

STONE SOUP

NARRATOR: Many years ago there were three travelers who arrived to a small village. Their names were Ivan, Benny, and Miolka. They were tired and hungry because they had traveled for many, many days. They were happy when they saw the village, and they only thought about eating and resting from their long walk.

IVAN: My dear friends, I am sure that the people in town will share their food with us if we tell them how much we have walked.

BENNY: I feel so good now that we are here, but I'm so hungry that I feel like I have a hole in my stomach!.

NARRATOR: Ivan knocked at the door.

WOMAN: Who is it?.

IVAN: We are three travelers. We are on our way home. Would you like to share your food with us, kind woman?.

WOMAN: Food?. No, I can't. I have nothing to share with you.

IVAN, BENNY, MIOLKA: Thank you.

NARRATOR: Ivan knocked at another door.

IVAN: Good afternoon.

MAN: What do you want?

IVAN: We would like something to eat. We are travelers on our way home. We have walked a long distance and we are very hungry.

MAN: (looking through the window) I have nothing to give you.

NARRATOR: Ivan knocked at another door, but he received the same answer. Nobody opened the door to give them some food.

BENNY: These people are so selfish!

MIOLKA: They don't like to share with others!

IVAN: Let's give them a lesson. We will teach them how to cook a stone soup!

BENNY AND MIOLKA: That's a good idea.

NARRATOR: Some villagers were looking through their windows waiting for them to leave the village.

OLD MAN: What are they waiting for?. They should leave!.

OLD WOMAN: We don't want strangers in our town!.

NARRATOR: Meanwhile the three strangers put a fire in the middle of the street. Then they took a big iron pot they found somewhere.

BENNY: Let's go to the river to get some water.

IVAN: (shouting) Yes, and don't forget to bring some stones for the soup... but choose the best... round and tasty!.

NARRATOR: Later, Benny and Miolka came back with the stones and put them inside the pot.

IVAN, BENNY, MIOLKA: This soup will taste good!.

NARRATOR: The people from town who were watching them all the time came out from their houses and went near the fire.

MAN 2: What are you doing?.

BENNY: Oh, we are doing a stone soup.

MAN 2: Stone soup?. I never heard of that kind of soup.

IVAN: You have never tasted the stone soup?. Ah, then join us to have dinner so you can taste it. Friends!. Today we have a special guest for dinner. We should put more stones to the soup.

BENNY: Very well. Excuse me, kind man. Do you have a spoon?. We need it to make the soup.

MAN 2: Yes, Yes. Let me go get it.

MIOLKA: You are very generous.

NARRATOR: Then a woman went near to see what was happening.

WOMAN 2: What are you doing?.

BENNY: We are making a stone soup.

WOMAN 2: And, did you take the stones from our river?.

BENNY: Yes, we did. And this soup smells good!.

WOMAN 2: I don't smell anything. But to tell you the truth, I am very hungry.

NARRATOR: Then the man with the spoon came back, and also brought his plate. Benny tasted the soup, and said.

BENNY: Mmmm, it's so delicious!. It only needs an onion.

WOMAN 2: I have an onion at home, let me go get it.

MIOLKA: Very good!. The soup will taste better. And also bring your plate and have dinner with us.

NARRATOR: The woman left running, and soon came back with some onions. After a while, Benny tasted the soup.

BENNY: Mmm it's so delicious!. I think we also need some carrots.

NARRATOR: Another man that was also in the crowd watching said.

MAN 3: I will bring some carrots.

NARRATOR: Then the man came with the carrots. Benny put the carrots in the pot and tasted it again.

BENNY: Mmm this soup is getting better. Now it is time to put some potatoes.

NARRATOR: Another woman that was in the crowd watching said.

WOMAN 3: I have some potatoes!. I'll be back in a minute!.

NARRATOR: When the woman came back, Benny put the potatoes inside the pot.

IVAN: No!. that's too many potatoes, the soup will not taste good!.

BENNY: We can still fix it. How about if we add some meat?.

NARRATOR: Another man that was in the crowd said.

MAN 4: I have some meat at home! I will go and get it.

NARRATOR: Then the man brought the meat and Ivan put it inside the pot. While the soup was cooking, some people from the village asked the three travelers if everybody could cook the stone soup.

IVAN: Sure! It only needs some water, stones, and a little bit of hunger.

NARRATOR: After a while the soup started to smell really delicious.

IVAN: The stones in your village are so delicious!. This soup will taste really good!. Bring your plate so we can all share this soup.

NARRATOR: And everybody in the village enjoyed a wonderful dinner while Ivan, Benny, and Miolka talked about their journey, and about all the places they had visited.