



The Legend of Johnny Appleseed *(cont.)*

Johnny

Appleseed: Hello, everyone! I'm here to teach you all about apples.

The Crowd: Look at his hat! It's a cooking pot! Look at his shirt! It's an old sugar sack! What can he possibly teach us about apples?

Narrator 2: As Johnny talked to the crowd, they stopped looking at his hat and his shirt. They started listening to what he was saying. Soon they all crowded forward to take his apple seeds. The Trader, who owned the trading post, offered to trade for the seeds.

Trader: I'll trade you food for your apple seeds. I'll give you coffee and cornmeal.

Johnny

Appleseed: I don't need any food today. I would like to trade you my apple seeds for the horse tied outside.

Narrator 1: The horse tied outside was old and didn't look like he could walk another step.

Trader: *(laughing)* That horse? Sure, I'll trade you for that horse.

Narrator 2: Johnny Appleseed took the horse to a stream and washed it and helped it drink. As he stood there in the water, he heard a whimpering noise.

Johnny

Appleseed: That sounds like it's coming from the woods.

Narrator 1: Johnny ran through the trees until he found a giant black wolf with his leg in a trap. He bent down to try to free the wolf's leg from the trap. He wasn't afraid that the wolf would bite him.

Johnny

Appleseed: I'll get your leg free, my friend.

Narrator 2: Johnny freed the wolf's leg from the trap. He made a splint for the wolf's injured leg. Johnny walked back to the stream. The wolf hobbled behind him.

Narrator 1: Johnny nursed the horse and the wolf back to health. As he journeyed across the American frontier, the horse and the wolf were his loyal companions.