

The Sleeping Princess

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[Use large visual of the Castle picture and the rhythm of the song]

Narrator: Once upon a time, far far away, there lived an evil witch who captured some children and used a magic key to turn them into blocks of stone. He arranged them into walls of a strong castle. Then the witch captured some more children and turned them into bushes, which he planted around the castle.

Years later a king was walking around his kingdom with his pretty daughter, the princess, and were surprised to discover the enchanted castle. The princess was very happy and skipped around her large bedroom in tower of the castle, which was full of every candy, cookie, and toy that was ever made.

Sing:

1. Oh, once there was a princess, a princess, a princess
Oh, once there was a princess, long a--go.
2. She lived up in a castle, a castle, a castle.
She lived up in a castle, long a--go.

Narrator: One day the evil witch came and walked around his enchanted castle.

3. A witch came to the castle . . .

Narrator: Using his magic key, the witch made a hole in the castle wall and went in to see the princess. The princess looked horrified as the witch cast a spell upon her.

4. He cast a spell upon her . . .
5. The princess grew so sleepy . . .

Narrator: At the moment the princess fell asleep, so did every creature in the castle: the king, the queen, the servants, the dogs and cats, and even the mice. The witch gave an evil laugh, left the castle, and went back to his evil cave.

7. A hundred years she slept there . . .
8. The castle grew so quiet . . .
9. The bushes grew around it . . .

Narrator: The bushes grew up so tall that they completely covered the castle and soon everyone forgot that there was even a castle there. But one day a handsome prince received a mysterious package containing a magic key and a note telling him about the sleeping princess. He whistled for his horse, got on, and went looking for castle and the princess.

10. One day a prince came riding . . .

Narrator: When rode close to the castle, the horse felt the evil magic and went berserk, bucking and kicking. The prince finally got off the horse, took out the magic key and cut down all the bushes.

11. He cut down all the bushes . . .

Narrator: The prince used his magic key to make a hole in the castle wall. He went in and found the princess still asleep.

12. He gently woke the princess . . .

Narrator: The princess woke up and rubbed her eyes. She looked at the prince and smiled. The prince looked at the princess and smiled. He took her hand. The king and all the other creatures woke up. The king took the magic key and turned all the castle stones and bushes back into children.

13. And soon there was a wedding . . .

Narrator: After the wedding, the boys lined up behind the prince, and the girls behind the princess. Everyone followed the king as they walked around the kingdom.

14. They walked around the kingdom . . .

The procession came upon the cave of the evil witch. The evil witch came out and pointed the magic key at the princess and said, "I thought I cast a spell on you! Now you will die!"

"Oh no you won't," said the prince. And they got into a key fight . . . in which the evil witch was killed.

15. They all lived happily ever after . . .