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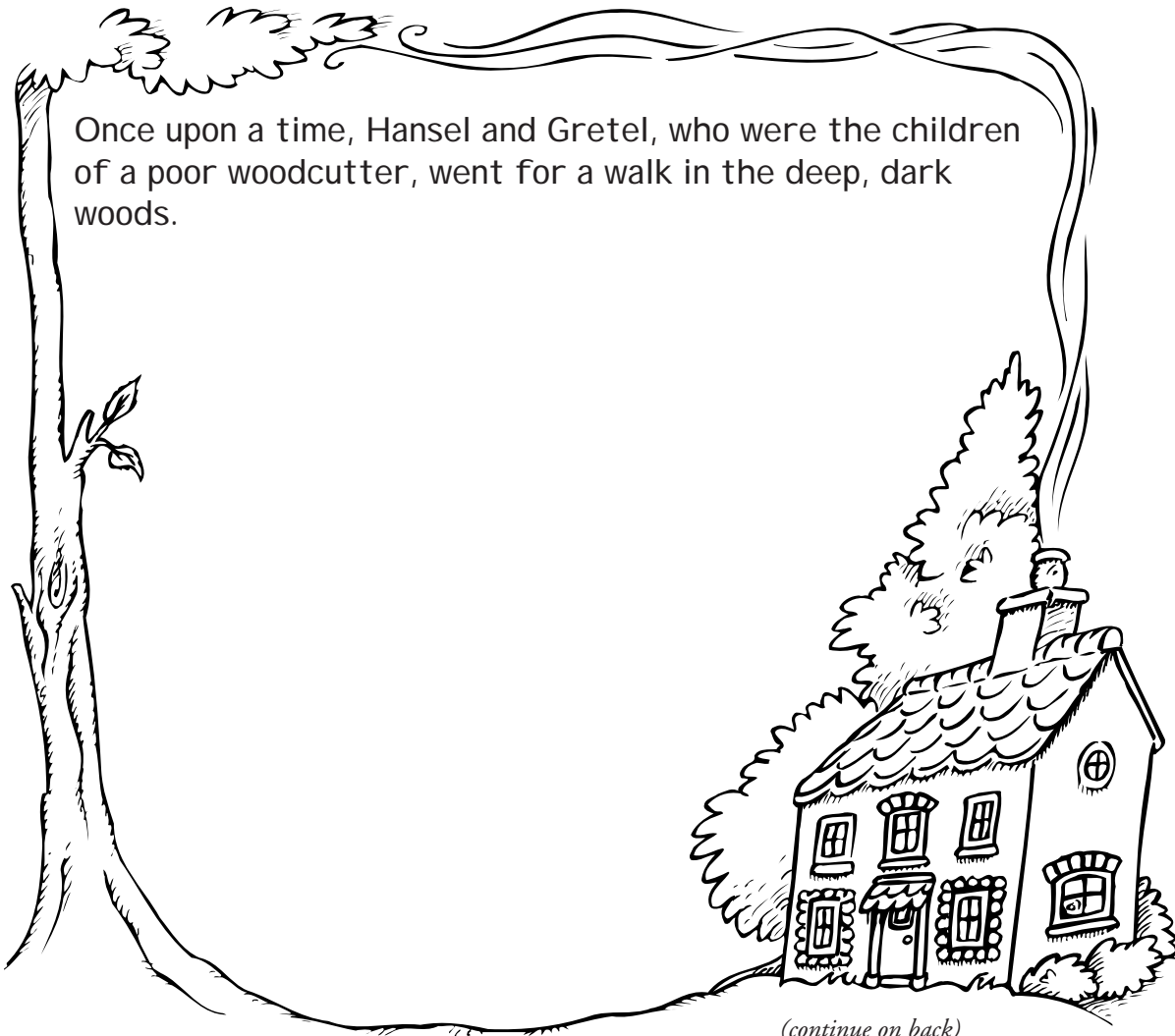
Hansel and Gretel

- Read this well-known fairy tale, told in short, simple sentences.

Hansel and Gretel went for a walk in the woods. They dropped a trail of breadcrumbs to show the way back. The birds ate the breadcrumbs. They got lost. Soon they were hungry. They came to a house. It was made of sweets and chocolate. An old woman lived there. She caught them. She put them in a cage. She began to heat up her oven. She planned to eat them. Hansel escaped. He pushed the old lady into the oven. She was cooked instead!

- Expand the story to make it more interesting. Add descriptive words, phrases and clauses, and join the simple sentences in different ways to make more varied, complex ones. A start has been made for you.

Once upon a time, Hansel and Gretel, who were the children of a poor woodcutter, went for a walk in the deep, dark woods.



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Dear helper

Objective: To make a story more interesting by adding descriptive detail and varying the length and complexity of the sentences.

Task: Help your child to expand the simple version of the fairy tale. It may help to tell the story orally first and then write it down.