



***The True Story of
the 3 Little Pigs!***
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Recommended Ages:
5-12

Summary: The folktale of the Three Little Pigs is presented from the humorous perspective of an innocent wolf, whose simple requests to borrow cups of sugar become disastrous by a snout full of unfortunate sneezes.

Discussion Questions:

Before Reading: Discuss a time when you saw a situation differently than a friend did. Bring up something that happened on the playground or in the classroom to get the ball rolling. Ask for volunteers to tell the traditional story of the Three Little Pigs. Let the volunteers take turns telling parts of the story, then read the book together.

1. Do you agree with the wolf when he says that the pigs used poor building materials? Why or why not?
2. How do you think the pigs felt when their houses were blown down? What emotions did they experience?
3. The pigs and the wolf see things differently. Who do you believe? Why?
4. Should A. Wolf be in trouble for something that was an accident? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever been punished for something that happened by accident? Was it fair that you were punished?
6. Was this an accident?

Activities:

- Discuss similarities and differences between this text and a more traditional story of the Three Little Pigs. What point of view do your readers feel is correct: the pigs' or the wolf's point of view? Make a chart or Venn diagram to show those similarities/differences.
- Think about other fairy tales that might change if told from a different point of view. For example, how would Cinderella's stepsisters tell her famous story? How would Snow White's stepmother explain what happened to her? Write or draw the new fairy tales with a twist.
- Write a letter to A. Wolf in jail. What more would readers like to know about the wolf? What questions would they like to ask him about what happened to the pigs?

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