

1. Jack and the Worry Dolls

Jack worries about many things. He worries about shoes, clouds, rain, and even giant animals. His dad and mom try to help. They always say, “Don’t worry. Nothing can hurt you.” Jack still worries. He can’t sleep. His grandma comes to help. Grandma holds something in her hand. She says, “These are worry dolls. Tell each one of them your worries and put them under your pillow. They will do all the worrying for you. You can sleep well.” Jack feels happy. He holds the worry dolls. He tells all his worries to them. The first night, he sleeps like a log. The next night, he tells all his worries to the dolls again. He sleeps like a stone. His dad and mom feel happy for him. But the night after that, Jack worries again. He thinks, “I give all the worries to the worry dolls. They must be so worried. It is not fair.” Jack has an idea. He works all day at the kitchen table. It is difficult work. At first he makes a lot of mistakes. He starts again many times. Finally, Jack makes something special. Guess what? Jack makes some worry dolls for the worry dolls. That night, Jack and all the worry dolls sleep very well. After that Jack never worries about things and his friends don’t worry about things, either. Why? Because Jack makes worry dolls for all of them.

2. Larry and Mary

Larry and Mary are brother and sister. Their dad is a woodcutter. One night, Mom tells Dad, “We have no more food.” Dad feels worried. Larry goes to his sister and says, “Mary, wake up. We have no more food.” Mary cries and asks, “What can we do?” They plan to go to the forest to get more wood for their dad. They walk into the forest. It’s quiet. Mary is scared. She asks, “Can we find the way home?” Larry has an idea. He drops some bread on the ground to help them find the way home. But the birds eat up all the bread. They don’t know how to get back home. They are lost in the forest. They feel hungry. They see a cookie house and go inside. They eat the chocolate window and candy door. A witch comes in and shouts, “How dare you?” She grabs Mary and puts her in a cage. The witch wants to eat Mary so she tells Larry to light a fire. She asks Larry, “Is the stove hot?” Larry says, “Please come and check.” The witch looks into the stove and Larry pushes her inside. The witch is on fire. Larry helps Mary out of the cage. They run away together. On their way home, they see their dad and mom. They find more and more wood together. They work together and make more money. After that, they live a happy life.

3. The Three Monkeys

Three monkeys live together. Baby Monkey likes to eat and play. Sister Monkey likes to sing and dance. Brother Monkey likes to run and jump. Today is Father's Day. They want to give their father gifts. Baby Monkey says, "I want to give Dad some flowers." Sister Monkey says, "Good idea! I want to give Dad some bananas." Brother Monkey says, "Cool! I want to give Dad some stones." Before they go to the forest, Mommy Monkey tells them, "A scary monster lives under the bridge. Be careful of the monster. He is big and mean." Daddy Monkey says, "Be smart, don't let the monster hurt you." As the monkeys walk by, the monster sees them and he thinks, "I'm so hungry. I want to eat a monkey." He sees Baby Monkey walking on the bridge. He jumps up and gets him. Baby Monkey says, "Don't eat me. Here comes my sister. She's big and pretty. You can eat her." The monster agrees and waits there. Sister Monkey comes and the monster gets her. She says, "Don't eat me. Here comes my brother. He is tall and strong. You can eat him." The monster says, "Great!" He sees Brother Monkey and tries to get him. Brother Monkey is very brave. He trips the monster and the monster falls off the bridge and splashes into the water. Now, Baby Monkey can get some flowers, Sister Monkey can get some bananas, and Brother Monkey can get some stones. After getting their gifts, they return home happily and shout, "Happy Father's Day! Here are gifts for you." Daddy gets some flowers, bananas and stones. They are all very happy.