

## STORY GUIDE

# The Three Little Pigs

Original story by: Joseph Jacobs

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## morals and themes

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Hard Work, Responsibility

## general comprehension questions

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- Where does the story take place?
- Who are the characters?
- Who is your favorite character and why?
- Which character don't you like and why?
- What are the problems the characters face?
- How do they solve these problems?
- How does the story end?
- What lesson does this story teach you?

## discussion questions

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- What were the materials that the three pigs used to build their houses?
- Which one was the best? Why didn't all three of them use it?
- Do you think the pigs were good brothers? Why or why not?
- Why didn't the third little pig agree to make dinner with the wolf?
- What do you like best about your house? What don't you like about it?

## extension questions

- What other stories does this remind you of?
- How does this story relate to your own life?
- Write an alternate ending for the story.
- Write your own version of what happens next.

## research activity

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Use the internet or library to research houses.

- What are some different materials that houses are made from?
- Which type of house is your favorite?

## notes on this adaptation

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A historically popular fable with a strong moral, most popular versions contain elements taken from Joseph Jacobs' version, and "The Wolf and the Seven Young Children," by The Brothers Grimm. While most modern versions play up the importance of hard work before play—the first two pigs eschew proper house building for shortcut supplies—but often still allow the two lazy pigs to live at the end. Jacobs' version, the one adapted here, makes sure the reader knows the importance of preparation as the third pig repeatedly outwits and out-plans the big bad wolf.