

Shoes Make a “Happily Ever After” Difference

*. . . The Stories of Cinderella and
Cendrillon*

What if Cinderella and Cendrillon
had not left their shoes at the ball?

Cinderella's glass slipper



Cendrillon's pink slipper

The Prince and Paul would not know how to find
them. There would be no “happily ever after.”

The shoes were special. They
were part of a magic gift . . .



from Cinderella's fairy godmother and from
Cendrillon's *Nannin*.

Gowns, Coaches, Horses, Footmen. . .



The ball gowns were pretty. It was cool to make a coach from a squash. Then the godmothers made horses footmen from rodents.



The Cinderella and Cendrillon stories
are alike, but they are also different.

How the Story Is Different in Cendrillon

- The story is on the island of Martinique, not Europe.
- Characters have French names. They use French words for food like fruit à pain (breadfruit).
- Nannin turns agouti, field lizards, and a manicou into horses, coachman, and footmen. These animals live on Martinique.
- People dress differently. They have pretty silk scarves, turbans, and lots of beads and bracelets.

Adding country differences to the story makes it interesting!

Cinderella and Cendrillon

Same

Cinderella

- *Ball gowns like queens wear and a tiara of diamonds*
- *Glass slippers*
- *Dance given for the prince*

Different

- Mean stepsisters and stepmom
- Chores around the house 24/7
- Beautiful but humble—dressed in dirty clothes
- So kind—even willing to help stepsisters
- Lives happily ever after

Cendrillon

- *Blue velvet gown with a rose shoulder scarf and turban with a “tremblant” jewel*
- *Pink slippers*
- *Paul’s birthday party*

Different



Most importantly,

The point of both stories. . .

Cinderella and Cendrillon

- Were happy to help everyone
- Did all chores the stepmoms asked them to do (with a little extra help from friends)
- Had smiles that bring sunshine to a rainy day
- Were kind to everyone—people and animals

Our goodness will always overcome
the problems around us.