

Little Red Riding Hood

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Safety Awareness, Following Directions

Book Brief: A classic tale about a young girl who learns an important lesson about listening to warnings and being cautious when she meets a cunning wolf on her way to Grandmother's house.

BEFORE READING

The Cover: Ask students to make a prediction about the story based on the cover and title.

The Pictures: Take a quick picture walk and ask students what they notice about the illustrations.

Prior Knowledge: Ask, "Have you ever been told to be careful around strangers? Why is it important to listen to warnings from grown-ups?" (Optional: Think-Pair-Share)

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Where is Little Red Riding Hood going?
- What does her mother tell her before she leaves?
- Who does Little Red Riding Hood meet in the woods?
- What trick does the wolf use?
- How does the story end?

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: "What important details from the story help us understand what happened? What lesson does this story teach us?"

Extending Our Thinking: Ask students, "What were the important details or clues in the story that showed the wolf was dangerous?" Guide students to identify specific details (big eyes, big ears, big teeth). Have students create a "Story Details Chart" with two columns: draw or write one important thing Little Red Riding Hood's mother said, and one important thing that happened when she didn't listen. Students can share their charts and practice answering the question: "Why did Little Red Riding Hood get into trouble?" using details from the story.

If your students enjoyed this book...

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 - [The True Story of the Three Little Pigs](#)
 - [Rapunzel](#)
 - [Snow White](#)



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Think Aloud: "Little Red Riding Hood's mother told her to stay on the path and not talk to strangers. But what did Little Red Riding Hood do? She stopped to talk to the wolf. That's an important detail that helps us understand what happened next."