

**Level 1-7**  
**The Three Goats**

**Workbook**

**Teacher's Guide and Answer Key**

# Teacher's Guide

## A. Summary

### 1. Book Summary

*The Three Goats* is a Norwegian folk tale about three goats who want to cross a bridge.

There are three goats. They are brothers. They see green grass on a hill across the river. The grass looks very good. They want to go eat it, but they have to cross a bridge. A troll lives under the bridge. He wants to eat the goats.

The little goat goes over the bridge first. The troll hears him. He says he wants to eat the little goat. The little goat tells him to wait for his bigger brother. The greedy troll agrees.

The bigger troll goes next. The troll says he wants to eat him. The bigger goat tells the troll to wait for his brother. He is the biggest. The troll agrees.

The biggest goat goes over the bridge. The troll says he wants to eat him. The biggest goat tells the troll to come up on the bridge. When the troll comes on the bridge, the goat hits him. The troll falls into the river.

The goats go to the hill and eat the green grass.

### 2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-11:** The goats see green grass on a hill. They want to eat it, but they have to cross a bridge. A troll lives under the bridge. He wants to eat the goats.

► **Pages 12-15:** The little goat goes over the bridge. The troll stops him. He says he wants to eat the little goat. The little goat tells him to wait for his bigger brother. The bigger brother tells him to wait for the biggest brother. The troll agrees.

► **Pages 16-18:** The biggest goat goes over the bridge. The troll says he wants to eat him. The biggest goat tells the troll to come up on the bridge. Then, the biggest goat hits the troll! The troll falls into the river. The three goats go to the hill and eat the green grass.

## **B. Background and Themes**

★ **Wanting More:** Sometimes, we tend to look at what other people have, or what we do not have, and wish that it was ours. The goats wanted the green grass on the other side of the river. The grass on their side of the river was probably just as good. But they wanted to eat the grass on the other side because it looked so much nicer than the grass growing near them. To get to the grass, they had to risk being eaten by the troll. We should learn to appreciate what we have and stop worrying about what we do not have.

★ **Greed:** Most people constantly think about getting something better. What we have is good, but we want more. If there is an opportunity to get something better, we take it. We should enjoy what we have and stop missing opportunities because we are waiting for something better to come along. The troll missed his opportunity because he was waiting for something better. He could have eaten the little goat or the bigger goat, but he was greedy. He waited for the biggest goat to come along. But the biggest goat was too big for him to handle.

★ **Brothers:** Brothers stick together and stand up for each other. The biggest goat protected his brothers by hitting the troll and making him fall into the river.

★ **Actions Speak Louder Than Words:** Some people try to intimidate others with words, but when they are challenged, they back down. They do not back up their words with their actions. The troll thought he could intimidate the goats and eat them. But when the biggest goat fought back, the troll ended up in the river.

# Answer Key

## Part A. Story Focus

### Before You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

#### ► Introduction

1. It comes from Norway.
2. It is about three goats who are brothers.
3. It is called that because the goats' last name is Gruff.

#### ► Characters

1. Little Goat	2. Bigger Goat
<u>small</u> <u>goes first</u>	<u>medium</u> <u>goes second</u>

3. Biggest Goat	4. Troll
<u>large</u> <u>knocks the troll into the river</u>	<u>lives under the bridge</u> <u>wants to eat a goat</u>

## While You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

### ► Beginning: Pages 6-11

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about three goats who want to cross a bridge.
2. I know the story called The Three Little Pigs.
3. They wear bells to make noise so the farmer knows where they are.

#### B. Review Questions

1. They want to cross it because they want to eat the grass on the hill.
2. A troll lives under the bridge.
3. He hears a goat crossing the bridge.

### ► Middle: Pages 12-15

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about the troll trying to eat the goats.
2. A famous bridge is the Golden Gate Bridge.
3. I would run as fast as I could across the bridge.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He doesn't eat him because he wants to wait for the bigger goat.
2. He doesn't eat him because he wants to wait for the biggest goat.
3. He asks, "Who is on my bridge?"

### ► End: Pages 16-18

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about the fight between the biggest goat and the troll.
2. I think it is best to stay calm and talk to the person being mean to you.
3. I know that they are not real.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He told the troll to come onto the bridge.
2. He hit the troll so hard that he fell into the river.
3. He knocked him into the river because he wanted to teach the troll a lesson.

### **Mini Quiz**

a. Haste makes waste.

→ If you do something too quickly, you may not do a very good job, and the work may have to be redone.

b. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

→ Something that we have or that we can easily get is better than something hoped for or something that we might not be able to get later.

c. Every rose has its thorn.

→ Every good thing has a bad side.

## After You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

### ► Pattern Practice

4. A: My room is bigger

B: My room is biggest.

5. A: My shoes are bigger.

B: My shoes are biggest.

### ► Challenge

1. The goats see green grass on a hill.
2. A hungry troll lives under the bridge.
3. The troll will wait for the little goat's bigger brother.
4. The troll falls into the river.

## Part B. Skill Focus

### Vocabulary Preview

#### A.

1. hear
2. bridge
3. goat
4. across
5. river
6. green
7. three
8. little
9. other
10. troll

#### B.

##### Across

3. over
4. biggest
6. hit
7. goat
8. fall
9. under

##### Down

1. look
2. brother
4. bridge
5. troll

## Reading Comprehension

### ► Beginning: Pages 6-11

#### A.

1. F    2. T    3. F    4. T    5. F

#### B.

1. d    2. c    3. a    4. b

#### C.

1. c    2. d    3. b    4. c    5. a

### ► Middle: Pages 12-15

#### A.

1. F    2. F    3. F    4. T    5. T

#### B.

1. Troll

2. Little Goat

3. Bigger Goat

4. Troll

#### C.

1. d    2. a    3. c    4. a    5. b

### ► End: Pages 16-18

#### A.

1. F    2. T    3. F    4. F    5. T

#### B.

1. c    2. b    3. d    4. a

#### C.

1. d    2. a    3. b    4. d    5. b

## Think and Write

1. green
2. goats
3. bridge
4. eat
5. wait
6. hits
7. falls
8. three

## Vocabulary Review

1. The three goats are brothers.
2. The goats see green grass on a hill.
3. A troll lives under the bridge.
4. The bridge goes over the river.
5. The little goat goes over the bridge.
6. The troll hears a goat on the bridge.
7. The biggest goat hits the troll.
8. The troll falls into the river.
9. The three goats go to the hill.
10. The goats like the green grass.

## Summary

A.

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B.

1. The goats want to go to the hill.
2. The little goat tries to go over the bridge.
3. The biggest goat hits the troll.
4. The goats eat the green grass.

## Book Report

Story a → d → b → e → c