

TOM THUMB

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The pastor heard the voice and thought that the cow was enslaved by an evil spirit. He killed the cow the same day and threw its stomach with a pile of trash with Tom Thumb inside it. He had to find his way out. He was almost out when a hungry wolf came and gulped the whole stomach. This time he was in the wolf's belly, but he didn't lose his hope. He decided to make the wolf bring him home.

The boy became wise and nimble, but he never grew in size, so his parents always wanted to protect him. One day, the boy told his father that he wanted to help with the chores like all the other children do and that he wanted to lead the horse to where he was working. His father agreed and Tom Thumb sat in the horse's ear and began giving directions. As they were going through the woods, they met two strangers.



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He shouted from the wolf's belly. "I know a house full of bacon and ham and all delicacies." The wolf, interested in the idea, followed Tom Thumb's directions and soon they arrived. The boy guided the wolf to the kitchen, where the beast started tearing a piece of ham. Tom Thumb's father heard the noise, took his axe, killed the wolf and rescued his son. Tom Thumb and his parents lived happily ever after.

The father would always listen to his son, so let him to go with these two men. Tom Thumb and two men set off. When they stopped for lunch, Tom Thumb ran away and slipped into a mouse-hole. No matter how hard they tried, the two men could not get him out of it. So the two men had to leave without him. When Tom Thumb made sure that the men were gone, he crept out of the hole.

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