

**2nd Grade Curriculum Guide Book Summary**

**DVD title: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (DVD)**

**Author:** Disney

**Main characters:** Snow White, Queen, Seven Dwarfs, Prince

**Executive summary:** Because of her jealousy, an evil queen wants to get rid of a beautiful princess named Snow White. But love and kindness triumph over evil.

**Detailed summary:** There once lived a beautiful princess named Snow White. An evil jealous queen each day would ask her magic mirror, “Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the fairest of them all?” Then mirror always responded that the queen was the fairest, but one day the mirror replied that Snow White was the fairest in the land.

At the same time, a young prince saw Snow White. They instantly fell in love. Then the queen ordered her huntsman to take Snow White into the forest and kill her. The huntsman did as he was told, but he could not bring himself to kill Snow White. Instead he told her to run further into the forest and hide. Snow white ran and ran, very frightened. Finally she lay down on the forest floor and cried.

The forest animals felt sorry for her and took her to a cottage in the woods where she could live and be safe. Snow White knocked on the door, but no one answered. She went inside and saw seven little chairs. The place was a mess. Everything was covered with dust and cobwebs. Snow White and the animals cleaned up the cottage in hopes that it might help convince its owner to let her stay. When Snow White went upstairs she saw seven little beds, and on them were the names Doc, Happy, Sneezy, Dopey, Grumpy, Bashful and Sleepy. She was tired from cleaning and lay down on the beds and fell asleep. Continued on Back

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Meanwhile the seven dwarfs, who were the owners of the cottage, were hard at work in the mine. When they went home after work they saw lights on in the cottage. They thought maybe someone or something, perhaps a terrible monster, was inside their house. When they went inside they were surprised to see their house was clean, the dishes were washed and there was soup cooking in a kettle over the fire. When they went upstairs they saw something was asleep on their beds. They pulled back the covers and discovered it was Snow White. They thought she was beautiful!

Snow White introduced herself to the dwarfs. She was very kind to them and guessed which name belonged to each dwarf based on how they looked and behaved. She told the dwarfs that the Queen was trying to kill her and asked if she could stay with them. She promised to clean and cook for them if they would let her stay. The dwarfs let her stay and Snow White cooked them a delicious meal, but first she made them wash up. The dwarfs were not used to having to wash their hands and faces before they ate, but they did it anyway, even Grumpy.

Meanwhile back at the castle the Queen, who believed Snow White was dead, asked her magic mirror who was the fairest of them all. The mirror said that Snow White was still the fairest. The mirror told the Queen that Snow White was living in the forest with the seven dwarfs. The Queen was very angry that she had been tricked. She decided to go to the cottage and kill Snow White herself. Using magic, she disguised herself as an old woman. She then cast a spell to create a poison apple that would make Snow White fall asleep forever. The only thing that could break the spell was love’s first kiss.

At the cottage the dwarfs were very well-fed, clean and happy. They danced and sang and laughed. Snow White told them the story of falling in love with a charming prince. The dwarfs let Snow White sleep in their beds.

In the morning the dwarfs went to work. They warned Snow White to beware of the Queen. Snow White kissed each of them on the head and sent them off to work. This seemed to make them feel happy and loved. While they were away, the Queen, disguised as an old woman, came up to the cottage. She offered Snow White an apple, the poisonous apple. The birds tried to stop her, but Snow White took the apple anyway. The evil Queen told her that it was a magic apple that would make all her dreams come true.

The animals ran to get help. The dwarfs hurried back, but just as they approached the cottage, they saw the Queen leaving. They chased her out to the edge of a cliff. A rock fell and knocked the Queen off the cliff. She was gone. When the dwarfs went in the cottage, they found Snow White lying on the floor. They thought she was dead, but they couldn’t bring themselves to bury her. The prince had heard of the dwarfs’ beautiful maiden and rode to the forest. He saw Snow White lying in a coffin, and kissed her. The kiss broke the spell and Snow White woke up. Snow White said goodbye to the dwarfs and rode off with the prince. They lived happily ever after.