

Tall Tales FROM Easy Wood

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Show Synopsis

The show centers around four old men in rocking chairs on the porch of the Easy Wood General Store and the stories they tell to the children of Easy Wood.

Easy Wood is a rural, quiet easy-going place somewhere in Old Forest County. The general design of the show is of a simpler time and place, but the show happens in the here and now.

Each show starts out with the welcome sign to Easy Wood and then "Pilly" the narrator, a pileated woodpecker, introduces the story and we find out what problem the kids are having this episode. That problem prompts one of the old men to tell a tall tale about his past that illustrates the lesson the kids need to learn.

Here's where the real fun starts. Each tale is a wildly exaggerated story about some fantastic adventure from the tellers past and there are no limits to these story tellers imaginations. They tell stories about the time they were a super hero, a space explorer, a race car driver, a blues singer, a famous detective in London, a knight, a samurai, a professional baseball umpire, a secret agent, a musketeer in France, a ninja, an olympic athlete, a deep sea diver, a jet pilot, a cowboy, a great explorer... The list is endless.

Each story told has a purpose, a nugget of truth, and a lesson from the Bible that the teller is trying to get across to the children. The fantasticness of the story is to keep the kid's attention.

After the story is told the kids then use the lesson taught to resolve the everyday problem they were facing.

