

## Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?



### **Description of Program:**

Twenty years ago, Jon Scieszka, wrote "*The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*", a tale that made us all rethink the wolf's role in traditional fairytales. This program celebrates, Scieszka's book and questions who was really at fault.

### **Program Plans:**

#### **Fiction Books:**



**The True Story of Three Little Pigs** by Jon Scieszka  
A. Wolf finally gets to tell his version of the truth, in this retelling of *The Three Little Pigs*.

#### **The Three Little Pigs** by Paul Galdone

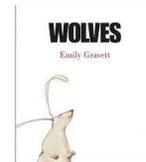
This is a traditional telling of the three little pigs that portrays the wolf as the bad guy.



**The Wolf's Story** by Toby Forward  
Another innocent wolf has been wrongly accused of trying to take advantage of the evil Little Red Riding Hood and her helpless grandmother.

#### **Wolves** by Emily Gravett

One little bunny's life is irrevocably changed when he checks out a book on wolves from his local library.



**Where's The Big Bad Wolf?** by Eileen Christelow  
When the three little pigs house gets blown to bits, Detective Doggedly's a bit wary of the fact the his usual suspect is missing.

#### **The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig** by Eugene Trivizas

This is the story of three young wolves trying to make it on their own, when they encounter a bully pig who won't leave them be.



**Wolf's Coming!** by Joe Kulka  
Animals jump into action as wolf comes closer and closer to their homes and children. What will happen when he finally arrives?

#### **Non-Fiction Books:**

Put up a nonfiction display of books about wolves and their habitat, so children can learn more about this endangered animal.

Here are some suggested titles:

**Is My Dog a Wolf?: How Your Pet Compares to Its Wild Cousin** by Jenni Bidner

**Fact to Face with Wolves** by Jim and Judy Brandenburg

**Little Wolves** by Hélène Montardre

**When the Wolves Returned** by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

#### **Songs/fingerplays/PowerPoints:**

**Whose Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?** by Frank Churchill

(visit <http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/lyrics/badwolf.htm> for lyrics and music)

### Activities or Games:

#### - **Dramatic Play of Original:**

Hand out animal masks and have kids re-enact the original story.

#### - **Trial of the Wolf:**

Hold a mock trial of the wolf and have the kids vote to determine if he is guilty or innocence. In order to do this activity read both the original *Three Little Pigs* and *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*. After hearing both stories, ask the "jurors" to share their opinions about the two different perspectives of the same event. After everyone has had an opportunity to discuss the evidence, put it to a vote. Is the wolf a villain or a victim? Are the three pig, innocent or at fault?

#### - **What Time Is It, Mr. Wolf?**

This game is best suited for outdoor play, but can be modified for a large indoor space. One child is chosen to be the wolf and stands at one end of the room with their back to the other children. All the other children line up at the opposite end of the room and ask, "What time is it Mr. Wolf?". The "wolf" then responds, "It's eight o'clock" or whatever time he wants to and then the children take that many steps towards him. This continues until the "wolf" and then proceeds to turn around and quickly tag the next child to be Mr. Wolf.

#### - **Howling Contest:**

Play a recording of a wolf howling, then hold a contest to see who can come the closest to that sound. <http://www.boomerwolf.com/wsounds.htm>

#### - **The Three Little Pig Word Find**

Visit <http://tools.atozteacherstuff.com/word-search-maker/wordsearch.php> to make your own word find.

### Crafts:



#### - **Wolf Bag puppet** (see attached pattern)

This is the quintessential paper bag wolf puppet.

#### - **Wolf Mask:**

Here is a really cool 3-D mask that the San Diego Zoo has created. [http://www.sandiegozoo.org/kids/craft\\_wolf\\_mask.html](http://www.sandiegozoo.org/kids/craft_wolf_mask.html)

#### - **Poster Contest:** (see attached)

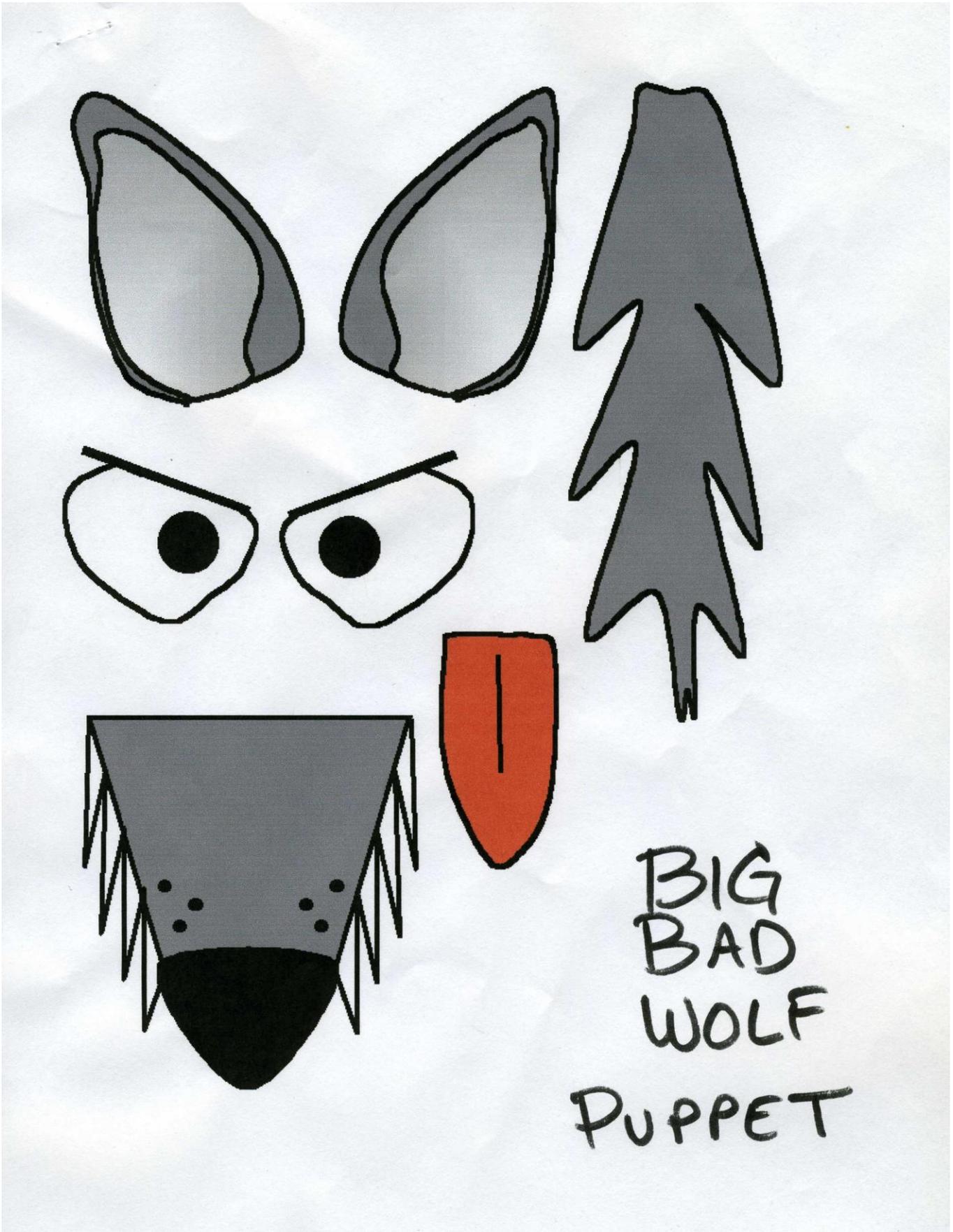
Kids have the option of making either "Free A. Wolf" or "Wanted A. Wolf" posters.

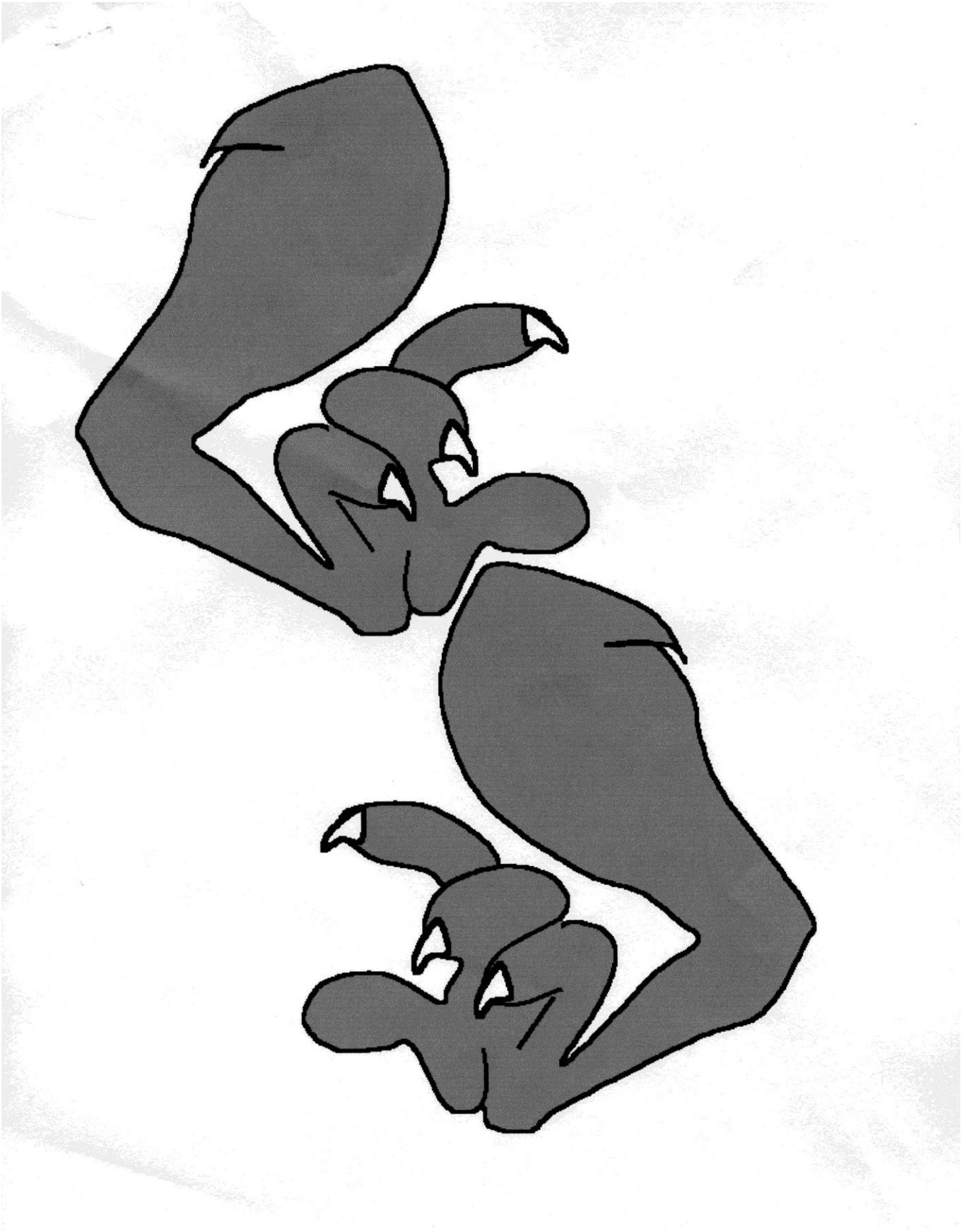
#### - **Paper Wolf:**

This is a 3-D wolf figure that you can cut out and glue together. This craft works best when the wolf parts have been photocopies to cardstock. [http://cp.c-ij.com/english/3D-papercraft/animal/download/wolf\\_e\\_ltr.pdf](http://cp.c-ij.com/english/3D-papercraft/animal/download/wolf_e_ltr.pdf)

### Food if served:

Pigs in a blanket





# Wanted



**Name:**

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**Crime:**

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**Reward:**

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