

# The “Three Betty Goats Griff” Play

“*The Three Betty Goats Griff*” is a fun story to retell or to act out. Use the character page to create stick puppets for each character, or help your children put on goat or troll masks to act out this story. You will need five people: four characters and a Narrator. Here are color-coded story cards for each character.

**Narrator:** Once upon a time there were three Betty goats who loved to dance. They lived on a plateau on one side of a deep river, across from a field of green grass and clover. Under the bridge that crossed the river lived a mean and grouchy troll.

**Betty Ann Griff:**

**Action:** Puts on her shoes and goes a swishin’ and a swayin’ across the bridge, humming as she goes.

**Troll:** (Sounds grouchy) and **says:** “Who is that a swishin’ and a swayin’ over my bridge?”

**Betty Ann Griff: says:** Oh! What’s the matter?

**Troll: says:** “I’m so hungry I’m going to eat YOU up!”

**Action:** Gets up and goes toward Betty Ann Griff in a menacing way

**Betty Ann Griff: says:** Oh! I’m just one goat, but I do have a fishing pole and a recipe for fried fish!

**Action:** She takes the troll’s arm and goes to the river. They pretend to catch fish. Then she cooks the fish.

Last, she crosses the bridge and pretends to chew the grass & clover on the hill.

**Troll:**

**Action:** Follows Betty Ann Griff to fish and then eats the fish with gusto.

**Betty Lou Griff:**

**Action:** Puts on her tap shoes and goes taps across the bridge.

**Troll: Says in a grouchy voice:** “Who is that tappity – tap – tapping across my bridge?”

**Betty Lou Griff: says:** “Oh Hi! How do you do? Nice day today, isn’t it.

**Action:** Smile at troll and curtsy.

**Troll: says:”** I’ve got a terrible headache and I’m feeling grouchy! Also I can’t see so well with all this hair in my face. So, I’m gonna’ knock you off this bridge.”

**Action:** Troll gets up as he says, “I’m gonna’ knock you....”

**Betty Lou Griff: says:** “Well I’m just one goat, but I can show you a fabulous brush.”

**Action:** Takes troll by the hand and pretends to brush head against a bramble bush.

Pretends to nibble on the hair to cut it from troll’s face.

Leaves Troll and taps across the bridge to join Betty Ann in the grass & clover.

**Betty Jean Griff:**

**Action:** Laces on her ballet shoes and goes tippy toe, tippy toe across the bridge.

**Troll: says in a grouchy voice:** “Who is that going tippy toe across my bridge?”

**Betty Jean Griff: says:** Oh my! I thought you were asleep, so I was trying to go quietly.

**Action:** Shrink back abit, as if afraid of Troll.

**Troll: Says:** I might have been asleep, but my teeth hurt so much that I can't sleep. I'm feeling grouchy enough to knock you off this bridge!

**Action:** Opens mouth as wide as you can. Goes with Betty Jean to get reeds. Pretend to clean teeth using the reeds. Then sit on the bridge with a smile.

**Betty Jean Griff says:** Let me take a look"

**Action:** Looks inside Troll's mouth for awhile.

**Says:** I'm just one goat, but I clean MY teeth down by the river's edge. Let me show you.

**Action:** Takes Troll by the arm and walks to river's edge. Pretend to take a reed and clean teeth. Then leave the Troll and dance across the bridge to join other goats.

**Narrator:** Says: " From That day to this, they all lived in bliss. And now, three, two, one, this tale is done."