

Activity Sheet



"The Three Little Pigs/ Los Tres Creditos"

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This version of the classic children's book "The Three Little Pigs" tells the story about three brother pigs and how they try to protect themselves from the wolf. Each of the pigs builds their own house. One with straw, another with wood, and the third builds his house out of stone. Then the wolf comes along and tries to blow down their houses. In the end, the pig that took his time to build a safe, strong house outsmarts the wolf.

While you read this book:

As you read about how each pig is building their house, ask the child questions to get them thinking about the different materials used or the reasoning for using those materials. You might ask, "Do you think the straw will make a strong, sturdy house?" Then ask them to tell you why they think it will or will not make a strong, sturdy house.

After you read this book:

Ask the child to tell you about a time when they did something too fast or did it the easy way (e.g., building with Legos and guessing where pieces go instead of following the directions, or. After they share, follow up by asking them to explain what happened, how they felt, and what they might do differently the next time. Ask the child to think about the pigs' reasons for choosing the materials they did. Before the wolf shows up, ask them which house they would build and why.

Try this at home:

- Look for items around your house to recreate the houses that the pigs built – paper, popsicle sticks or toothpicks, Legos or blocks. Ask the child to predict what will happen when you try to blow them over. Next, using your breath or a fan, try to blow them over! Were you right?
- Ask your child to draw a picture of the house they might build to protect themselves from the wolf in the story. When they are done, ask them to tell you about their drawing. What materials would they use? What other details might they include? How might they outsmart the wolf? Have them tell you their version of the story.
- Use materials from around the house to build different versions of your own creations and test them out to see how sturdy they are. Before you test them, have the child guess what will happen.

Additional Resources

"The Little Red Hen"/"La Gallinita Roja" by Carol Ottolenghi

"The Tortoise and the Hare"/"La Liebre Y La Tortuga" by Teresa Mlawer

"Rose Revere, Engineer"/"Rosa Pionera, ingeniera" by Andrea Beaty