

Feature Stories and Fairy Tales Lesson Guide

The Three Billy Goats Gruff



Book List:

1. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* by Paul Galdone
2. *The Three Goats* by Margaret Hillert
3. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Mean Calypso Joe* by, Catherine Valente Youngquist

Activities:

1. Color/ Trace worksheet (below)
2. Billy Goat Math worksheet (below)
3. Visit a petting zoo or farmstead to feed the goats
4. Make a bridge out of blocks/ Legos/ other materials
5. Play act the story with the goat and troll masks below
6. Blotto troll craft - <http://scrumdillydo.blogspot.com/2014/03/the-three-billy-goats-gruff-blotto.html>





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A retelling of the original Norwegian tale

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Once upon a time, there lived three brother billy goats whose last name was Gruff. They lived in a green meadow and ate grass all day, growing bigger and bigger. There was a river running through their meadow with a wooden bridge. On the other side of the bridge, the brothers noticed how much greener the grass was.

“Let’s cross the bridge,” one brother suggested.

“It’s a very narrow bridge,” the oldest noticed. “we’ll have to cross one at a time. You go first baby brother.” And he shoved the youngest goat onto the bridge.



Trip-trot, trip-trop, trip-trot. The smallest goat named Gruff walked across the bridge. Little did he know that his steps were waking up the troll that lived underneath the bridge.

“Who’s walking across my bridge?” shouted the troll, climbing up the side.

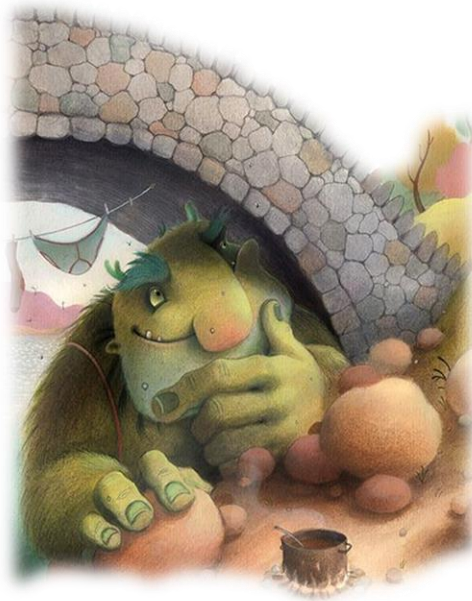
“It’s just me,” the goat said. “A tiny goat trying to get to the green meadow on the other side of this bridge to eat the grass there and get bigger.”

“No one crosses my bridge,” said the troll. “I will gobble you up!”

“Oh no, you don’t want to eat me,” said the little goat. “I’m so small, you’ll never be satisfied. But my bigger brother is about to cross this bridge. He’ll be a great meal for you, indeed!”

“That sounds good,” said the troll. “You may cross, and I will wait for your bigger brother.”

The small goat crossed the bridge and the troll returned to his hovel underneath.



Not much longer the middle brother started across the bridge. Clip-clop, clip-clop, clip-clop.

“Who’s walking across my bridge?” the troll said as he climbed up beside the middle goat.

“It’s just me, the middle brother Gruff. I want to get across here to eat the lush green grass on the other side.”

“I need to eat too,” said the troll. “And I want to eat you!”

“Oh no,” said the middle brother goat. “You should wait for my big brother. He’s the biggest of us all and will be a very filling meal for you. If you eat me, you won’t be hungry when he crosses, and you’ll miss the tastiest meal ever.”

“Yes, that’s a good point,” said the troll. “You go ahead and cross, I will wait for your big brother.”

The middle goat crossed the bridge and the troll returned to his hovel underneath.

A little while later, trump-tromp, trump-tromp, trump-tromp, the troll heard someone else on his bridge.

“Who is crossing my bridge?” he asked.

“It is me, the biggest billy goat Gruff,” said the goat on the bridge.

“I’m climbing up to eat you, big goat!” said the troll as he started up.

“Go ahead and try,” said the big goat.

The troll climbed on top of the bridge and saw the massive goat. “Yum, yum!” he said to himself. But then the goat started to run.

The biggest billy goat lowered his head and ran at full speed to the troll, then butted the troll with his huge horns. The troll flew off the bridge.

“Oooooowwww!” yelled the troll when he landed several yards away. “Okay, okay,” he said to the goats. “You go and eat that lush green grass. I guess I’ll find a meal elsewhere.”

The three billy goats gruff crossed the bridge whenever they pleased after that, and the troll gave them no more trouble.

The End





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Name: _____

Date: _____

Billy Goats Gruff Math

1. How many goats are on top of the bridge? _____
2. How many goats are next to the bridge? _____
3. How many goats are there total? _____
4. How many trolls are underneath the bridge? _____
5. How many clouds are above the bridge? _____



Three Billy Goats Gruff Masks

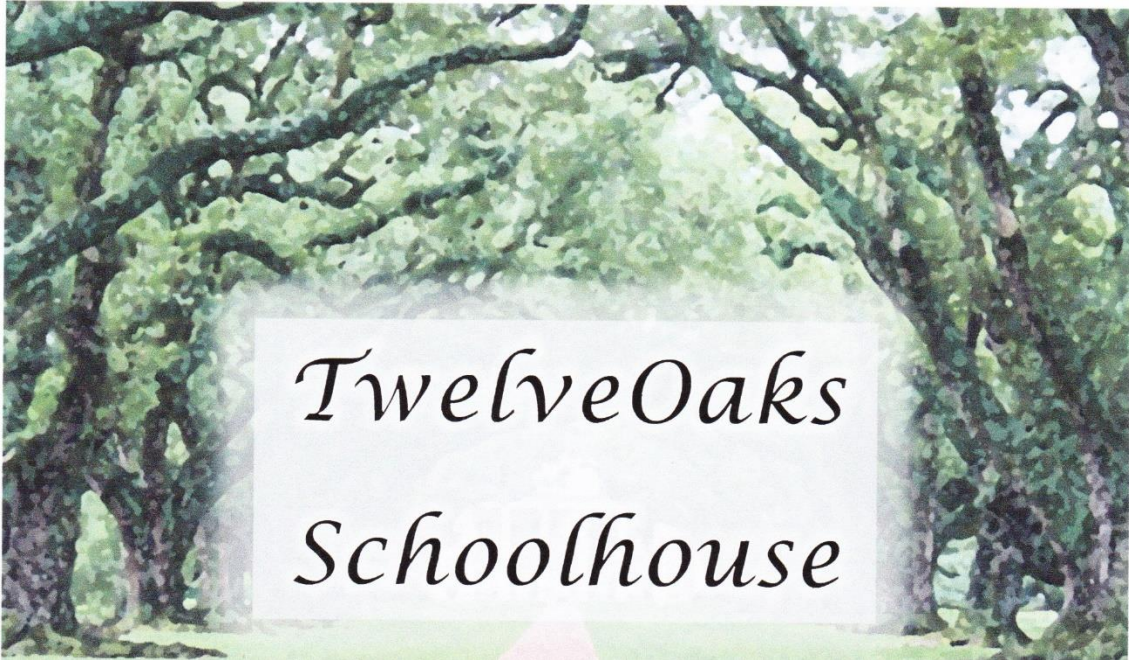
Print on cardstock, cut out face, cut out eye holes and punch holes on the side of the masks, tie a string through the side holes and tie onto your child's face.











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