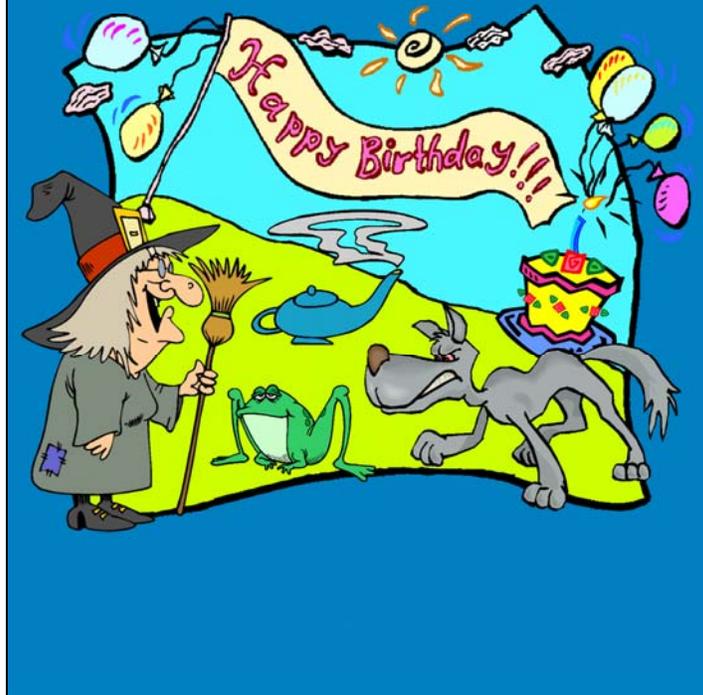


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*For Natalie—
I hope one day
all of your wishes come true.*

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CHILDREN'S COMEDY. Mother Goose throws a birthday party for the Big Bad Wolf and all the big names in the fairytale world show up: Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks, Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, Little Bo Peep, Snow White and three dwarves, Rapunzel, the Three Pigs, a witch, and even a frog prince. When Aladdin arrives with his genie, he gives the Big Bad Wolf three wishes for his birthday, and the Big Bad Wolf wishes that all the partygoers get to make one wish. Even though Mother Goose warns everyone to be careful what they wish for, no one heeds her advice and the party soon becomes a party to remember for its craziness, chaos, and calamities!

Performance Time: Approximately 30 minutes.

Characters

(6 M, 9 F, 5 flexible)

MOTHER GOOSE: Hosts the Big Bad Wolf's birthday party; speaks in rhyme; female.

BIG BAD WOLF: Wants to have an awesome birthday party; male.

GENIE: A genie who can grant three wishes; flexible.

ALADDIN: Brought the Genie as a gift for the Big Bad Wolf; male.

LITTLE BO PEEP: Little girl who is always losing her sheep; wears a dress with Velcro on one side for her sheep to stick to; female.

HUMPTY DUMPTY: Large egg that wishes his shell was as hard as a rock so it wouldn't crack; wears an egg costume with a large crack in the shell; flexible.

JACK: Clumsy kid who keeps breaking Humpty Dumpty's shell; wears a crown and carries a pail; male.

JILL: Jack's sister who likes to get water for others; carries a pail; female.

RAPUNZEL: Princess with incredibly long hair; the hair of her wig is so long that it extends offstage; wears a bald cap underneath her wig; female.

WITCH: Witch who lives in a house made of candy; has a wart on her nose and long pointy fingernails; wears a scary black cloak and hat with a clown costume underneath; female.

FROG PRINCE: Prince who has been turned into a frog; would like to be a prince again but no princess will kiss him; wears a frog costume; male.

SNOW WHITE: Princess who loves deer; female.

SNOOZY: Dwarf who loves to sleep; flexible.

GROUCHY: Dwarf who is grouchy; flexible.

SILLY: Dwarf who likes to do silly dances; flexible.

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PAULIE: Homeless pig whose house was blown down by the Big Bad Wolf; male.

PETER: Homeless pig whose house was blown down by the Big Bad Wolf; male.

PRUDENCE: Pig who lives in a brick house and lets Peter and Paulie live there rent-free; female.

RED RIDING HOOD: Brought cookies and muffins for the Big Bad Wolf instead of her grandmother; wears a red cloak and carries a basket; female.

GOLDBLOCKS: Loves birthday cake and hates porridge; female.

Costumes

Characters should wear costumes that reflect their iconic fairy tale character.

Setting

Witch's candy home.

Set

Witch's candy home. A backdrop depicting a house made of candy. The house is decorated for the Big Bad Wolf's birthday party with balloons and streamers and other décor. A large banner that reads, "Happy Birthday Big Bad Wolf" is strung across CS. There is a large table CS with six chairs. The table is covered with a tablecloth long enough so that the Genie can hide under it without being seen.

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Props

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| Cake | Sheep (stuffed animal with |
| Candle | Velcro attached) |
| Cake server | Flowery hat |
| 2 Pails | Large teacup |
| Crown, for Jack | Large letter "T" |
| Basket | Hand mirror |
| Magic lamp | 3 Bowls |
| Red clown nose, for Witch | 3 Spoons |

Special Effects

Magical sound

A candle with a flame that can be blown out can be used but is optional.

“Wishes can give you
what you adore,
But remember to always
‘Be careful what you wish for.’”

—Mother Goose

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(AT RISE: Witch's candy home. The house is decorated for a birthday party with balloons and streamers and other birthday party décor. A large banner that reads, "Happy Birthday Big Bad Wolf" is strung across CS. Mother Goose enters, carrying a cake, which she places on the table.)

MOTHER GOOSE: (Sing-song, rhyming.)

It's the Big Bad Wolf's birthday party day,
And everybody's on their way! (Places cake on table.)
The cake is baked... (Smells.) Mmmmm....I love that smell.
(To audience, nervously.) I hope that everything goes well.

(Snow White enters with three dwarves, Snoozy, Grouchy, and Silly.)

SNOW WHITE: Did someone say "well"? (Spins around, dreamily.) I especially love wishing wells, where I can sing and dream about my prince.

GROUCHY: (Crosses his arms. To Snoozy and Silly.) There she goes again...talking about her prince.

SNOOZY: (Yawns.) Maybe Snow White's prince will come one day.

SILLY: Maybe today! Maybe tomorrow! Maybe on Wednesday! Maybe next Tunesday!

GROUCHY: "Tunesday"?! There's no such thing as "Tunesday," silly. You must mean "Tuesday."

SILLY: No, I mean Tunesday, the day we all dance to some jolly tunes.

(Silly does a funny dance. Goldilocks enters with Witch and Little Bo Peep.)

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LITTLE BO PEEP: *(To Goldilocks.)* Yum! It smells good in here.

GOLDILOCKS: Yes, it does. And I'm so hungry. *(Runs over to the cake, picks up the cake server, and goes to cut the cake.)* This cake looks just right!

(Witch snatches the cake server away from Goldilocks.)

WITCH: You can't just help yourself to other people's food. Do you know what I do to little children who steal pieces of my candy house? You see, I have this wood-burning oven out back—

GOLDILOCKS: All right, I get it! I'll leave the cake alone. Now, if you don't mind, I'm a little tired and need to sit down. *(Crosses to first chair and sits.)* This chair is too hard. *(Crosses to second chair and sits.)* This chair is too soft. *(Crosses to third chair and sits.)* But this chair is—

LITTLE BO PEEP: Let me guess...just right?

GOLDILOCKS: That's right! How'd you guess?

(Jack and Jill skip on, carrying pails.)

JILL: *(To others.)* Does anyone need some water?

JACK: *(To others.)* We have our pails with us. We could fetch it for you.

MOTHER GOOSE: *(Sing-song, rhyming.)*

What a nice thought for you to think.

Our guests could use some water to drink.

JACK: I'll get it for you!

(Jack starts to rush offstage. Humpty Dumpty enters. Note: The crack in his shell is not visible to the audience.)

JILL: *(Shouts.)* Jack, watch out!

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(Jack collides with Humpty Dumpty. Humpty Dumpty turns to the audience, revealing a crack in his eggshell.)

JACK: *(Looking at crown.)* I broke my crown.

HUMPTY DUMPTY: You broke my shell! And I just had it fixed last week!

(Rapunzel enters. Her hair extends offstage.)

RAPUNZEL: *(To others.)* I picked up a few friends on my way here.

(Three pigs, Paulie, Peter, and Prudence enter, holding onto Rapunzel's hair.)

PAULIE: *(To others.)* Thank goodness Rapunzel came by, or we would have gotten lost for sure.

PETER: *(To others.)* Ever since our houses got blown down, we have all been a little mixed up.

PRUDENCE: *(To Paulie and Peter.)* Speak for yourselves! Not all of our houses were blown down. And I've been nice enough to let you stay in my brick house rent-free.

PETER: And you never let us forget it, either.

(Red Riding Hood enters, carrying a basket. Frog Prince hops in with Aladdin.)

RED RIDING HOOD: *(To others.)* I've brought some cookies and muffins for the party. I happen to know firsthand that the Big Bad Wolf is fond of baked goods.

FROG PRINCE: I thought the Big Bad Wolf was fond of grandmothers.

RED RIDING HOOD: That, too.

ALADDIN: Is everything all ready for the party, Mother Goose?

MOTHER GOOSE: *(Sing-song, rhyming.)*

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Yes, it is, and I really must say,
That the Big Bad Wolf will have a great birthday!

(Big Bad Wolf enters.)

BIG BAD WOLF: I should hope so. Because if I don't, you
know what will happen, don't you?

RED RIDING HOOD: You'll eat one of us?

BIG BAD WOLF: No. *(Pats his chest as if he has heartburn.)*
Your grandmother gave me heartburn.

PETER: You'll huff?

PAULIE: *(To Big Bad Wolf.)* And you'll puff?

PRUDENCE: *(To Big Bad Wolf.)* And you'll blow Mother
Goose's house down?

BIG BAD WOLF: No way! The last time I did that, I ended up
in a pot of boiling water, thank you very much.

PRUDENCE: *(Bows.)* You're welcome.

BIG BAD WOLF: I know I haven't been very nice in the past,
but I'm a changed wolf. I promise.

SNOW WHITE: I know that, Mr. Wolf. All of the animals in
the forest are kind and gentle creatures.

GOLDILOCKS: Not all of them! The three bears I met weren't
very nice.

WITCH: That's because you ate their food, broke their chairs,
and slept in their beds!

GOLDILOCKS: *(Guiltily.)* That's true...

MOTHER GOOSE: *(Sing-song, rhyming.)*

The Big Bad Wolf seems mean at first glance,
But everyone deserves a second chance.

FROG PRINCE: I couldn't agree more. In fact, I need a second
chance to be a prince again. *(Crosses to Rapunzel.)* I just need
a princess to give me a kiss, and then all of this slimy green
skin will disappear, revealing the handsome prince
underneath. What do you say, Rapunzel? *(Puckering his
lips.)*

RAPUNZEL: *(Repulsed.)* Not a chance!

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BIG BAD WOLF: I was just going to say that if the party isn't great, then we'll just have to get a little help to make it better.

RAPUNZEL: How can we do that?

ALADDIN: I have an idea! *(Pulls out a magic lamp and places it on the table. Calls.)* Oh, Genie!

(Genie jumps up from behind the table.)

GENIE: All right! Who's ready to party?!

[END OF FREEVIEW]