



Story Guide

THE PRINCESS AND THE PICKUP TRUCK

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Watch the video of storyteller Bil Lepp live at the 2019 National Storytelling Festival [here](#).
(Right click on link to open it in a new tab.) All videos include ASL interpretation.

Story run time is 00:00 to 09:15.

Now, enjoy exploring the story with the activities outlined below.



explore it

- Where do you imagine this story taking place based on the descriptions of the teller?
- Bil Lepp uses lots of humor in his stories. Name two things that made you laugh in this story.
- Bil mixes personal narrative into his storytelling. What is personal narrative? How does including it enhance the story?



think it

- Click [here](#) to read a more traditional telling of "The Princess on the Pea". How is Bil's version different from the more traditional version? How is it similar?
- What were some of the problems the Mountain Prince thought might occur when driving around with the sleeping girl on top of the mattresses?
- What did the girl in the boots and calico dress say when asked how she slept after her night on the truck?



create it

- Illustrate the pickup truck with all its mattresses and the princess on top.
- Bil mentions puns about trucks, like "fording a river" and "dodging a ram". Come up with two puns of your own.
- Bil ends with a rhyme:
They lived happily ever after.
Sometimes in 2-wheel drive.
Sometimes in 4-wheel drive.
But they always thrived.
Create a rhyme using something from this story.



tell it

- We call stories that reimagine fairy tales "fractured fairy tales". Choose a familiar fairy tale, and rewrite it in a new way! If you are having trouble thinking of one, try using "The Three Little Pigs".
- Imagine you are the Mountain Princess. Write a journal entry describing your night sleeping on all those mattresses in the pickup truck.