

## The Round Red House

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*This is a story that the children will enjoy helping you tell. Encourage them to repeat these words with you as you tell the story.*

"A round red house, with no windows and no doors, a chimney on top and a star inside."

*Tell this story with an apple for a demonstration. Begin by telling the story, and at the end of the story when the mother is cutting into the apple, do the same. Cut the apple across the middle so the stem is on one side, so that the class may view the star inside. This is crosswise from the direction an apple is normally cut.*

**Teacher Note:** *Have the apple and knife in a bag out of the sight of the children until time to cut open the apple*

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Once upon a time there was a little girl named Dorothy who was tired of playing with her toys. "What can I do today?" she asked her mother. Her mother thought for a while and said, "Dorothy, why don't you go for a walk, it's a beautiful day. While you are on your walk you can look for..."

*A round red house, with no windows and no doors, a chimney on top and a star inside."*

Dorothy thought that sounded like fun and she asked, "Which way should I go? I don't know where to find..."

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"Go down the road past the farmer's house," said her mother, "and then hurry back as soon as you can and tell me what you find."

Dorothy started out. She hadn't gone very far when she saw **Mr. Pig**. "Hello, Mr. Pig", she said. "Do you know where I can find..."

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"Gee Dorothy, I wish I did", said Mr. Pig, "but I don't think I've ever seen a house like that."

Dorothy walked on down the road and she saw **Ms. Goose**. "Hello, Ms. Goose", she said. "Do you know where I can find..."

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Dorothy walked on down the road and she saw **Mr. Dog**. "Hello, Mr. Dog", she said. "Do you know where I can find..."

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"Gee Dorothy, I wish I did", said Mr. Dog, "but I don't think I've ever seen a house like that."

Dorothy walked on down the road and she saw **Ms. Cat**. "Hello, Ms. Cat", she said. "Do you know where I can find..."

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"Gee Dorothy, I wish I did", said Ms. Cat, "but I don't think I've ever seen a house like that, but you might go see Mr. Owl. He's very wise and maybe he can help you."

Dorothy walked on down the road until she found **Mr. Owl**. "Hello, Mr. Owl", she said. "Do you know where I can find..."

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"Whoooo, me?" asked Mr. Owl. "Maybe you should ask **Ms. Worm**. The last time I saw her she was in the apple orchard".

Dorothy walked on down the road until she came to the apple orchard. There she found Ms. Worm boring her way into a big red apple. Oh, Dorothy thought, that red apple could be a house. The stem could be a chimney. The apple doesn't have any windows or doors. "Ms. Worm," called Dorothy, "could there be a star in the middle of that apple?" Ms. Worm laughed. "I don't know, but you can take a big red apple home to your mother and ask her." "Thank you," said Dorothy and she took an apple and went home.

Dorothy's mother said, "You have found a round red house with no windows and no doors, a chimney on top but where is the star?" Her mother took a knife (AT A THIS POINT, START CUTTING AN APPLE CROSSWISE) and cut the apple through the center. "There it is," said Dorothy, because there inside the apple, was a star holding five brown seeds.