

THE WOLF IN GRANDMA'S CLOTHES

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“I’m here!” called Little Red Riding Hood as she skipped into her grandmother’s bedroom. “I brought you some fruit and...” She stopped mid-sentence and stared. The bed’s occupant was wearing Granny’s robe and bonnet, but something seemed wrong. Two eyes glared at her from behind a furry snout.

“Uh, Grandma, your eyes are very big,” Red stammered. “And your nose—it looks, well, different than the last time I visited.” Grandmother’s imposter flashed a toothy grin and then lunged toward the girl...

I’d heard the fairy tale on countless occasions. But this time, the wolf’s strategy caught my attention in a new way. Disguised as a harmless granny, he set a trap for his victim. He hoped to lure her for one purpose—her destruction. Luckily for Red, his plan failed because she recognized his true identity and fled.

Satan operates much like that wolf, but there’s one major difference between the two characters. The wolf in this story is an imaginary character; Satan is real.

Like the wolf, Satan hides behind seemingly harmless disguises for one purpose only—our destruction. If we don’t recognize him and flee, he’ll tempt us to rationalize sin. Before long, we’re pursuing our desires rather than God’s purposes and questioning God’s authority rather than surrendering to it.

We must be on guard. Beware the wolf in Grandma’s clothes.

Suggested Scripture Verse: “The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly” (John 10:10 NASB).