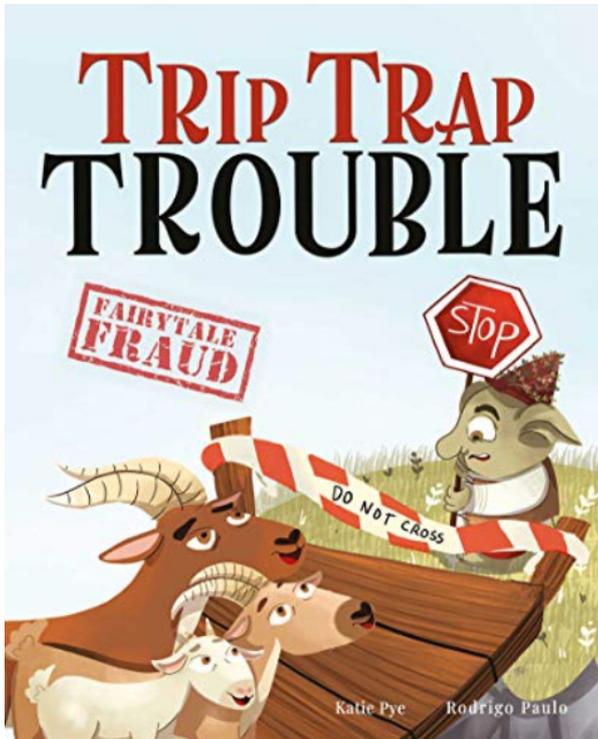


TRIP TRAP TROUBLE

CLASSROOM GUIDE



36 Pages, Aprox 800 words

Genre:

Action Adventure,, Fairytale
Retelling , Rhyming verse

Age Level:

Read aloud. Most suited for ages 5 -8

NZ Standards:

To be completed.

Information about the book:

- Fairytale Fraud Story Series
- Author: Katie Pye
- Illustrator: Rodrigo Paulo
- Publisher: HeadStart Thinking

Overview:

The Three Billy Goats Gruff trip trap back and forth over the bridge in search of the greenest grass. If only they knew that they were trip trapping into trouble!

A fun retelling of *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* with 'Behind the Scenes' material that encourages children to appreciate what they have.

Gratitude Vocabulary

- Gratitude
- Contentment/Content
- Satisfied
- Obsession

Other new concepts

- Fraud
- Toll bridge
- Being on a 'short wick'

Additional Material

Trip Trap Trouble has 'Behind the Scenes' material in the book with story questions, action ideas, key messages and memory mottos .

The Fairytale Fraud website also includes:

- A gratitude debate video
- Big Billy Goat's Journal
- Gratitude List template
- Additional questions

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GETTING READY TO READ

1. Introduce the concept and vocabulary:

- Have you heard of the saying: ‘The grass is greener on the other side?’
- What do you think the saying means?
- What do you think gratitude means?
- What do you think the opposite of gratitude is?
- What do you think a fraud is?

2. Connect children’s past experience with the book

- What do they know about the traditional *Three Billy Goats Gruff* story?
- Look at the cover. Call attention to the title. What do they think the story is about?
- Read the copy. What do they think might happen?

3. Be aware of the following text features:

- The book is in rhyming verse.
- New vocabulary words are introduced - see the list above.
- There is a refrain that repeats through the book. The children may wish to join in.

*He won't be glad, or satisfied,
Until he's got the greenest side.*



READING THE BOOK

Story questions

- What made Big Billy Goat dissatisfied?
- What do you think the troll felt about all the trip trapping overhead.?
- How do you think it felt to be the big goat’s friends with the big goat always searching for better?
- How did the troll try to stop the goats from crossing? What ideas do you have to stop the goats going back and forth?
- Why do you think the other goats decided to stay put?
- How did you think the troll was going to stop Big Billy Goat Gruff?
- Do you think Big Billy Goat learnt through his experience? What do you think he learnt?

Notice the emotions

- Each character goes through an emotion journey. Point out each character’s journey.

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GROWING GRATITUDE:

- Mindfulness/quiet time - set time aside to reflect on what you are thankful for. Use our template gratitude list.
- Class sharing - Offer for students to express what they are grateful for during mat time.
- Reinforcing - Notice and reward expressions of gratitude as a class or across the school.
- Recording gratitude - Create a gratitude board as a class or as a school. Set a challenge e.g. number of items or size of list. As a visual, children could create a cardboard blade of grass and write on that.
- Expressing gratitude - Discuss different ways of saying 'thank you' and study how people say 'thank you in other languages'. Choose some expressions as a class or school.

MUSIC

- Create a tune for the story refrain:
*"He won't be glad or satisfied
until he's got the greenest side."*

WRITING

- Create a gratitude list.
- Write a 'thank you' letter.
- Alternate endings - What happens next?
- Record what 'Big Billy Goat' might have thought when he found the blue land. .

MATH

- Do age-appropriate math themed on the toll bridge prices. and goat crossings.

SCIENCE

- What is a ravine? How is it formed?
- What makes the grass appear different colours - shading and light.
- Explosions! Discuss dynamite, create baking-soda and vinegar reactions.

ART

- Make an explosion or design the blue land.
- Create a class mural with gratitude grass!



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