Thistledown Lane

A Den for Sorrel

Series 1 · Episode 6

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.

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For grown-ups

The story

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The lesson

A home isn't the sticks, or the leaves, or even the blanket. It's who helped you build it.

🌿 Nature fact: A fox's home is called a den

A fox's home is called a den or an earth. Foxes often make one under tree roots, in a bank, or under a shed, somewhere sheltered and dry.

💬 Talk about it

- Why didn't Sorrel have a home?
- What did each friend do to help build the den?
- Why did the leaves go on top, one over the other?
- What makes your home feel like home?

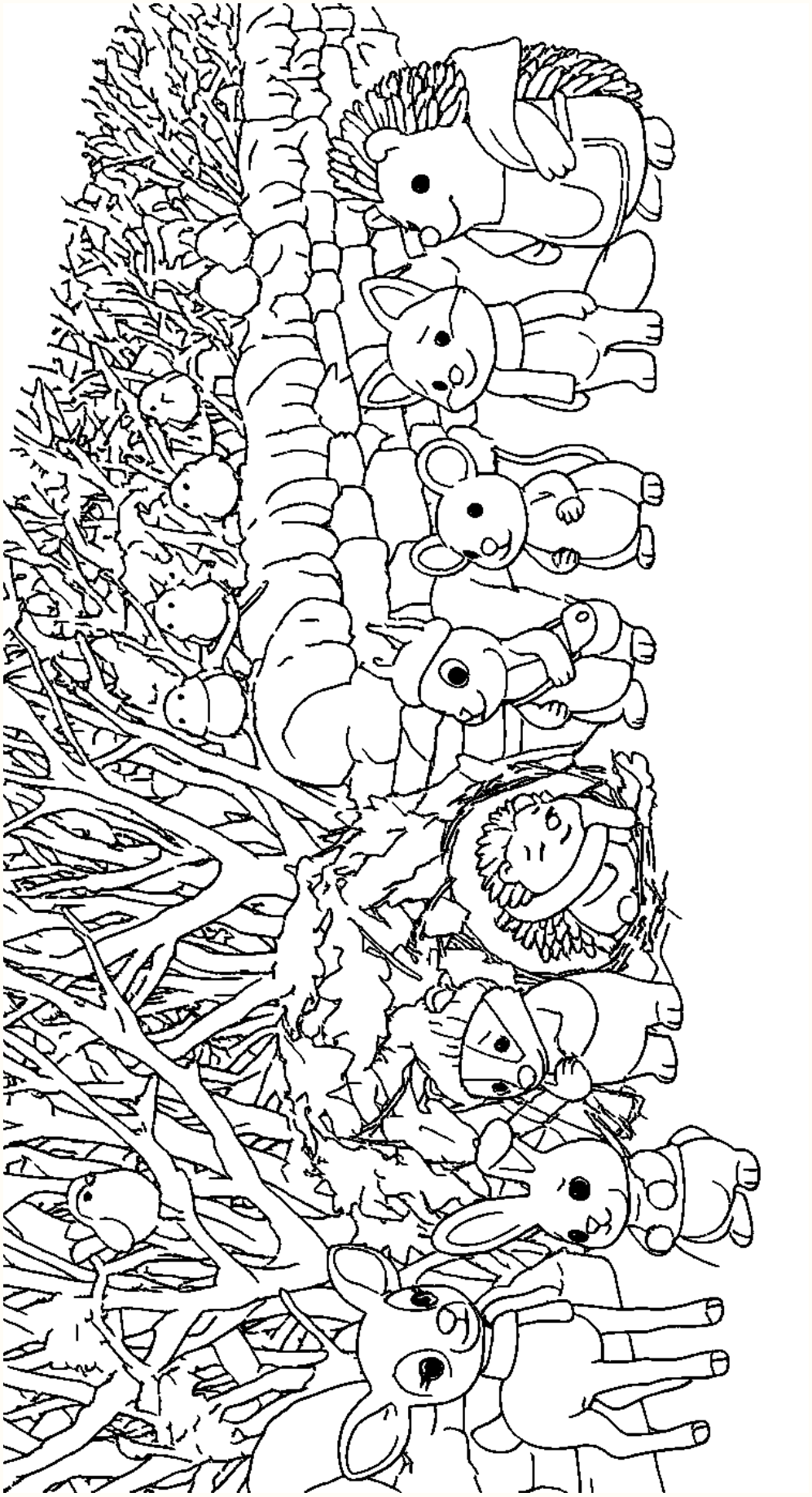
✂️ Try this: Build a mini den

Collect sticks and leaves on a walk and build a little den for a favourite toy. Lay the leaves overlapping, like roof tiles, and test it with a little sprinkle of water.

📚 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: habitats; Year 1: everyday materials.
Themes: Homes and belonging, Sharing and generosity, Building and materials.

Colour me in!



My name: _____

Draw and talk

Draw a cosy den. Who would you build it for?

My name: _____