Carl and the Strange Riders

A short introduction before or after a selected book scene. No worksheet – simply for listening, looking and talking.

Before Reading Aloud

Show the book cover or a suitable book illustration. Give the children just one simple question:

“What do you think: How does Carl feel when strange riders suddenly appear outside his home?”

While Reading

- **Read slowly and pause.**
- **Show the pictures long enough for the children to discover things themselves.**
- **Explain “Hussars” briefly: they were soldiers on horseback.**
- **If the children become visibly unsettled, pause the story at any time and talk about it together.**

Afterwards

- **What frightened Carl?**
- **Who could have helped Carl?**
- **What gives you courage when something feels unfamiliar or scary?**
- **What might a dog like Strups do at a moment like this?**

For Educators

In kindergarten, war itself is not the central subject. The historical situation provides the background for an age-appropriate exploration of fear, family, protection, courage and help.

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