

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

There were three billy goats who were brothers. They were eating in a field one day when they saw better food across a bridge in another field. However, there was a mean, old giant who lived under the bridge. He did not like anyone using his bridge. The two younger brothers convinced the giant not to eat them in order to cross his bridge. The eldest brother who was very strong went over the bridge last and chased the giant away forever.

Characters:

The Three Billy Goats Gruff were very close brothers. The youngest brother always wanted to be like the eldest brother. The second eldest brother always liked to tease the youngest brother. He tried to be like the eldest brother too. The eldest brother, who was very strong, brave and responsible, looked after the younger brothers. Mean Old Giant didn't care about anybody. He just ate anyone who crossed his bridge.

Little Billy Goat Gruff (LBG) - He is the youngest Gruff brother. He is also the weakest but wants to be as strong as his brothers. He is very afraid of the giant.

Middle Billy Goat Gruff (MBG) - He is the second eldest Gruff brother. He is stronger than his younger brother and likes to joke with him. He thinks he is as brave and strong as his elder brother, but he is not.

Big Billy Goat Gruff (BBG) - He is the eldest, bravest and strongest Gruff brother. He is also very caring and responsible.

Mean Old Giant (MOG) - He is mean, old and easily tricked. He does not like anyone crossing his bridge. He will eat anyone who crosses it.

Scene 1
(In a field near an old bridge)

LBG: *(Pointing to the other side of the old bridge with his head)* Wow! Look at all the red apples and green grass over there!

MBG: *(Looking at the other side of the old bridge in amazement)* Wow! The apples are redder and the grass is greener over there.

BBG: Yeah, we'll go over there. They're the reddest apples and greenest grass I've ever seen. But first, we must cross this old bridge.

MBG: Well, what are we waiting for? Let's go!

BBG: Not so fast! Mean Old Giant lives under the old bridge. We must be careful or he'll eat us.

LBG: *(Saying in a scared and surprised tone)* Mean Old Giant! Eat us?

BBG: Don't worry, little brother. I'll make sure you cross the bridge safely.

MBG: *(Saying teasingly)* Good luck, little brother! Don't let Mean Old Giant get you. Ha, ha, ha ...

BBG: Don't tease your little brother. We must make him feel good.

LBG: Thanks, big brother.

MBG: *(Saying jokingly)* Don't get eaten by Mean Old Giant.
Ha, ha, ha ...

(Little Billy Goat Gruff ignores Middle Billy Goat Gruff and starts to cross the bridge slowly.)

(Sound of a goat walking over the bridge - trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap)

(Just as Little Billy Goat Gruff comes to the middle of the bridge, Mean Old Giant jumps up from under the bridge.)

MOG: Who's that walking on my bridge?

LBG: It's me, Little Billy Goat Gruff.

MOG: I'm Mean Old Giant and you are on my bridge. I'm going to eat you for my lunch.

LBG: *(Saying nervously)* I just want to eat some red apples and green grass in the field over there. Please don't eat me. I'm just a little goat. Wait until my brother comes along. He's much, much bigger than I am. He'll really fill you up.

MOG: OK, go ahead and cross the bridge.

LBG: Th....th....thank you, M....M...Mean Old G....G....Giant.

(Little Billy Goat Gruff runs across the bridge quickly.)

(Sound of a goat walking over the bridge - trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap)

(Little Billy Goat Gruff starts to eat the red apples and green grass. Mean Old Giant goes back under his bridge to sleep.)

Scene 2
(In the field near the old bridge)

BBG: OK, brother, it's your turn to go across the bridge.

MBG: *(Saying very confidently)* No problem. I'm going to get rid of Mean Old Giant. I'm bigger and stronger than our little brother. Don't worry about me.

BBG: Just be careful, OK?

MBG: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

(Middle Billy Goat Gruff starts to cross the bridge slowly.)

(Sound of a goat walking over the bridge - trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap)

(Just as Middle Billy Goat Gruff comes to the middle of the bridge, Mean Old Giant jumps up from under the bridge.)

MOG: Who's that walking on my bridge?

MBG: It's me, Middle Billy Goat Gruff.

MOG: I'm Mean Old Giant and you are on my bridge. I'm going to eat you for my lunch.

MBG: Oh yeah! Try to eat me then! You don't look so mean.

MOG: Rrroarr!

(Mean Old Giant roars and jumps at Middle Billy Goat Gruff.)

MBG: *(Saying in a very scared and nervous manner)* Ahhh...! Please don't eat me! Please don't eat me! I just want to eat some red apples and green grass in the field over there. I'm just the middle goat. Wait until my brother comes along. He's much bigger than I am. He'll really make you full.

MOG: OK, go ahead and cross the bridge.

MBG: Th....th.....thank you, M....M...Mean Old G....G....Giant.

(Middle Billy Goat Gruff runs across the bridge quickly.)

(Sound of a goat walking over the bridge - trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap)

(Middle Billy Goat Gruff starts to eat the red apples and green grass. Mean Old Giant goes back under his bridge to sleep.)

Scene 3 **(In the field near the old bridge)**

BBG: *(Saying aloud to himself)* Both of them have crossed the bridge safely. Now it's my turn. I'm the biggest and the strongest. I must get rid of Mean Old Giant!

LBG & MBG: *(Saying aloud in the field on the other side of the bridge)* Come on, big brother! You can do it!

(Big Billy Goat Gruff nods his head and starts to cross the bridge slowly.)

(Sound of a goat walking over the bridge - trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap)

(Just as Big Billy Goat Gruff comes to the middle of the bridge, Mean Old Giant jumps up from under the bridge.)

MOG: Who's that walking on my bridge?

BBG: It's me, Big Billy Goat Gruff.

MOG: I'm Mean Old Giant and you are on my bridge. I'm going to eat you for my lunch.

BBG: Come on then. Just come and get me!

(The giant climbs onto the bridge. Big Billy Goat Gruff puts down his head and charges at the giant.)

MOG: Owww!!!

(Mean Old Giant falls into the small river below.)

LBG & MBG: Fantastic!

BBG: *(Saying to himself)* Mean Old Giant won't bother us again. I have done my job. Now, I'm going to eat some red apples and green grass with my brothers.

(Big Billy Goat Gruff runs across the bridge quickly.)

(Sound of a goat walking over the bridge - trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap, trip-trap)

(Big Billy Goat Gruff joins his brothers on the other side of the old bridge.)

LBG: You're so brave and strong, big brother. I want to be like you someday. You're the best!

MBG: *(Saying boastfully)* I could have done that too. I just didn't feel like it, that's all.

BBG: OK, OK, we are all safe and Mean Old Giant will never bother us again.

LBG & MBG: Hurray!