

Little Red UU Hen

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Characters:

- ❖ Narrator
- ❖ Little Red UU Hen
- ❖ Curly White Sheep
- ❖ Great Horned Owl
- ❖ Farm Animals (as many or as few as needed so that each child/puppeteer has a part)

NOTE: This play can be done inside a puppet theatre or outside a theatre and on a Sunday Morning during Time for All Ages. Farm Animals can be puppets or animal hats.

Narrator:

One day, the Little Red UU Hen, found a different grain from all the other grains in the farm yard. Not knowing what sort of grain, she had found, she immediately set out to ask the wisest one that she knew: the Great Horned Owl.

Curly White Sheep:

No one goes to see the Great Horned Owl. Not anyone. Not me. Not you. The Great Horned Owl will eat you!

Little Red UU Hen:

No, the Great Horned Owl will not eat me. He will tell me what to do with this grain. He's the wisest one anywhere around.

Curly White Sheep:

Just eat it!

Narrator:

But Little Red UU Hen had already gone on her way. Soon she came to the dwelling of the Great Horned Owl.

Great Horned Owl:

Who goes there?

Little Red UU Hen:

I do!, I have found something in the farm yard and I need to know what to do. You are the wisest one – the one that knows all.

Great Horned Owl:

It is true that I know some things. Show me what you have found.

Narrator:

The Little Red UU Hen showed the Great Horned Owl the grain.

Great Horned Owl:

Take this grain and plant it in the ground. Water it and take care of it. It will grow into a stalk of wheat. Grind the wheat and make bread from the flour.

Narrator:

The Little Red UU Hen took her grain of wheat and returned to the farm yard. All the animals gathered around her.

<animal puppet friends gather around>

Little Red UU Hen:

The Great Horned Owl says this grain will grow wheat and I should plant and water it. Who will help me dig the hole, plant the seed and keep it watered?

Farm Animals:

I will.

Little Red UU Hen:

Thank you. It feels good to know that your community will help. And you are all Unitarian Universalists, so you understand how important it is to *Offer Fair and Kind Treatment*.

Narrator:

Soon the wheat grew to be tall and yellow.

Little Red UU Hen:

The wheat is ripe. Who will help me cut the wheat?

Farm Animals:

I will.

Narrator:

And so they did. And when the wheat was cut...

Little Red UU Hen:

Who will thresh the wheat?

Farm Animals:

I will.

Narrator:

And so they did. After the wheat was threshed...

Little Red UU Hen:

Who will take this wheat to the mill?

Farm Animals:

I will.

Narrator:

And so they did. And after the wheat had been taken to the mill and ground into flour...

Little Red UU Hen:

Who will make this flour into bread?

Farm Animals:

I will.

Narrator:

And so they mixed and stirred and mixed some more, until they had made the batter nice and smooth. They poured all the mixture into pans and popped them into the oven. Then, they waited and waited and waited some more. Finally, the bread was baked.

Little Red UU Hen:

Who will eat this bread?

Farm Animals:

I will.

Little Red UU Hen:

Thank you for believing in our ideas and acting on them. When we all do things together, we create community.

Narrator:

The Little Red UU Hen looked around at all the plates...

Little Red Hen:

Who will help me clean up?

Farm Animals:

I will.

Narrator:

All the animals knew that when jobs need to be done, someone has to volunteer to do the jobs. And that someone needs to be ***everyone in the community!***