Thistledown Lane

The Something in the Woods

Series 1 · Episode 4

Free teaching pack · Ages 3 to 7



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A gentle claymation series about kindness, friendship and the seasons on an English country lane. No adverts, no sign-in, no tracking. Free to print and share for home and classroom use.

For grown-ups

The story

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The lesson

If you're ever frightened of something, go and look at it. It's nearly always smaller than the story, and nearly always more frightened than you are.

🌿 Nature fact: Young foxes leave home in autumn

Fox cubs are born in spring. By autumn they're nearly grown up, and many set off to find a home of their own. Foxes are shy, and much more likely to run away from you than towards you.

💬 Talk about it

- What did Lilly see in the woods? How did the story change as it was told?
- Why did the story keep getting bigger?
- What was really in the woods?
- Have you ever been scared of something that turned out to be fine?

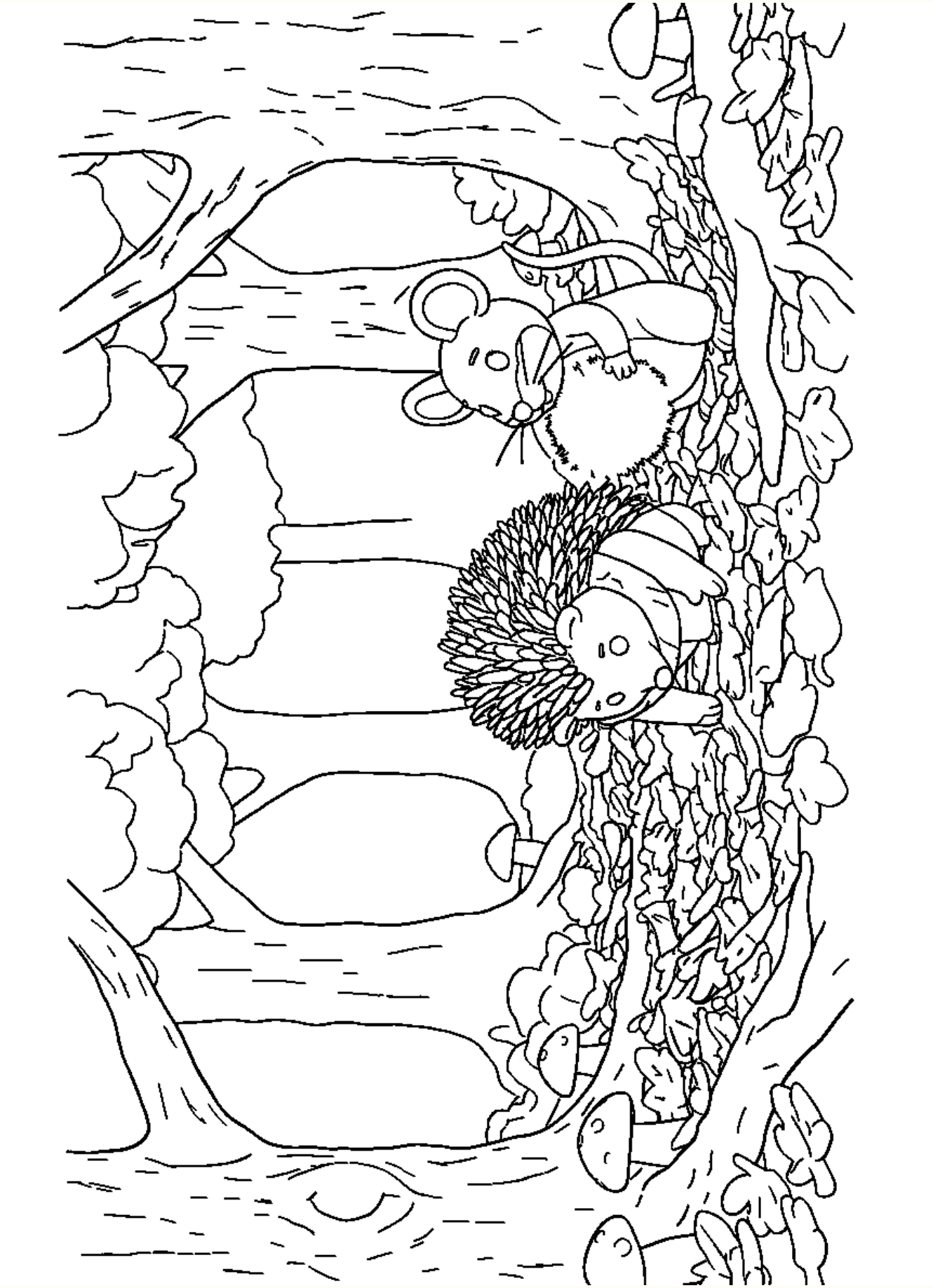
✂️ Try this: Pass the whisper

Sit in a circle and whisper a short sentence from one person to the next. What does it turn into by the end? Talk about how stories change when they're passed on.

📚 Curriculum links

EYFS: Personal, Social and Emotional Development; Communication and Language; Understanding the World (the natural world); Expressive Arts and Design.
Key Stage 1: PSHE (relationships, feelings); Year 2 Science: living things and their habitats.
Themes: Fears and feelings, Telling the truth, Woodland animals.

Colour me in!



My name: _____

Draw and talk

Draw what Lilly thought was in the woods. Then draw what was really there.

My name: _____