

Three Billy Goats Gruff

adapted from a Norwegian folktale

Up on the hill, the grass grew sweet. The little billy goat Gruff could 14

almost taste it now. He just had the bridge to cross then he would be 29

there. Trip trap! Trip trap! Over the bridge he walked. A voice 41

boomed out, “Who is crossing my bridge?” Oh no! It was the troll who 55

loved to eat billy goats! “It is only I, the littlest goat Gruff.” The troll’s 70

mouth started to water. He reached for the goat. “Oh, Mr. Troll! I 83

am much too little to eat. You should wait for my big brother. He will be 99

a better meal for you.” Troll liked this idea, so he sent the little goat on 115

his way. Soon Troll heard medium goat feet trip-trapping on the bridge. 128

It was the middle billy goat Gruff! He told Troll to wait for an even 143

better meal—the biggest billy goat Gruff. There was an even larger 155

larger goat? Well, Troll thought this was his lucky day. He sent the 168

middle brother on his way. Soon he heard the trip-trapping of big goat 182

feet. It was the biggest billy goat Gruff! That goat took one look at 196

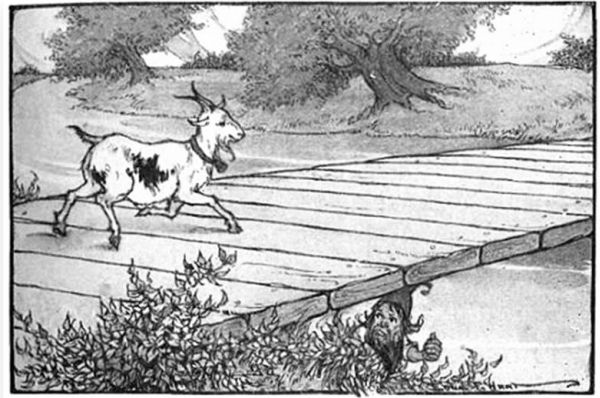
Troll and used his large horns to push Troll into the river. From then 210

on the billy goats were able to get to the hill whenever they wanted. 226

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
words read in 1 minute				
– number of mistakes				
= total words read correctly				
adult initials				

Parent Tips

1. Have the student read the ENTIRE story to himself & answer the questions.
2. Time the student while he reads aloud for exactly 1 minute. Do not help fix mistakes.
3. If the student is stuck on a word for 2 seconds, say the word & count it as a mistake.
4. Record the number of words read and the number of errors. Subtract: words read – errors = total words read correctly.
5. Now, help fix mistakes.
6. You may wish to read the story out loud as a model for fluent reading.
7. Repeat the steps on other days.



1. Where were the goats going?

- ☐ to their home
- ☐ to the hill
- ☐ to the river

2. Why didn't the troll eat the middle brother?

- ☐ He was waiting for the littlest goat.
- ☐ He thought the big goat would be a better meal.
- ☐ He doesn't like to eat goats at all.

3. The little goat and Brer Rabbit are alike because _____.

- ☐ they were both caught by Mr. Hawk.
- ☐ they both like to eat the sweet grasses on the hill.
- ☐ they both tricked someone by saying they aren't fat enough to eat.

4. Was the biggest brother right to push the troll off the bridge?