

# THE RABBIT AND THE TURTLE



## Song Track: 15

On the CD "Billy Gorilly and the Candy Appletree Family"

**Description:** Aesop's classic tale of the tortoise and the hare is told in a fresh new way by Billy Gorilly. Feel the excitement of the competition as the music takes you through the race. This is a wonderful way to teach the importance of persistence.

## Possible Story Time Themes:

- ❖ Slow and steady wins the race
- ❖ Not being over confident
- ❖ Persistence

## Let's go to the Cotton Ball Races

### Materials Needed

- Brown paper shopping bags
- Cotton balls
- Bendable straws

### Prepare in Advance

- Set up two tables
  - Tape shopping bags to hang off one end of each table
  - Place a bowl of cotton balls at the other end of each table
1. Give each child a straw.
  2. Have the children make two teams. Line up at the end of each table, next to the bowl of cotton balls.
  3. Play the song "The Rabbit and the Turtle".
  4. When the music starts, the first player on each team takes a cotton ball from the bowl, places it near the end of the table, and then uses the straw to blow it off the other end and into the bags.
  5. As each cotton ball lands in the bag, the next player starts.
  6. When the song ends, see how many cotton balls each team got across the finish line.

## Fast and Slow

Children can learn the concepts of fast and slow while listening to the "Rabbit and the Turtle". When the music goes as fast as the rabbit, have the children run in place. When the music goes as slow as the turtle, have the children walk in place very slowly.

## GET THROUGH THE MAZE

ACTIVITY PAGES

Help the rabbit and the turtle get through the maze on their way to the candy apple tree.

Two levels of difficulty are available to download at;  
[www.billygorilly.com/billygorilly\\_puzzles.html](http://www.billygorilly.com/billygorilly_puzzles.html)