



Short Activity
Ages 3–5
20–30 minutes

Fairy Tale Action Game

Description

In this game, role-playing cards will be given to the players. Each card will have a fairy tale and an action assigned to it, which the player must act out.

The three stories available are:

- Goldilocks and the Three Bears (eight cards)
- The Gingerbread Man (four cards)
- The Tortoise and the Hare (four cards)

Number of Participants

For a minimum of two participants

Space Considerations

Any large space free of obstacles where kids can move around

Competencies

- Body awareness
- Creative expression
- Following directions
- Oral communication skills
- Reading comprehension

Materials

- Fairy tale action game cards

Preparation

- Print out several copies of fairy tale action game cards on card stock and cut them out
- A PDF with blank fairy tale action game cards is also available for customization

Implementation

How to Play:

Option #1: Large group play

- One player is assigned as the narrator and reads the cards aloud, while the rest of the players follow the actions as a group

Option #2: Small group play

- One player is assigned as the narrator, and the rest of the players are each given a card to act out
- If they wish, players may read their cards aloud to the group to share ideas of what actions to use
- When ready, players return their cards to the narrator to read out
- As each card is read out by the narrator, the players take turns coming forward to act out the assigned card
- If there are multiple groups, they may also trade or share stories once completed

Option #3: Performance play

- Players are divided into small groups
- One player is assigned as the narrator, and the rest of the players are each given a card to act out
- The acting players stand in the order of their cards
- The first time they perform for the other groups (repeating each action twice without narration) in the order of their card, and the audience tries to guess the story
- The players will not confirm if guesses are correct
- The second time the narrator participates and therefore reveals the answers, as the players act out their roles again

Accessibility Considerations

- Cards have been formatted to fit 8.5 x 11 paper to accommodate larger print (16 pt, 20 pt)
- A player with a disability may:
 - be assigned the narrator role
 - have someone read the card to them
 - show and/or read the card aloud instead of doing the actions
 - read the card aloud while a partner does the actions

Book Suggestions

GoldiBooks and the Wee Bear by Troy Wilson and Edwardian Taylor

Redlocks and the Three Bears by Claudia Rueda

The Fabled Life of Aesop by Ian Lendler and Pamela Zagarenski

Whatever After: Good as Gold by Sarah Mlynowski

Download Links

[Goldilocks and the Three Bears action cards PDF \(eight cards, two pages\)](#)

[The Gingerbread Man action cards PDF \(four cards\)](#)

[The Tortoise and the Hare action cards PDF \(four cards\)](#)

[Blank fairy tale action game card template DOCX \(eight cards, two pages\)](#)

Images

- The Gingerbread Man action game cards
- Blank fairy tale action game cards

