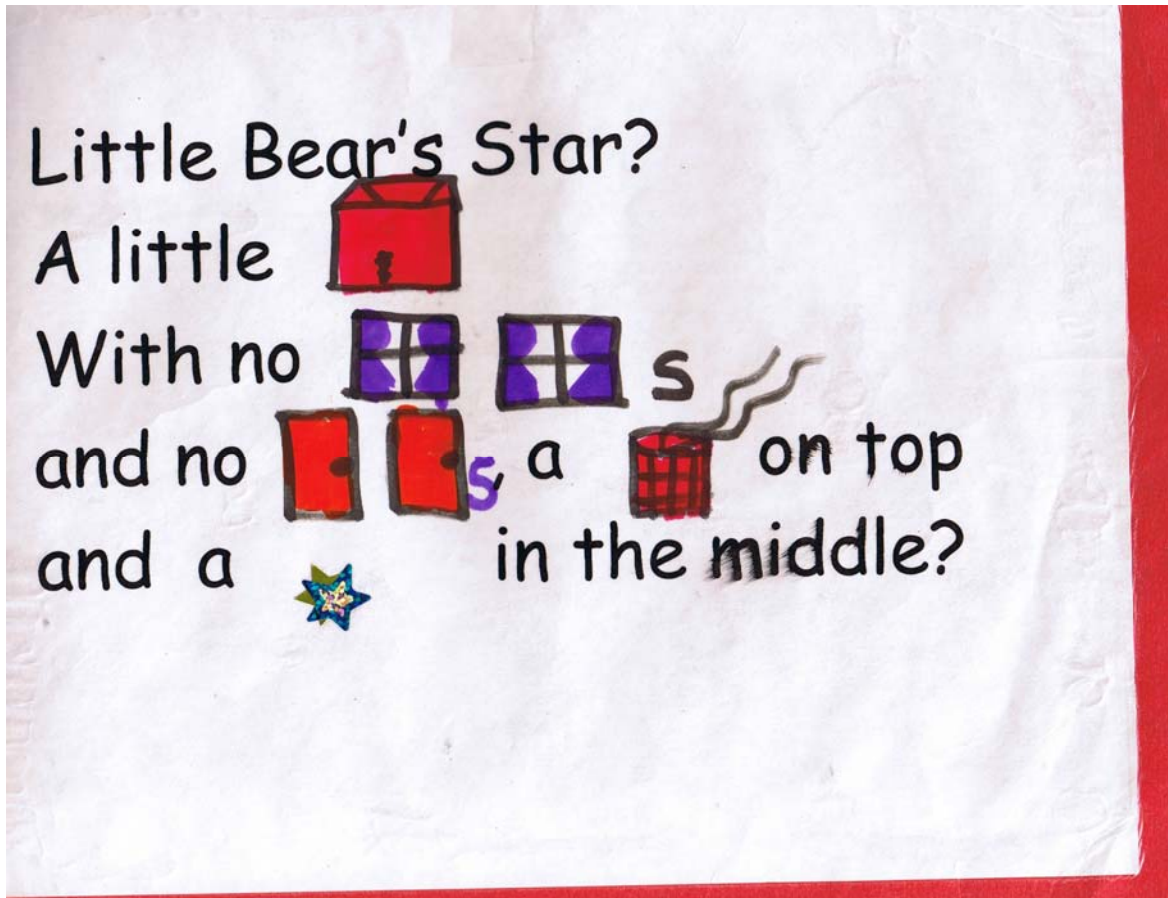


The following are examples of visuals I have made to go with stories, including props and visuals.



Little Bear's Star Flannel  
board story props that I made.



The flannel board pieces are easy to make. One can also laminate color sheets of the props one needs to tell the story. I have also added magnets to all of my flannel board pieces. If you don't have a magnet board a cookie sheet is portable and works nicely. The children love to try and retell the story.



I use this picture to show the different tree parts:

Roots

Trunk

Branches and leaves

Fruit: Apples



### The Story of Little Bear's Star:

This story was passed down to me around 19 years ago. I have no idea who the original author may be. It is modeled after the traditional story of a little boy.

One day little bear was feeling bored since he tired of playing with all his toys. So Momma Bear told him he needed to go an adventure to find the little red house with no doors, no windows, with a chimney on top and a star inside. So little set out to find a little red house with no doors, no windows, with a chimney on top and a star inside. He meets the following friend: a pig, a frog, a mouse a butterfly and worm in the apple. He asked each friend if he or she knew where to find a little red house with no doors, no windows, with a chimney on top and a star inside. Each friend said no. You can be as creative as you like in changing the story as to where little bear meets his friends. Once he arrives at an apple tree or apple orchard he meets a worm in an apple. The worm in the apple told little bear to ask wise owl. Wise owl tells little bear, "The wind will bring you what you are looking for". Suddenly a wind came blowing through the apple orchard where little bear stood. "Woo- woo!" went the wind. Plop! Down fell an apple that broke open and little bear found his little red house with no doors, no windows, with a chimney on top and a star inside. I have yet to tell this story exactly the same more than 2x times in a row. The children love to repetitiveness of the story. I have found that children with special needs find the visuals helpful.

Additional resources for apple ideas and the traditional story:

[http://www.tooter4kids.com/Apples/Apple\\_Story.htm](http://www.tooter4kids.com/Apples/Apple_Story.htm)

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