

Reader's
Theater:

The Three
Little Pigs

Characters

- Big Bad Wolf
- Narrator
- First Little Pig
- Second Little Pig
- Third Little Pig

Optional Props:

1. Houses:

- Straw House: Use yellow construction paper, hay, or raffia to represent straw. You can create a simple, foldable straw house front with poster board.
- Stick House: Use brown construction paper or craft sticks glued together to create a stick house facade.
- Brick House: Use red construction paper or cardboard painted to look like bricks for the brick house.

2. Pig Costumes:

- Ears and Noses: Create pig ears using pink headbands with attached ears and make pig noses using small cups painted pink with string to go around the head.
- Tails: Use pink pipe cleaners for curly pig tails.

3. Wolf Costume:

- Ears and Tail: Create wolf ears using a gray headband and make a gray tail using fabric or a feather duster.
- Nose: Use a black or gray nose piece, or paint the tip of the actor's nose black.

4. Signs:

- House Signs: Make signs that say "Straw House," "Stick House," and "Brick House" to label each house.

5. Scenery:

- Trees and Path: Use green construction paper or fabric to create trees, and brown paper or fabric to make a path for the pigs to walk on.

Narrator:

Once upon a time, there were three little pigs who lived with their mother. One day, they decided to leave home and build houses of their own.

First Little Pig:

I will build my house out of straw. It will be quick and easy!

Second Little Pig:

I will build my house out of sticks. It will be quick and sturdy!

Third Little Pig:

I will build my house out of bricks. It will be very strong and safe!

Narrator:

The three little pigs went off to build their houses. The first little pig quickly built his house of straw. The second little pig built his house of sticks. The third little pig took his time and built his house of bricks. One day, the big bad wolf came along.

Big Bad Wolf:

I smell some little pigs. I will huff and puff and blow their houses down!

Narrator:

The wolf went to the first little pig's house of straw.

Big Bad Wolf:

Little pig, little pig, let me come in!

First Little Pig:

No, no, not by the hair of my chinny chin chin!

Big Bad Wolf:

Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house down!

Narrator:

The wolf huffed and puffed, and he blew the straw house down. The first little pig ran to his brother's house of sticks. The wolf followed him to the second little pig's house.

Big Bad Wolf:

Little pigs, little pigs, let me come in!

First and Second Little Pig:

No, no, not by the hair of our chinny chin chins!

Big Bad Wolf:

Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house down!

Narrator:

The wolf huffed and puffed, and he blew the stick house down. The two little pigs ran to their brother's house of bricks. The wolf followed them to the third pig's house.

Big Bad Wolf:

Little pigs, little pigs, let me come in!

First, Second, and Third Little Pig:

No, no, not by the hair of our chinny chin chins!

Big Bad Wolf:

Then I'll huff, and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house down!

Narrator:

The wolf huffed and puffed, but he could not blow the brick house down. The wolf was very angry.

Big Bad Wolf:

I will climb down the chimney and get those pigs!

Narrator:

The third little pig had a clever idea. He put a big pot of boiling water in the fireplace. When the wolf came down the chimney, he fell right into the pot!

Big Bad Wolf:

Ouch! This water is hot! I'm getting out of here!

Narrator:

The wolf ran away and never bothered the three little pigs again. The three little pigs lived happily ever after in their strong, safe house of bricks.

First Little Pig:

We are safe now!

Third Little Pig:

Hard work and strong houses keep us safe from the big bad wolf!

Narrator:

And so, the three little pigs learned that hard work and a good plan make all the difference. They lived happily ever after.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Why did the first little pig's house get blown down by the wolf? What was the house made of?

How was the third little pig's house different from his brothers' houses? Why did the wolf have trouble blowing it down?

What did the three little pigs learn about building their houses? Why is it important to work hard and choose strong materials?

First Little Pig



Second Little Pig



Third Little Pig



Big Bad Wolf



Narrator



Teacher Suggestions:

Assigning Roles: Consider your students' reading levels and confidence when assigning roles. Encourage students to practice their parts at home or during independent reading time.

Practicing Fluency: Have students practice their parts multiple times to build fluency and expression.

Props & Costumes: Use the optional props list to create simple, engaging props. Students can also use the provided character illustrations to hang around their neck to help identify characters to the audience or alternatively, attach a handle and use as puppets.

Performance: Arrange a space in the classroom where students can perform. Invite other classes or parents to watch the final performance to boost students' confidence and make it more special.

Reader Response Questions: Use the provided questions to facilitate a post-performance discussion. This will help assess comprehension and encourage students to think critically about the story.

Extension Activities:

Creative Writing: Have students write their own ending to the story or create an alternative version of "The Three Little Pigs."

Art Projects: Students can draw scenes from the story or create a storyboard.

Compare and Contrast: Read different versions of "The Three Little Pigs" and compare and contrast them. Consider using a Venn Diagram.

House Building Project: Provide students with various materials like straws, sticks, and LEGO bricks. Let them build small models of the three houses and test them with a fan to simulate the wolf's huffing and puffing.