

The Three Billy Goats Gruff  
Some Extension Activities  
(From Toni Linder, Read Play and Learn)

Reading the Story

Discuss the concepts of being afraid, being brave and family support.  
Discuss what is scary and not scary about the troll.  
As you reread story, let children fill in words.  
Let children pretend to be the characters.  
Have a puppet show.

Dramatic Play

Construct a bridge in the classroom for acting out the story. Make the troll's home under the bridge. Don't forget his pet frog.  
Incorporate the troll signs that children can wear.  
Imitate animals and how they move across the bridge.  
Use scripts from the story to give children short comments at their own language level.

Literacy Center

Have a tape of the story and books available.  
Make labels for dramatic play area (rocks, river, bridge etc.)  
Make a book about families.

Science and Math Center

Plant grass.  
Play a matching game with what animals eat. (grass/goats, mice/owl, hay/ horses etc.)

Art Area

Make troll faces or goat masks.  
Let children choose from a variety of materials to make troll faces or goat masks.  
Make goats in 3 different sizes, small, medium and large.  
Make a mural of the story – sponge paint grass and sky, Popsicle stick bridge, green yarn for grass. Add trolls and billy goats (cotton). Make hoof prints.  
Allow children to be involved in planning the projects.

Sensory Area

Stretchy green grass- equal part of regular glue and liquid starch (add green food coloring). Stir with spoon, then with hands. Let sit overnight.  
Allow children to play in the exploration area with variety of materials grass, bark, straw, leaves, moss, sand, rocks, and sticks. Discuss hard, scratchy, rough, smooth etc.

Motor Area

Make an obstacle course. Children can look at the course and identify the sequence of the story. Omit an obstacle and see if children can tell you what is missing.

Floor Play

Create miniature scenes of grassy areas, hills, water, rocks, nature materials etc. Provide materials for children to build bridges. Add plastic animals to retell the story.

Snack

1. Make goat salad with different kinds of greens. Show children how to use tongs to serve salad.
2. Present snacks in 3 different sizes for children to request.
3. Grass snacks. Spread cream cheese on a cracker. Top with alfalfa sprouts.
4. Goat's horns. Give each child a plate of Bugles crackers and some cheese dip.