

Babes in the Woods – Synopsis

When Lord Goodheart leaves Sherwood to join King Richard on the Crusades, he leaves his two young children, Sam and Millie, in the care of the wonderfully chaotic Nanny Nora. But with their father presumed lost, the children's inheritance becomes a tempting prize for their wicked uncle, the Sheriff of Nottingham.

Determined to get his hands on the Goodheart fortune, the Sheriff hatches a sinister plan with the equally wicked Witch Griselda. The children are to be taken deep into Sherwood Forest and left to the witch, who has a score to settle with their father. Unfortunately for the Sheriff, things don't go quite according to plan.

With the help of their mischievous duck, Puddlefoot, Sam and Millie escape into the forest, where they encounter the legendary Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men. Robin takes the children under his protection, while Maid Marian finds herself caught between her love for Robin and the Sheriff's determination to keep them apart.

But Sherwood Forest is not without its dangers. As Robin and his Merry Men try to keep the children safe, they must contend with the Sheriff, his hopeless henchmen Pickle and Pudding, the terrifying Griselda, and Nettle Fang, a once-gentle guardian of the forest who has been twisted by Griselda's magic.

With plenty of chaos, audience participation, musical numbers, mistaken directions, comedy chases and the ever-resourceful Puddlefoot, the battle between good and evil eventually reaches its hilarious climax.

As the Sheriff and Griselda finally get their hands on the children, Robin and his Merry Men fight to rescue them. With a little help from Nora — and one particularly well-aimed boot — the villains are defeated.

And then comes the surprise everyone has been waiting for: Lord Goodheart returns home, reunited with Sam and Millie after the long absence. The Sheriff is brought to justice, Griselda is banished, and Sherwood is finally safe.

With Robin and Marian's love blossoming and everyone celebrating their victory, Nanny Nora reminds the audience that kindness, courage and friendship will always triumph over greed and wickedness.