

**“The Good Children”**  
**from**  
**Sixty Folk Tales from Exclusively Slavonic Sources**

Teacher Directions:

This folk tale may present a unique challenge to your students due to its vocabulary and elegant language. Take time to read the tale with your students and encourage them to discuss their understanding as they read.

*Materials needed:*

- Copies of the folktale for each student (or student pair)
- Unlined paper

Once you have read the folk tale through one time:

Distribute paper to students.

Ask students to fold paper into 8 sections (three folds) and write the title in the first square.

Pause after every couple of paragraphs and ask students to jot down a couple of sentences explaining what is taking place in the tale.

In the last square, students should answer this question: “What is the theme of this folk tale?” Give students an opportunity to share their answers.

*Extension:* Ask students if there are other folk tales to which this one could be compared and discuss.