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Johnny Appleseed: The Man who Planted Trees

Characters:

Johnny Appleseed: A kind-hearted, nature-loving man.

Molly: A curious young girl.

Tommy: Molly's adventurous brother.

Farmer Brown: A grumpy old farmer.

Narrator: Guides the story.

Act 1: The Arrival of Johnny Appleseed

Scene: A small village with a few cottages and a field. Farmer Brown is working in his field, grumbling.

Narrator: Long ago, in a small village, there lived a man named Johnny Appleseed. He traveled far and wide, planting apple trees wherever he went. One day, Johnny arrived in this village, where his kindness and love for nature would change the lives of everyone he met.

(Johnny Appleseed enters, wearing a pot on his head and carrying a sack of apple seeds.)

Johnny Appleseed: (Cheerfully) Good day to you, Farmer Brown! What a beautiful day to plant some apple seeds!

Farmer Brown: (Grumbling) Bah! Who needs more trees? All they do is take up space!

Johnny Appleseed: (Smiling) Oh, but trees give us so much, my friend! They provide shade, fresh air, and delicious apples!

Farmer Brown: (Crossing arms) Hmph. I'll believe it when I see it.

(Molly and Tommy run in, excited.)

Molly: Are you really Johnny Appleseed?

Tommy: We've heard all about you! You plant apple trees everywhere, don't you?

Johnny Appleseed: (Nodding) That's right! And I'm here to plant some in your village too. Would you like to help me?

Molly & Tommy: Yes, please!

Johnny Appleseed: Wonderful! Let's get started.

(They begin planting seeds together.)



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Act 2: The Seeds of Change

Scene: The same village, a few weeks later. Small apple saplings are sprouting in the field.

Narrator: Johnny, Molly, and Tommy worked hard to plant the apple seeds. Slowly but surely, the seeds began to sprout, and tiny apple trees began to grow.

(Molly and Tommy are watering the saplings, while Farmer Brown watches from a distance.)

Molly: Look, Tommy! The trees are growing!

Tommy: I can't wait until we have apples to eat!

Farmer Brown: *(Muttering)* It'll be years before you see any apples. What's the point?

Johnny Appleseed: *(Walking over)* The point, Farmer Brown, is that good things take time. These trees will grow strong and healthy if we take care of them. And one day, they'll give back to us.

Farmer Brown: *(Sighing)* I suppose we'll see.

Act 3: The Harvest

Scene: The village, a few years later. The apple trees are now fully grown, heavy with ripe apples.

Narrator: The years passed, and the apple trees grew tall and strong. The villagers began to see the fruits of their labor—literally! The trees were now full of ripe, juicy apples.

(Johnny, Molly, Tommy, and the villagers are picking apples. Farmer Brown watches with amazement.)

Molly: *(Excitedly)* Look at all these apples, Johnny! We have so many!

Tommy: And they're so tasty!

Farmer Brown: *(In awe)* I never thought I'd see the day... These trees are incredible!

Johnny Appleseed: *(Smiling)* You see, Farmer Brown? All it takes is a little patience and care. Now, these trees will provide apples for many years to come.

Farmer Brown: *(Gratefully)* Thank you, Johnny. I was wrong about you and your trees. You've made this village a better place.

Johnny Appleseed: *(Humbly)* It wasn't just me, my friend. It was all of us, working together.



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Act 4: Johnny's Farewell

Scene: The village entrance. Johnny Appleseed is preparing to leave, with his sack of seeds over his shoulder.

Narrator: Johnny Appleseed had done his work in the village. Now, it was time for him to move on to another place that needed his care.

(Molly and Tommy run up to Johnny as he prepares to leave.)

Molly: Johnny, do you have to go?

Tommy: We'll miss you!

Johnny Appleseed: *(Kneeling down to their level)* I'll miss you too, but there are many more places that need apple trees. Remember what we've done here, and keep taking care of the trees. They'll take care of you too.

(Farmer Brown approaches, holding a basket of apples.)

Farmer Brown: *(Handing the basket to Johnny)* Here, Johnny. Take these with you. They're the best apples I've ever grown, thanks to you.

Johnny Appleseed: *(Taking the basket)* Thank you, Farmer Brown. I'll carry these with me, and share them with the people I meet on my journey.

Narrator: And so, with a heart full of gratitude, Johnny Appleseed set off on his next adventure, leaving behind a village full of apple trees, and a lesson in kindness and patience that would last for generations.

(Johnny waves goodbye as he walks off stage. The villagers wave back, holding their apples high.)

All Characters: *(Together)* Goodbye, Johnny Appleseed!

Narrator: The end.