

More Ideas for Squirrel Tales program:

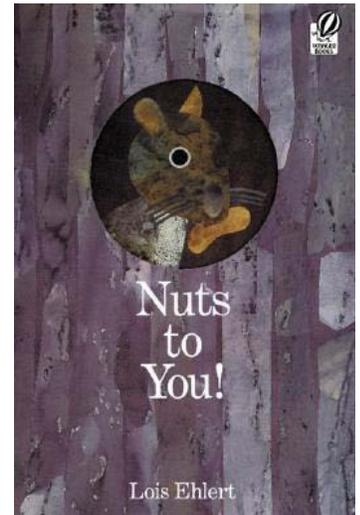
Squirrel Tales

Children help tell the story, *Nuts to You*, by Lois Ehlert. They learn about Bushy Tail and how he makes a home in a woods or in a backyard. Each child makes a squirrel they can take home.

Go on an acorn scavenger hunt. Hide acorns (or pictures of acorns) around the library and have the “squirrels” go and find them. See who can collect the most!

Fun squirrel facts to share with children:

The squirrel’s nest is called a drey. It is made of twigs and bark and leaves and usually shaped like a ball. Often times the drey has no entrance so the squirrel has to push it’s way in through the loose twigs. A squirrel’s babies are called kittens.



Brown Squirrel song with actions	Five Little Squirrels
<p>Brown squirrel, brown squirrel (stand with hands in front of your chest and bend your knees twice) Swish your bushy tail (wiggle your bottom) REPEAT Wrinkle up your little nose (point to nose) Hold a nut between your toes (point to your toes) Brown squirrel, brown squirrel Swish your bushy tail.</p>	<p>Five little squirrels sitting by the door, One ran away and then there were four. Four little squirrels climbing up a tree, One ran away and then there were three. Three little squirrels with coats so new. One ran away and then there were two. Two little squirrels warming in the sun, One ran away leaving only one. One little squirrel wasn't having any fun, He ran away and then there were none.</p>

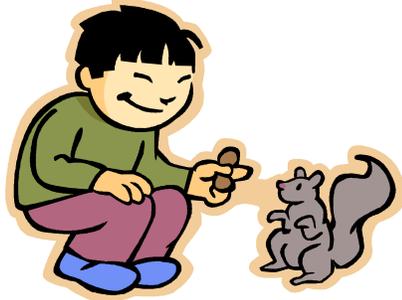
Make a Squirrel Feeder: Either have families make one to take home, or make one for the library. Instructions at <http://everydaytlc.com/blog/2006/12/squirrel-feeder-for-winter.html>. Or if you have dried feed corn in your area, you might just set one out for the squirrels and observe what happens to it.

Make a Squirrel. Collect pine cones from outside. Copy the pattern on the next page on card stock. Have kids color the squirrel, break pieces off the pine cones and glue them on to the squirrel’s tale.



Crunchy Food for Winter (Where is Thumbkin?)

Where is gray squirrel? (*Fist behind back*)
Where is gray squirrel?
Here I am. (*fist in front, wiggle thumb*)
Here I am. (*repeat with other fist*)
How are you today squirrel?
How are you today squirrel?
Busy, busy, busy. (*roll fists around.*)
Busy, busy, busy. (*roll fists around.*)
Where are your acorns?
Where are your acorns?
Here they are! (*wiggle four fingers*)
Here they are! (*wiggle four fingers*)
Crunchy food for winter.
Crunchy food for winter.
Hide them quickly. (*hide hand behind back*)
Hide them quickly. (*hide other hand*)



Printables and other Resources:

Cute squirrel puppet patterns and fingerplays:
www.kinderprintables.com/fall/squirrelfingerplay.pdf

Jim Arnosky's coloring page: www.jimarnosky.com/squirrepage.html

Squirrel coloring page: www.first-school.ws/t/cpsquirrel.htm

Squirrel facts, games, and much more: www.squirrels.org

More great books to share:

Squirrels, by Brian Wildsmith

Scaredy Squirrel, by Melanie Watt

(and other Scaredy Squirrel titles)

Those Darn Squirrels! by Adam Rubin

The Busy Little Squirrel, by Nancy Tafuri

Squirrel is Hungry, by Satoshi Kitamura

The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin, by Beatrix Potter

Hoover's Funny Little Kids, by Nancy Lee

Miss Suzy, by Miriam Young and Arnold Lobel

Thankful Together, by Holly Davis and Valerie Sokolova

