

## PETER AND THE WOLF

Once upon a time there was a boy named Peter who lived with his grandfather in the meadow. Peter had many animal friends: the duck, the bird, and the cat. One morning he went out to see them. He sneaked out while his grandfather was asleep. The bird was sitting on the tree while the duck was swimming in the pond. The two of them were fighting. The duck asked the bird, "Why can't you swim?" and his answer was, "Why can't you fly?" The cat sneaked up & saw the duck and the bird arguing. He is hungry and wants to eat them. "Look out!" shouted Peter. The bird flew quickly up the tree. The cat wonders whether he should go after the bird or not. Grandfather comes out & tells Peter not to play in the meadow for fear of the wolf. Peter is not afraid. But grandfather takes him anyway, and locks the gate behind them. No sooner had they gone in than the wolf came out of the forest using his claws, the cat climbed up the tree. Seeing the wolf, the duck got excited & jumped out of the pond. The wolf chased the duck & gobbled him down in one piece so that he was still alive. The bird was on one branch & the cat was on another branch. Watching behind the locked gate Peter got an idea. Peter runs to find some rope & crawled over the stone wall onto a branch. He told the bird, "Hurry, & fly down near the wolf's head but be careful that he doesn't catch you." The wolf was angry because he could not catch the bird. Meanwhile, Peter made a lasso & caught the wolf's tail with it. He tied the other end of the rope

to the tree. The wolf tried to pull away, but this only made the rope tighter. A group of hunters came out of the forest shooting their guns. "Don't shoot!" cried Peter.

"Birdie & I ~~xxxxx~~ caught the wolf. Let's take him to the zoo." Then Peter, grandfather, the cat, the bird, the wolf with the duck inside marched in a parade to the zoo.