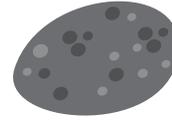


Stone Soup



One day a man arrived in a village. He was tired and very hungry, but no one wanted to share any food.

So the man went down to the river and made a fire. He put an empty pot on the fire and scooped water from the river and poured it into the pot. Then, he grabbed one big stone and dropped it into the pot.

“What are you cooking?” asked a woman from the village.

“Stone soup!” said the man. “It is delicious, but it would taste even better with peas.” The woman had a few peas in her basket, so she threw them into the pot. Just then, another stranger appeared and said, “I have a potato.” And he tossed the potato into the pot.

One by one, the villagers came out of their homes. They each carried a special ingredient for the special stone soup. A grandma brought a tomato. And a grandpa gave corn. Finally, a young woman sprinkled a bit of salt and pepper into the soup. The man gave the soup five big stirs. “It’s ready!” he announced, and gave a bowl of soup to everyone in the village. Together, they made the tastiest soup anyone had ever eaten.