Hansel and Gretel

Once upon a time, there lived 2 children called Hansel and Gretel. They lived with their father and stepmother in a house in the woods. Their father was a woodcutter. The woodcutter was very poor. He could no longer provide food for his family. One night, his wife suggested that they take the children into the forest and leave them there. Hansel and Gretel overheard what their stepmother had said. They were very sad.

Hansel crept outside and found some white pebbles. They shone brightly in the moonlight. He filled his pockets with the pebbles and crept back inside.

The next morning, they all went for a walk in the forest. As they walked, Hansel dropped the pebbles along the path.

They went further and further into the forest. Hansel and Gretel grew tired, so the woodcutter made a fire and told them to rest here.

When they awoke, they were all alone. But Hansel's plan had worked! They could follow the stones all the way home.

When they arrived home the woodcutter was overjoyed! However, their stepmother was very cross. Later that night, she told the woodcutter that he must get rid of the children again.

The next day, the stepmother gave Hansel and Gretel two slices of bread for their breakfast. They set out into the forest again.

This time, they walked a lot further into the heart of the forest. As they walked along, Hansel dropped breadcrumbs along the path. When the children were tired, the woodcutter told them to gather wood so that he could build them a fire. He told them to rest by the fire, and once again they fell asleep.

When they awoke, they found themselves alone again.

Hansel was not worried. He told Gretel about the breadcrumbs, but when they looked along the path they found they had been eaten by the birds and animals in the forest!