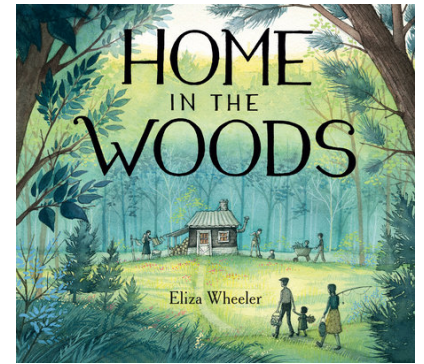




A Guide to Home in The Woods

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Let's Talk

Do you think this story is set in the past, present or future? What makes you say that?

Marvel says the shack is cold and empty like she feels. Do you see why she feels this way? Do you think she feels the same way about the cabin at the end of the story?

Mum tells the children that you never know what treasures you can find. Marvel mentions a few things that feel like treasures. Do you remember what they are, and can you name others?

Would you like to live in this home in the woods? Why or why not?

Let's Move

Wood Chopping (Standing Action Rhyme)

We are working, working hard!

Chopping firewood in the yard.

(Stomping feet moving around in a circle)

Hold the axe, grip it tight,

(Hold clenched hands together in front as if holding an axe)

Lift it up with all your might...

(lift "axe" above head)

Chopping, chopping, chop, chop, chop!

(Bring clenched hands down on each "chop")

Merrily the pieces drop.

(Clench both fists and roly-poly them round each other)

Now a bundle we shall tie

(imitate)

and stack it in the shed to dry!

(imitate)

Brother Rich writes daily chores on slips of paper and has all the siblings choose one from a hat. Think of all the tasks or jobs to be done in your classroom or at home and choose from a hat or a bowl. Make sure the chores are things you are allowed to do, maybe not splitting wood!

Play the General Store game like the children in the story made up. Use what you have or things in nature to buy and sell. Leaves, rocks, or sticks can be used for money.

Let's Create

Design your own cabin or think of your bedroom and draw a floor plan like the one on page 6. Draw where would you place your stove, bed, table, and other things.



Pair With:

The Hundred-Year Barn by Patricia MacLachlan, Illustrated by Kenard Pak

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