



Cast



Narrator 1



Narrator 2



Mrs. Gregg



Mr. Gregg



Philip



William

Non-speaking



Four ducks

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:

Mr. Gregg and Philip and William went out again to shoot some ducks.

Narrator 2:

In the first hour, they shot ten birds. In the next hour, they shot another six.

Narrator 1:

Then, they saw four more ducks.

Narrator 2:

They tried to shoot these ducks, too, but they **COULD NOT** kill them. It was very strange—but they could not hit them.

Narrator 1:

The Greggs tried again and again, but the ducks did not stop flying around their heads.

Narrator 2:

The next morning, things got stranger. When Mr. Gregg woke up, he could not feel his hands.

Narrator 1:

He jumped out of bed and saw that he was a very small man now. He did not have arms—he had wings!

Narrator 2:

Then, Mrs. Gregg jumped out of bed. She was also very small now, and she had wings, too.

Mrs. Gregg:

What's happened to us?

- Narrator 1:** Philip and William flew into Mr. and Mrs. Gregg's room—and they were REALLY small.
- Philip and William:** Look at us! We can fly!
- Narrator 2:** Then, they flew out of the window.
- Narrator 1:** Mr. and Mrs. Gregg followed them, and soon all the Greggs were flying around together.
- The Greggs:** This is lovely!
- Philip:** Look! Someone is in our garden!
- Narrator 2:** They all looked down, and they saw four very big ducks. The ducks were as big as men, and they had arms, not wings. They went into the Greggs' house and closed the door.
- Mrs. Gregg:** They've taken our house!
- Narrator 1:** She began to cry.
- Mrs. Gregg:** Where are we going to sleep?
- Mr. Gregg:** Don't cry. We can build a nest!
- Narrator 2:** The Greggs flew to the top of a tall tree.
- Mr. Gregg:** Now, bring lots of sticks and leaves.
- Narrator 1:** They worked very hard, and they built a beautiful nest.
- Mrs. Gregg:** It's lovely! Oh, but what can we have for dinner?
- Mr. Gregg:** We'll fly into our house through an open window and get some biscuits.

- Narrator 2:** They arrived at the house, but all the windows and doors were closed.
- (There is a duck in the kitchen.)*
- Mrs. Gregg:** Look at that duck in our kitchen!
- (There is another duck holding Mr. Gregg's gun.)*
- Mr. Gregg:** Look at that duck with my gun!
- (There is a duck in William's bed.)*
- William:** There's a duck in my bed!
- (A fourth duck is playing with Philip's train.)*
- Philip:** A duck is playing with my toy train!
- Narrator 1:** The Gregg's flew back to their nest.
- Philip and William:** What are we going to eat NOW?
- Mr. Gregg:** We have lots of apples in our garden! We can eat apples! Come on!
- Narrator 2:** It is not easy to eat an apple without hands, but they all had a few bites. Then, they flew back to the nest and tried to sleep.