



The Apple Dumpling— A Story from England

CURRICULUM IDEAS for parents and teachers

Math

- Research current costs of items in this story to see how many of one would be need for fair exchanges.
- Weigh different items in this story. Which basket load was heaviest? Lightest?

Reading

- Read other English folk tales. Visit www.mainlesson.com/display.php?author=steel&book=english&story=_contents for links to folk tales online.
- Read Beatrix Potter, J.K. Rowling, C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkein, A.A. Milne, and other English authors.

Writing

- If you were the woman in this story, which exchange would you have kept and why? Write about it.
- Write your own sequential story of sharing something you have...and ending up with something you need.

Science

- Experiment with different baskets to see which would hold all the loads in this story.
- Make apple dumplings, using scientific tasks of measuring, observing chemical changes, and using senses.

Geography

- Research England to find where this story could have taken place (plum and apple trees, etc.)

Music

- Learn about British anthems by visiting links at www.know-britain.com (in General Index section).

Art

- Paint prints with plums, feathers, flowers, a chain, and an apple.
- Make a clay teapot.
- Make Christmas crackers. See a link for instructions at www.dltk-kids.com/crafts/xmas/Christmas_crackers.htm.

Culture

- "Take tea" together. Drink tea and eat "biscuits" — cookies.
- Try a game of conkers. See a link for instructions at <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/conker/archive/conkers.htm>.
- www.britainexpress.com has lots of information. Click on Culture under Heritage on the sidebar.
- www.know-britain.com offers information about different aspects of British life. Click on General Index.

Treasure Bearer

- Give something of yours to a sibling or friend.
- Be generous with smiles, hugs, or greetings to others.
- Instead of throwing away toys or clothes, find someone to give them to, or take them to a shelter.