

# **The Great Big Enormous Turnip**

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This folk tale is about cooperation.  
An old man planted a turnip seed.  
It grew very big! The turnip was enormous!  
The old man thought he just had to pull on the leaves to get it out.  
He tried to pick his turnip but it didn't come up.

He quickly called his wife.  
The old woman was in the living room with her cat, dog, and bird.

The old man pulled the turnip leaves and the old woman pulled him.  
But they couldn't pull the turnip up.

The old woman called her granddaughter.  
The granddaughter was reading in a tree.

The old man, the old woman, and the granddaughter tried  
But could not pull the turnip up.

The granddaughter called the black dog.  
The dog was on the couch.  
The old man, his wife, the granddaughter, and the dog tried  
But could not pull the turnip out.

The dog called the cat in the flower garden.  
The old man, his wife, the granddaughter, the dog and the cat tried  
But the turnip did not move.

The cat called the mouse.  
A teeny tiny mouse.

The old man, his wife, the granddaughter, the dog, the cat and the mouse tried  
They all worked together and the turnip popped out -ZABOOM!  
They all fell splat!  
They were so excited! Then they went to the kitchen with the turnip and ate it up.