

Tabletopics: Trial of Goldilocks



Summary

Everyone knows the story of Goldilocks! The Trial of Goldilocks is an exercise in gestures and vocal variety. Participants take on roles in a courtroom trial for Goldilocks, who broke into the Three Bears' home.

Story: The 3 bears, Papa, Mama, and Baby, live together in a house in the woods. Each bear has his own porridge pot, chair, and bed. One day they take a walk in the woods while their porridge cools. Goldilocks, a little girl wandering in the forest discovers the bears' dwelling. After assuring herself no one is about, she enters the house. Goldilocks tastes all the porridge and finds that Baby Bear's is just the right temperature - she eats his porridge, then settles into his chair and breaks it. Prowling about, she finds the baby bear's bed is not too hard, not too soft, but "just right" and falls asleep in his bed. When the bears return home they find that Baby Bear's food has been eaten, his chair is broken and Goldilocks asleep in his bed. He cries, "Somebody has been lying in my bed,—and here she is!" Goldilocks wakes up, jumps from the bed and out the window.

Instructions

1. Everyone assumes a role.
2. The Judge opens the trial.
3. Lawyers present their cases as to whether she is guilty or innocent and why.
4. Judge calls for the victims, accused, and witnesses to testify.
5. You may have the judge declare a verdict, or simply end after the last witness has testified and ask everyone as a group which side they think would've won based on the testimonies.

Characters

- Judge (Opens Trial)
- Defence Lawyer (Present Case to Defend Goldilocks)
- Prosecution Lawyer (Present Case Against Goldilocks)
- Mama Bear (Victim)
- Papa Bear (Victim)
- Baby Bear (Victim)
- Goldilocks (Accused)
- Witness: Wolf (nosy neighbour who lives across the street)
- Witness: Eagle (lives in a nest in the Bears' yard)
- Witness: Pig (postman who delivers mail)
- Witness: Little Red Riding Hood (Goldilocks' best friend)