Thistledown Lane

Hazel and the Acorn

Series 2 · 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.

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For grown-ups

The story

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The lesson

Good things take time. You don't have to be grown-up all at once.

🌿 Nature fact: A forgotten acorn can become an oak

Squirrels bury lots of acorns and forget some of them. A forgotten acorn can grow into a tiny oak tree, and, after many, many years, into a great big one.

💬 Talk about it

- What did Hazel want to be?
- What did Old Wren show Lilly?
- What can you do now that you couldn't do when you were a baby?
- What would you like to learn to do?

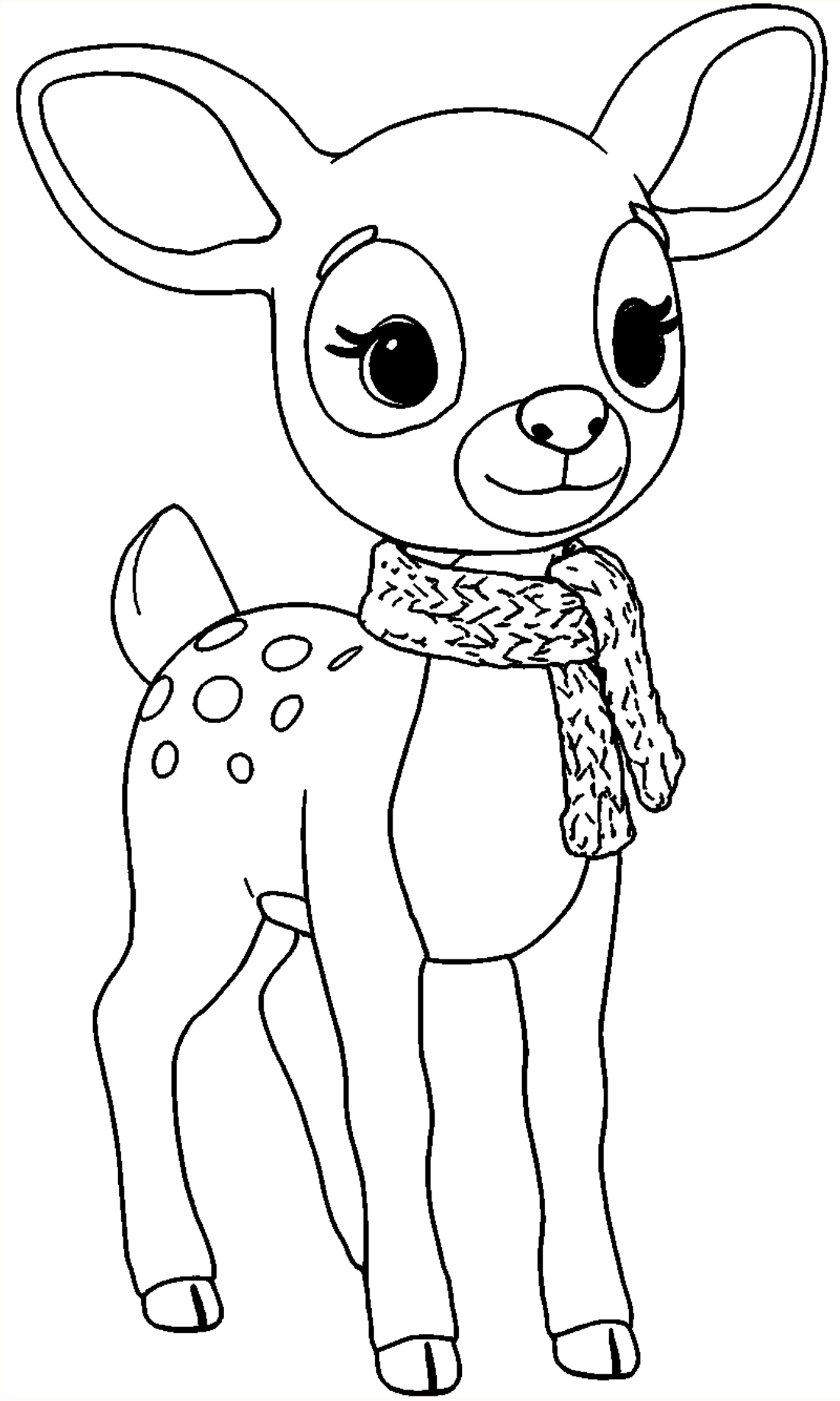
✂️ Try this: Grow an acorn

Collect an acorn on a walk, plant it in a pot of soil outside and keep it damp. Be patient: it may take until spring to see a shoot. Good things take time!

📚 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: plants (seeds grow into plants).
Themes: Patience and growing up, Seeds and growing, Trees.

Colour me in!



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Draw and talk

Draw the little acorn growing into a great big oak tree.

My name: _____