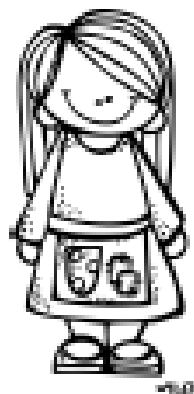


Cinderella



Once upon a time there was a beautiful and kind girl named Cinderella. She lived with her mean step-mother and her two evil step-sisters. Cinderella was made to wait on them, hand and foot.

One day, a royal messenger came to the village. He announced that the king's son, Prince Charming, was looking for a bride. The king would be throwing a ball at the palace for all of the maidens to attend. Cinderella wanted to go to the party, but her cruel step-mother would not let her.

On the night of the ball, after everyone had gone, Cinderella sat by the fireplace, crying and wishing she could have gone too. Just then, a fairy godmother appeared and granted Cinderella her wish. With a wave of her magic wand, the fairy godmother turned Cinderella's ragged dress into the most beautiful gown ever made. And on Cinderella's feet were a pair of crystal glass slippers. Cinderella was amazed and thrilled. "Cinderella," the fairy godmother warned, "you must be home by midnight because this gown will turn back into your own dress on the last stroke of the clock." Cinderella promised she would.

When Cinderella arrived at the party, everyone stared at her amazing beauty, including the prince. The two danced together all night. Then, just as the clock struck midnight, Cinderella quickly ran out of the palace, losing her glass slipper along the way.

The prince was determined to find the beautiful owner of the glass shoe, and after searching the entire kingdom, he did! Prince Charming found Cinderella and the two fell in love. Soon after, they were married and lived happily ever after.

