

# The Mighty Hunter

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Narrator 1:  
Narrator 2:  
Narrator 3:  
Wood Rat:  
Prairie Dog:  
Rabbit:  
Wildcat:

Antelope:  
Gray Wolf:  
Buffalo:  
Grizzly Bear:  
Little Brave Heart:

**Narrator 1:** Little Brave Heart was not very big and he was not very small. He was a brave little Indian boy. His mother told him to go to school and study hard, so that he could grow up and be a wise man and a good leader of their people.

**Narrator 2:** Little Brave Heart wanted to be a wise man and he wanted to be a mighty hunter, too. His father was a great hunter and a brave man, but his father had never gone to school. Little Brave Heart thought it would be more fun to go hunting than to go to school.

**Narrator 3:** Early one morning when his mother was busy and his grandmother was sleeping by the fire, Little Brave Heart put on his buckskin shirt and leggings, hid his school books under the blankets, took his bow and arrows, and went outdoors.

**Narrator 1:** His father was busy plowing in the field. The other Indians were going about their business so Little Brave Heart snuck off.

**Narrator 2:** He had not gone very far when he saw a sleek brown wood rat hiding in the grass. Little Brave Heart put an arrow in his bow and pulled the bow-string back.

**Wood Rat:** Wait! I am too small a prize for a mighty hunter like you. I know where there is a big fat PRAIRIE DOG. Come with me.

**Narrator 3:** Little Brave Heart followed the wood rat through the wheat field until they came to the open rolling plain. And there, sitting as straight as could be, beside the entrance to his burrow, was a prairie dog. Little Brave Heart aimed his arrow.

**Prairie Dog:** Wait a minute! You don't want to shoot a little fellow like me. I am your friend. I'll show you where there is a big RABBIT!

**Narrator 1:** So Little Brave Heart followed the prairie dog.

**Prairie Dog:** There he is!

**Narrator 2:** Little Brave Heart reached quickly for an arrow when he saw the rabbit hiding in the brush. He took aim.

**Rabbit:** Don't shoot me! A mighty hunter like you should shoot that big WILDCAT in the cave near the top of the hill. I'll show you the way.

**Narrator 3:** Little Brave Heart hurried after the rabbit. On a rock, close to the door of his cave was the wildcat. He stared at Little Brave Heart.

**Wildcat:** Put down your arrow. Don't waste an arrow on me. There is a big brown antelope on the other side of the hill. Follow me.

**Narrator 1:** As Little Brave Heart drew near, the antelope stopped eating the sweet grass that grew on the plain.

**Antelope:** Don't shoot me! I do not harm. Follow me and I'll show you a BIG BAD WOLF. He is the one to shoot.

**Narrator 2:** Little Brave Heart ran after the antelope and he had to run fast. Suddenly the antelope stopped. Little Brave Heart stopped, too. Walking straight toward them was a big gray wolf! Little Brave Heart got his arrow ready.

**Gray Wolf:** Hold on! Don't shoot! Come with me, mighty hunter. I'll show you something worth shooting. I am only a poor hungry wolf.

**Narrator 3:** So Little Brave Heart followed the wolf. They walked and walked until they came to a wide meadow. There right before his eyes, was a GREAT BIG BUFFALO! Quickly, Little Brave Heart raised his bow.

**Buffalo:** Don't shoot me! There are not many of us left. I am the Indians' friend. Come with me and I'll show you a real prize for a mighty hunter, like you.

**Narrator 1:** Little Brave Heart hurried after the buffalo. At the edge of the forest the buffalo stopped.

**Buffalo:** Follow your nose through the woods. And keep your eyes open for BEARS!

**Narrator 2:** Little Brave Heart held his bow ready and walked into the dark woods. He looked to the right. He looked to the left. Then he stood very still. Right in his path was a great BIG GRIZZLY BEAR and two little bears! Little Brave Heart's hand shook as he raised his bow and took aim.

**Grizzly Bear:** Stop! Why shoot me? Do you need my fur to keep you warm?

**Little Brave Heart:** No-o. I'm not cold.

**Grizzly Bear:** Are you hungry then?

**Little Brave Heart:** No, oh no, I am not hungry. I am hunting just for fun.

**Grizzly Bear:** Hunting for fun!! I hunt only when I am hungry and I am hungry right now!

**Narrator 3:** The big bear was angry. Little Brave Heart dropped his bow. He dropped his arrows too. Then he turned and ran as fast as he could.

**Narrator 1:** He ran and ran. Clouds of dust rose over the plain. The big bear was left far behind. Little Brave Heart was on his way to..... school!!