

Lockdown Tales Activities



The Little Red Hen

A folk tale

Read for Wonderful Beast's Lockdown Tales by Dame Penelope Wilton, with original music by Sylvia Hallett.



In the folk tale *The Little Red Hen*, the hen plants, cuts, grinds and bakes her wheat to make bread.

Her farm friends, the sleepy cat, the lazy pig and the stuck-up duck, won't help her do any of the work, but they would really like to share her delicious bread!

Do you think they deserved a piece of the bread? What would you have done if you were the little red hen?

Can you make a picture of the farmyard animals lying about while the little red hen is busy doing something like planting or baking?

How many different words can you find that mean sleepy, lazy, stuck-up or busy?

You could make up a poem or a song with words like this. Start with the chorus. Use members of your family to be one of the animals and to say or sing their line each time it's their turn. You could be the Little Red Hen. Or, use the song here and make up your own tune for it.

Chorus

I'm a **sleepy** cat - miaow, miaow
I'm a **lazy** pig - snort, snort
I'm a **stuck-up** duck - quack, quack
I'm a **busy little** Red Hen - cluck, cluck, cluck

[Verse 1] I must **plant the grain**

Who will help?
Not I said the cat,
Not I said the pig,
Not I said the duck
Cos...*(all together)*

Chorus

[2] I must **cut the stalks**

Who will help?
Not I said the cat,
Not I said the pig,
Not I said the duck
Cos...

Chorus

[3] I must **beat the wheat**
Who will help?

Not I said the cat,
Not I said the pig,
Not I said the duck
Cos...

Chorus

[4] I must **carry the wheat**
Who will help?

Not I said the cat,
Not I said the pig,
Not I said the duck

Chorus

The miller has ground the wheat!

[5] I must **bake the flour**
Who will help?

Not I said the cat,
Not I said the pig,
Not I said the duck
Cos...

Chorus

It's time to eat the bread
Who will eat?

I will said the cat
I will said the pig
I will said the duck

No you won't! Cos...

*You're a sleepy cat - miaow, miaow
You're a lazy pig - snort, snort
You're a stuck-up duck - quack, quack
My chicks and I will eat the bread - cluck, cluck, cluck*

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