malbete arrives with a letter in his hand.)

Narrator: Robin tried to put an arrow in his bow, but the man was faster than him. He hit Robin hard with a huge stick, and the outlaw fell down.

Robin Hood: Michael! Ralph! Help me!

Narrator: Two young men hurried to Robin, and the enormous man ran away.

Robin Hood: Go after him, but be careful. He may be one of Gisbourne's spies.

Narrator: The two outlaws ran after the enormous man, and pulled him down on the ground.

Ralph: You shall explain to Robin Hood why you hit him.

Richard Malbete: I have something for Robin Hood.

Narrator: He threw some stones in Michael and Ralph's faces, and ran away.

(Michael and Ralph return to Robin Hood.)

Michael: The man escaped, but he dropped this letter on the ground.

(Michael hands the letter to Robin.)

Michael: You should read it first.

Robin Hood: This letter is from Guy of Gisbourne.
"Dear Sheriff of Nottingham,
This is Richard Malbete, who is a clever man.
Please burn this letter when you have read it, because no one must know that he is going to work for us.
Guy of Gisbourne"

Robin Hood: Malbete is guilty of many terrible crimes. If King Richard hears about this, he won't be happy. Malbete will be frightened now, because we have the letter.

Michael: Malbete is a very bad man.

Robin Hood: That is true. We must stop him.

Narrator: Robin whistled quietly, and a boy appeared.

(Tull appears.)

Robin Hood: Follow Malbete, Tull. Tell us where he goes.

Tull: Yes, sir.

Narrator: The young outlaw ran into the forest, and Robin and the men went back to the camp.

(Tull returns.)

Robin Hood: Where has Malbete gone?

Tull: He's gone to Nottingham, sir.

Robin Hood: That's interesting. Tell me, has my friend the potter reached Nottingham yet?

Tull: No, sir. He's at an inn near to the city. He is eating and saying bad things about the Normans.

Robin Hood:
(laughing) Ralph and Michael, please visit the potter. Tell him I want to borrow his clothes, pots, and horse and cart. I must go to the market, but I want people to think that I am him.

Michael: We'll go to him immediately.