

## **The Farmer and the Turnip**

Here is the story of the Farmer and the Turnip, a beloved Russian folk tale.

A farmer planted a vegetable garden. One day the farmer wanted some turnip soup. He went to his garden, grabbed a large turnip and pulled.

He pulled and pulled. But the turnip would not come out.

So the farmer called his wife for help. The wife pulled the farmer, and the farmer pulled the turnip.

They pulled and pulled. But the turnip would not come out.

The wife called the girl. The girl pulled the wife, who pulled the farmer, who pulled the turnip. They pulled and pulled. But the turnip would not come out.

The girl called the boy. The boy pulled the girl, who pulled the wife, who pulled the farmer, who pulled the turnip. They pulled and pulled. But the turnip would not come out.

They called for their dog. The dog pulled the boy, who pulled the girl, who pulled the wife, who pulled the farmer, who pulled the turnip. They pulled and pulled. But that turnip just would not come out.

Then they called for their cat. The cat pulled the dog, who pulled the boy, who pulled the girl, who pulled the wife, who pulled the farmer, who pulled the turnip. They pulled and pulled. But the turnip would not come out.

The cat called for the mouse. The mouse pulled the cat, who pulled the dog, who pulled the boy, who pulled the girl, who pulled the wife, who pulled the farmer, who pulled the turnip. They pulled and pulled. Suddenly the earth cracked, and OUT came the turnip!

That night the farmer, the wife, the girl, the boy, the dog, the cat and the mouse all enjoyed the tastiest turnip soup ever imagined.