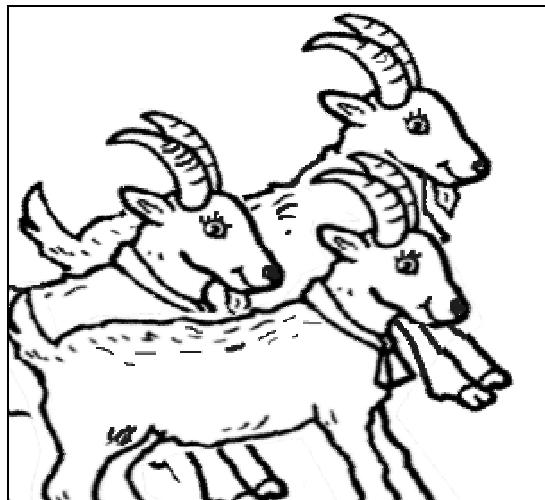


The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Friends



A short easy musical play for young actors
Target age: 4-8 years

Cast:

Narrator

Gruff 1.....**Gruff 2****Gruff 3**.....

Troll 1.....**Troll 2**.....**Troll 3**.....**Troll 4**.....

Cat**Dog**.....**Donkey**.....**Hen**.....

Singers

Optional: Farmer Macdonald and more animals!

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Staging: This play can be performed without staging and curtains, and scenery/props can be minimal. We suggest that the cast/ singers/ dancers occupy separate benches near the stage so that they can go on stage easily and can boost the singing rather than languish in a dressing room or corridor. If possible, cast the 3 Billy Goats in order of size, smallest first.

Props/ Costumes needed: Animal masks or face paints, raised stage block for a bridge, spear.

Narrator: Once upon a time there were three billy goats. They were on their way to the hillside to eat grass. Just then, a big dog crossed their path.

Dog: Ruff! Good morning, billy goats! Who are you and where are you going?

Gruff 1: Good morning, dog! We are the three Billy Goats Gruff! We are going to the hillside to eat grass and get fat!

Dog: Grass? Yuk! I am going to the butcher's to buy sausages! Ruff! Ruff! I will walk a little way with you!

Narrator: The billy goats continued on their way. Just then, a bad tempered donkey crossed their path.

Donkey: Huff, huff, huff! Good morning, billy goats! Who are you and where are you going?

Gruff 2: Good morning, donkey! We are the three Billy Goats Gruff! We are going to the hillside to eat grass and get fat!

Donkey: Grass? Yuk! I'm going to the field to eat carrots! I will walk a little way with you.

Narrator: The billy goats continued on their way. Just then, a fluffy white cat appeared.

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Cat: Miaow! Good morning, billy goats! Who are you and where are you going?

Gruff 3: Good morning, cat! We are the three Billy Goats Gruff! We are going to the hillside to eat grass and get fat!

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Cat: Grass? Yuk! I'm going to the market to buy fish! Miaow! I will walk a little way with you!

Narrator: The billy goats continued on their way. Just then, a little brown hen appeared.

Hen: Cluck! Cluck! Good morning, billy goats! Who are you and where are you going?

Gruff 1: Good morning, hen! We are the three Billy Goats Gruff! We are going to the hillside to eat grass and get fat!

Hen: Grass? Yuk! I'm going to the barnyard to eat corn! Cluck! Cluck! I will walk a little way with you!

Optional Part: “Old Macdonald” (in case you need to include more children in the play!)

Narrator: A little further down the road, the billy goats met a farmer. He was looking after his animals.

(Enter Old Macdonald and animals of your choice)

The musical backing track for “Old Macdonald” is included, with 8 verses, so you will need 8 animals of your choice, or cut it short. There is no vocal track or score for this song

Narrator: Old Macdonald and his animals said goodbye. (Exit Old Macdonald and his animals.)

Narrator: Soon, they came to a bridge over a stream. The billy goats wanted to go across the bridge, but the other animals refused.

Dog: Don't go across that bridge. Four trolls live under there! Their eyes are as big as saucers!

Cat: Be careful! The four trolls will gobble you up!

Donkey: I won't cross that bridge! Their teeth are as sharp as knives!

Hen: Those trolls will eat you up and chew on your bones!

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Gruff 1: What can we do? We MUST go across the stream to eat the grass!

Dog: The trolls sleep during the day. You might be safe if you don't wake them up!
Ruff! Ruff! Ruff!

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Cat: Shhhh! Miaow! Don't wake the trolls! Don't wake the trolls!

Donkey (to audience): Will you please be quiet too? Remember! Don't wake the trolls!

***** Song: Billy Goats Gruff *****

*There were one two three Billy Goats Gruff out for a walk one day!
One two three Billy Goats Gruff going up the hill to play!
What a lovely day for lazing! What a lovely day for grazing!
Trip trap! Trip trap! Skip! Skip! Skip! Down the country road!
Trip Trap! Trip Trap! Skip Skip Skip! Quietly you stroll!
Don't wake the trolls! Don't wake the trolls! Sshhhhhh!
Don't wake the trolls! Don't wake the trolls! Sshhhhhh! (Repeat all)*

Narrator: The goats decided to cross the bridge one at a time. The other animals wished them luck.

Cat, Dog, Donkey, Hen: Goodbye and good luck! (*Shake hands and EXIT*)

Narrator : The first Billy Goat Gruff went on to the bridge. Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves!

Troll 1 (Roars): Who's that tripping over my bridge? Ah! A tasty little snack!

Gruff 1: Agh! You can't eat me! I am much too skinny! Wait for the second billy goat! He's much bigger! Go back to sleep!

Troll 1: (Yawns, stretches) All right. It's your lucky day! (*Goes back to sleep. Gruff 1 crosses safely.*)

Narrator: The second Billy Goat Gruff went on to the bridge. Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves!

Troll 2 (Roars): Who's that tripping over my bridge? You woke me up from my beauty sleep! Ah! Yum yum! Wake up, trolls! Nice fresh meat! Nice fresh meat!

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(All 4 trolls emerge. Gruff 3 hides.)

***** Song: Trip Trap! *****

*Who's that walking on our bridge, on our bridge,
On our bridge, on our bridge! On our bridge!
They look tasty and good to eat!*

And we can feast on nice fresh meat! On nice fresh meat! On nice fresh meat!

*Why don't you leave those goats alone! They are only skin and bone!
Why don't you leave those goats alone! They are only skin and bone!*

Gruff 2: You can't eat me! I am much too thin! Wait for the third billy goat! He's much much bigger! Go back to sleep, all of you!

Troll 2: (*Yawns, stretches*) Hmm. Very well. Take your noisy trip trapping somewhere else! Be off with you! (*All trolls go back to sleep. Gruff 2 crosses safely.*)

Narrator: The trolls went back to sleep. The third Billy Goat Gruff went on to the bridge. Trip trap, trip trap went his hooves!

Troll 3 (Wakes and Roars): Who's that tripping over my bridge? You woke me up!

Troll 4: You woke me up, too!

Troll 2: And me!

Troll 1: Me too! Let's eat him up! (*All agree*)

Gruff 3: You can't eat me! My meat is too tough! My bones are too hard! Go back to sleep!

Troll 1: No way, baby! It's time for tea!

Troll 2: And you are on the menu!

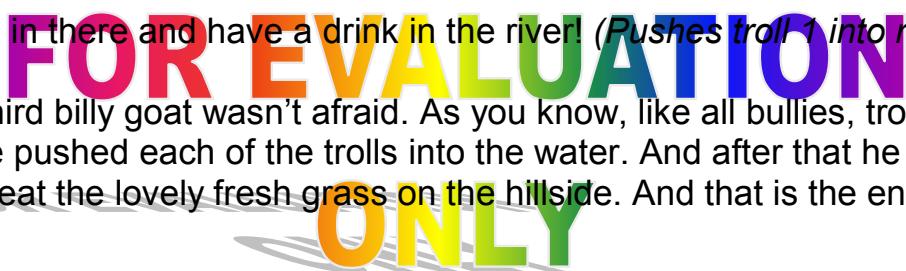
Troll 3: (*To audience, chanting and dancing*) Look at me! I've got a spear! I'll poke his eyeballs through his ears! (*Audience: Boo!*)

Troll 4: (*To audience, chanting and dancing*) Over there I've got two stones ! They are just right to grind his bones! (*Audience: Boo!*)

Gruff 3: I'm not afraid of big bad bullies like you! Hmm! You look thirsty! Would you like a nice drink of water?

Troll 1: Yes, please!

Gruff 3: Okay! Go in there and have a drink in the river! (*Pushes troll 1 into river*)



Narrator 1: The third billy goat wasn't afraid. As you know, like all bullies, trolls are really cowards! He pushed each of the trolls into the water. And after that he went with his friends to eat the lovely fresh grass on the hillside. And that is the end of our tale!

Curtain calls: Play any backing track softly, and take a bow in reverse order of the cast list.

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