

## **Big Bad Wolf**

Can you believe it's been 300,000 years already that wolves have been alive? That's a long time. They are the largest member of the Canidae family, which also contains the common, domesticated dog! Unlike dogs- who bark, wolves howl. However, they have the same type of teeth. They are both predators. They both live in packs, but one has become man's best friend, and the other has become one of his foes.

The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood teaches us about the big bad wolf. But is the wolf really bad? People are afraid a wolf might attack. But they almost never attack humans. They avoid humans in fact! They only go near humans if they want food. A wolf even bares its teeth to warn that they might attack. So, it should be easy for wolves and humans to get along!

Wolves are never going to be man's best friend, but it is important to get along with them because if we don't get along with them, they'll want to attack us more. Wolves live in dens, -which can be in tree stumps- just like we live in homes. Wolves take care of their cubs, just like we care for our children. They live in groups just like we do. So, wolves and humans are not so different after all!

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