

## **Billy Goats Gruff Play Instructions**

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Earns: Arrow Points 2A & 2D

Supplies: Script (I'll bring extra scripts) and sound effects (boys will bring)

Instructions:

Gather boys together and arrange in sequence of play.

Otto (Narrators):

Narrators are lined up with their sound effects to take turns in order of the play. (Narrator 5 has the Troll's sound effects.) Assist boys to liven up their lines – not just read them.

Bret (Troll and 3 billy goats):

Explain to the “billy goats” they will start together in a group. The troll crouching in front of the bridge on the poster board scenery until the goats decide to cross the bridge. When each goat starts to cross the bridge (walk in front of the poster board scenery) the troll pops up and says his lines loudly (with hands on hips or pointing finger for emphasis.) Assist boys to liven up their lines – not just read them.

Practice:

Narrators say line and add sound effect at the end of their lines. Next Billy Goat in line starts to cross the bridge and then the Troll pops up. And so on. Narrator 5 will do the sound effects for the Troll so he must pay attention to the appropriate line to time it right.

## The Three Billy Goats Gruff

### Players:

**Narrator 1:** Jeffrey

**Troll:** Aaron

**Narrator 2:** Andrew

**Littlest Billy Goat:** Matthew

**Narrator 3:** Cole

**Middle-sized Billy Goat:** Trent

**Narrator 4:** Dakota

**Biggest Billy Goat:** Bradley

**Narrator 5:** Bart (sound effects for troll)

**(Jeffrey) Narrator 1:** “Once there were three billy goats named Gruff – a big one, a middle-sized one and a little one. Together, they were called the Three Billy Goats Gruff. One day they were all very hungry. They looked across the river and saw a juicy green grass meadow. But to get there they would have to cross the bridge that the troll lived under!” (*littlest billy goat starts to cross the bridge – sound effects of hitting sticks together for tapping footsteps across the bridge*)

**(Aaron) Troll:** (*growls in a deep voice*) “Who’s that crossing my bridge?”

**(Matthew) Littlest Billy Goat:** (*in a shaky, small voice*)  
“I’m only a tiny billy goat. I’m just crossing the bridge so I can eat enough grass to get fat for the winter.”

**(Aaron) Troll:** (*in a loud voice*) “Oh no, you’re not! Billy goats aren’t allowed on my bridge – and now I’m coming to gobble you up!” (*Bart makes the sound effects of scratching sandpaper together for troll climbing the bridge*)

**(Matthew) Littlest Billy Goat:** “Please don’t eat me! If you wait a much bigger billy goat will come along soon.”  
(*The troll motions to him go to the meadow; littlest billy goat leaves the scene.*)

**(Andrew) Narrator 2:** “Next, the middle-sized billy goat starts to cross the bridge to get to the juicy green grass meadow.” (*middle-sized billy goat starts to cross the bridge – sound effects of bouncing ball for bumping footsteps across the bridge*)

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**(Aaron) Troll:** (*growls in a deep voice*) “Who’s that crossing my bridge?”

**(Trent) Middle-sized Billy Goat:** (*in a normal but shaky voice*) “I’m only a middle-sized billy goat. I’m just trotting across your bridge so I can eat enough grass to get fat for the winter.”

**(Aaron) Troll:** (*in a loud voice*) “That’s what you think! Here I come to gobble you up!”  
(*Bart makes the sound effects of scratching sandpaper together for troll climbing the bridge*)

**(Trent) Middle-sized Billy Goat:** “Oh no! Please don’t eat me! If you’ll just wait a much bigger, tastier billy goat is coming along right behind me.” (*The troll motions to him go to the meadow; the middle-sized billy goat leaves the scene*)

**(Cole) Narrator 3:** “Now the third Billy Goat Gruff starts across the bridge. He is much bigger and heavier than the other two.” (*Biggest billy goat starts to cross the bridge - sound effects of beating a large metal garbage can for thumping footsteps across the bridge*)

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**(Aaron) Troll:** (*in a loud voice*) “Who’s that thumping across my bridge?!”

**(Bradley) Big Billy Goat:** (*confident voice*) “Come up and see for yourself! I’m Big Billy Goat Gruff!”

**(Aaron) Troll:** “You’re going to be my dinner – Here I come to gobble you up!” (*Bart makes the sound effects of scratching sandpaper together for troll climbing the bridge*)

**(Bradley) Big Billy Goat:** “Come right ahead!” (*puts his head down and paws the ground while the Troll climbs onto the bridge.*)

**(Dakota) Narrator 4:** “The troll rushes at the biggest billy goat. The Big Billy Goat Gruff head-butts the troll and he falls into the river.” (*Biggest billy goat runs towards the troll who falls into the river and out of the scene - sound effects of water sloshing in a large plastic bottle for splash into river*)

**(Bradley) Big Billy Goat:** “From now on, anyone can cross this bridge!” (*joins the other goats to each grass*)

**(Bart) Narrator 5:** “And from that day on, they all had enough green juicy grass to make them fat for the winter.”