

THE THREE LITTLE PIGS  
For two (to six) children to perform  
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CHARACTERS:

ACTOR 1:

Pig Alex  
Pig Bryn  
Pig Casey

ACTOR 2:

Mom Pig  
Vendor  
Wolf

Note: Two to six actors can perform this play. If there are only two actors, then they should have different—and simple—costumes for each character they play. For example:

Pig A—straw hat; Pig B—glasses; Pig C—baseball cap  
Mom Pig—apron; Vendor—tie; Wolf—black vest

Another possibility for the pigs is to tie a thin bow on an elastic headband. Now it can be three different “costumes” for the three pigs: a moustache, a bow tie, a hair bow.

Actors should also try to have different ways of walking and talking for each character.

Adjust lines and stage directions if there are more than two actors.

Setting: A table is up right. On it are six large boxes. Two boxes are marked or decorated as straw, two boxes are sticks and two are brick. There are clothes spread out around the stage.

At Rise: Mom is picking up clothes off the floor and piling them at center.

MOM: What a mess! I can't keep cleaning up after those pigs. (calling offstage) Children! Come here.

PIG ALEX: Yeah, Mom?

MOM: Where are Bryn and Casey?

PIG ALEX: Wallowing in the mud.

MOM: Oh, well, that's okay then. You'll just have to tell them what I'm about to tell you.

PIG ALEX: Sure.

MOM: I love you all but it's time to make your own way in the world. So here are your things. (hands Pig Alex pile of clothes) Best of luck.

PIG ALEX: Okay. (calls offstage) Hey, Guys. Mom's kicking us out. Let's go. (exits left, with clothes)

MOM: (calling offstage) Watch out for carnivores!

(Mom goes to vendor table and switches costume piece to become Vendor)

VENDOR: (loudly) Building materials for sale!

PIG ALEX: (enters; crosses to Vendor) I'm building a house. What do you have?

VENDOR: I have straw, sticks and bricks.

PIG ALEX: Which is cheapest?

VENDOR: Straw.

PIG ALEX: I'll take it. (pays Vendor)

VENDOR: Thank you. (hands straw boxes to Pig Alex) Here you go.

PIG ALEX: Thanks. (crosses left) I think I'll build my house right here. (stacks the two boxes) All done. I'll go boast to Bryn and Casey. (exits; changes costume piece to become Pig Bryn)

VENDOR: Building materials for sale!

PIG BRYN: (enters; crosses to Vendor) I need to build a house. What do you have?

VENDOR: I have sticks and bricks. I sold the last of my straw to another pig.

PIG BRYN: I think that was Alex. He [or she] was just bragging about it. (indicates boxes) Which is easiest to work with?

VENDOR: Sticks.

PIG BRYN: Okay. I'll take it. (pays Vendor)

VENDOR: Thank you. (hands stick boxes to Pig Bryn) Here you go.

PIG BRYN: Thanks. (crosses to center) I think I'll build my house right here. (stacks the two boxes) Better than Alex's house. I'm going to tell him [or her]. (exits; changes costume piece to become Pig Casey)

VENDOR: Building materials for sale!

PIG CASEY: (enters; crosses to Vendor) I need some building materials.

VENDOR: What are you building?

PIG CASEY: A house strong enough to keep out carnivores.

VENDOR: Then you'll want brick.

PIG CASEY: Perfect. (pays Vendor)

VENDOR: Thank you. (hands brick boxes to Pig Casey) Here you go.

PIG CASEY: Thanks.

VENDOR: And I'm going to need more supplies. (exits left; changes to Wolf)

PIG CASEY: (crosses to down right) I think I'll build my house right here. This is going to take a long time to build a brick house. (slowly stacks one box on top of the other). There, it's all done. Now I can go brag about my new house. (exits left; changes to Pig Alex)

PIG ALEX: (enters screaming) Aa! A carnivore! It's a wolf! (hides behind boxes of straw)

WOLF: (enters) I think I just saw dinner. (knocks on straw box) Are you in there, pig?

PIG ALEX: No!

WOLF: Little pig, little pig, let me come in.

PIG ALEX: Not by the hairs of my chinny, chin, chin.

WOLF: Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in. (Wolf blows at boxes and then knocks them down with his hands or feet)

PIG ALEX: (screams) Aa!

(Pig Alex runs off left; Wolf gives chase and exits; Pig Alex re-enters and is carrying costume piece for Pig Bryn)

PIG ALEX: It's a wolf! I saw it! It blew down my house and chased me! (changes to Pig Bryn while on stage)

PIG BRYN: Then let's get in my house. (goes behind stick boxes)

WOLF: (enters) Pigs are hard to catch. Unless they're inside a stick house! (knocks on stick box) Little pigs, little pigs, let me come in.

PIG BRYN: Not by the hairs of our chinny, chin, chins.

WOLF: Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in. (Wolf blows at boxes and knocks them down)

PIG BRYN: Aa!

(Actor 1 exits screaming as both Bryn and Alex, switching costume pieces as needed, and continues to scream while off stage and putting on costume piece for Pig Casey)

PIG CASEY: (enters; talking as if Bryn and Alex are behind him) Come on, hurry! We'll hide in my house! (hides behind brick boxes)

WOLF: (having watched the whole thing) That was strange. But now I have a three-course meal waiting for me in that house. (knocks on brick box; holds knuckles as if hurt) Ow. (loudly to pigs) Little pigs, little pigs, let me come in.

PIG CASEY: Not by the hairs of our chinny, chin, chins.

WOLF: Then I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in. (Wolf tries but just gets tired from blowing; to self) Maybe I can get in from the chimney. (exits and reenters with a chair; standing on chair) This ought to do it. (to pigs) I'm coming! (jumps behind brick boxes; exits running, as if tail is on fire) Ow! Ouch! Where's water?! Mama!

PIG CASEY: (coming out from behind bricks with costume pieces of other pigs) This brick house withstood the carnivore. (changes to Bryn)

PIG BRYN: You saved us, Casey. (changes to Alex)

PIG ALEX: Yeah. And as soon as I can I'm building my own brick house. Where's that vendor? (exits)

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