

The Three Little Pigs



A classic fairytale

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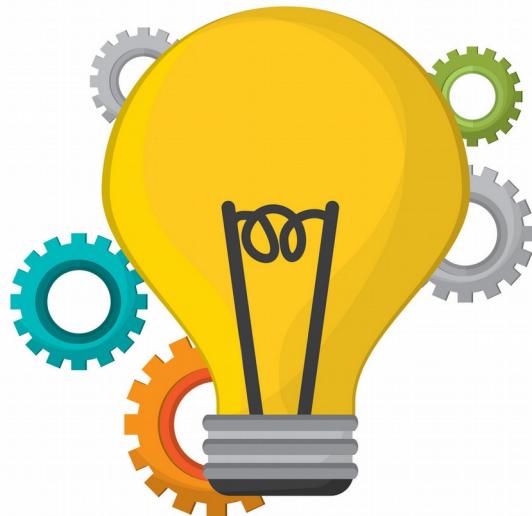
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Once upon a time, there were three little pigs who lived with their mother.

One day the mother pig said to the three little pigs, “You are all grown up now. It’s time for you to go out into the world and live on your own.”

So the three little pigs gave their mother a big hug and kiss and set out to find their own places to live.



They walked down the road and soon saw a man with a wagon full of straw.

“Why, I could build a house of straw in no time,” thought the first little pig.

So the first little pig said to the man, “Please, sir, may I have some straw so that I may build a house?”

The kind man gave him the straw, and the first little pig quickly built his house.

He finished so quickly that he lay down contentedly in the shade to take a nap for the rest of the day.



The other two pigs continued on their way. It wasn't long before they passed a man with a cart full of sticks.

"Hmm, I could build a house of sticks," thought the second little pig. "It will take a little more time than my brother's house of straw, but it will be a fine house."

So the second little pig said to the man, "Please, sir, may I have some sticks so that I may build a house?"

The kind man gave him the sticks, and the second little pig set about building his house.

He finished the house in a little while and then he, too, lay down contentedly in the shade to take a nap.



The third little pig continued on his way. In a little while, he passed a man with a wheelbarrow full of bricks.

“Aha, I could build a house of bricks,” thought the third little pig.
“It’s true that it will take more work than the houses of my brothers, but it will be well worth it.”

So he said to the man, “Please, sir, may I have some bricks so that I may build a house?”

The kind man gave him the bricks, and the third little pig set about building his house.

He worked and worked in the hot afternoon sun, taking care to lay each brick just so.



At about this time, a big, bad wolf came trotting down the lane.

He saw the first little pig napping in the shade of his straw house.

“Yum, yum, that pig would make a tasty bite to eat,” thought the
big, bad wolf.

But the little pig saw him coming and ran inside his house of straw, slamming the door behind him. The little pig breathed a sigh of relief because he remembered that his mother had always said that wolves were not to be trusted.



Now the big bad wolf knocked at the door and said “Little Pig, Little Pig, let me come in”.

“Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin,” answered the first little pig.

“Then I’ll **huff** and I’ll **puff** and I’ll blow your house down,” said the wolf. And he huffed and he puffed, and he blew the house down. As the straw blew everywhere, the first little pig ran away.

Rubbing his stomach and now feeling even hungrier, the big, bad wolf strolled farther down the lane and soon came upon the second little pig napping in the shade of his stick house. The little pig saw him coming and ran inside his house of sticks.

The big, bad wolf knocked on the door and said, “Little pig, little pig, let me come in.”

“Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin,” answered the second little pig.

“Then I’ll **huff** and I’ll **puff** and I’ll blow your house down,” said the big, bad wolf.



And he huffed and he puffed, and he blew down the house of sticks.

The little pig ran away just in the nick of time.

Now the wolf's stomach growled loudly. He was feeling so hungry!

Soon the wolf came upon the third little pig, who had just finished building his brick house. The little pig looked up. There were his two brother pigs, running toward him, and right behind them was the big bad wolf! All three pigs hurried into the house of bricks and locked the door behind them.



The big bad wolf knocked at the door and said “Little Pig, Little Pig, let me come in”.

“Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin,” answered the third little pig.

“Then I’ll **huff** and I’ll **puff** and I’ll blow your house down,” said the big, bad wolf. Well, the wolf huffed and he puffed, and he huffed and he puffed, and then he puffed and he huffed and he puffed some more, but he could not blow down that house of bricks.

“You can’t get me. My house is too strong,” shouted the third little pig from inside his house.

“Ha!” said the wolf. “I’m stronger and smarter than you. I’m on my way up the roof, and I’ll come down the chimney to get you.”

Now the third little pig was no fool. He had already guessed that the wolf might try to come down the chimney, so he already had a blazing fire in the replace and a big kettle of boiling water heating over the fire.



Thinking that he was as clever as could be, the big, bad wolf jumped down the chimney. Splash! Ouch! The big, bad wolf jumped right out of that boiling hot water, and ran away, never to be seen again. And the three little pigs lived happily ever after.

-THE END-

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. *Literal* Who are the characters in this story? (The three little pigs and the big, bad wolf are the characters in this story.)
2. *Literal* What did the three little pigs use to build their houses? (The three little pigs used straw, sticks, and bricks to build their houses.)
3. *Inferential* Which houses could the wolf blow down? Why? (The wolf could blow down the houses made of straw and sticks because they were not strong.)
4. *Inferential* Which house could the wolf not blow down? Why? (The wolf could not blow down the house made of brick because the bricks made the house very strong.)
5. *Evaluative* Which one of the three pigs do you think was the smartest? Why? (The third pig was wise to choose to build his house with bricks. Bricks are heavier and harder to lift, so it took longer to build the house, but it was the strongest house.)
6. *Literal* What happens at the end of the story? (The pigs outsmart the wolf and he runs away, never to be seen again.)
7. *Inferential* What is plot? (Plot is what happens or the events in a story.) What is the plot of the story “The Three Little Pigs”? (A wolf tries to blow down the houses of the three little pigs. He is able to blow down the houses made of straw and sticks, but not the house made of bricks. At the end, the pigs trick the wolf so that he will never bother them again.)
8. *Evaluative* If you could make up a new ending for the story, what would it be? Share your new ending with your partner. (Answers may vary.)
9. *Evaluative* Discuss the concept that when something is well worth it, it may not be easy to get or make, but it is important or useful.



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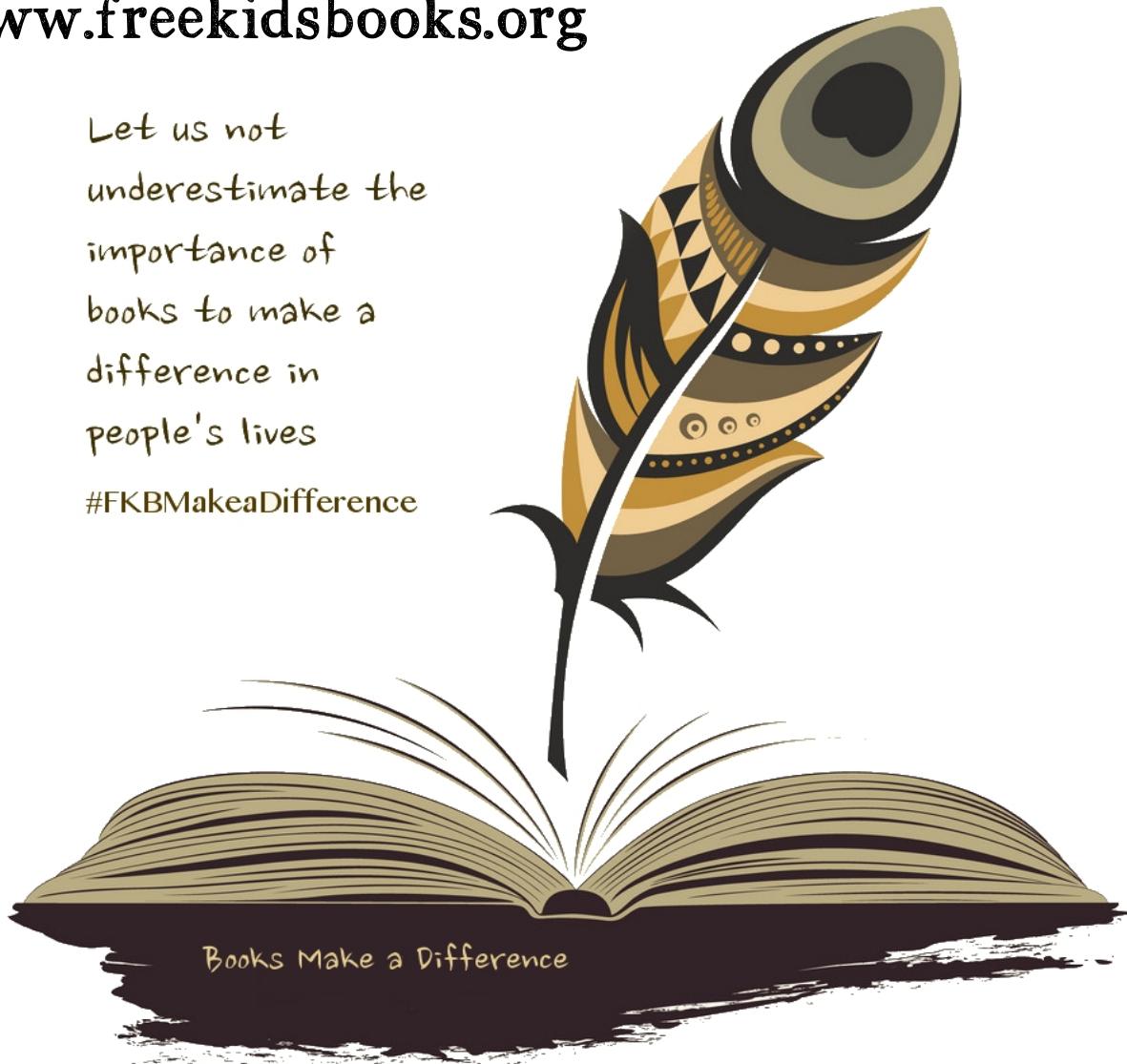
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