Thistledown Lane

The First Frost

Series 2 · Episode 5

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

Everybody gets ready in their own way, and sharing makes it easier for all of us.

🌿 Nature fact: Getting ready for winter

On cold nights, lots of little wrens squeeze into one snug hole to keep each other warm. Hedgehogs eat plenty to be ready for their winter sleep, mice and squirrels store food, and foxes grow a thick winter coat.

💬 Talk about it

- How did each friend get ready for winter?
- Why was Bramble so hungry?
- How do you get ready when it gets cold?
- How did sharing help the wren cousins?

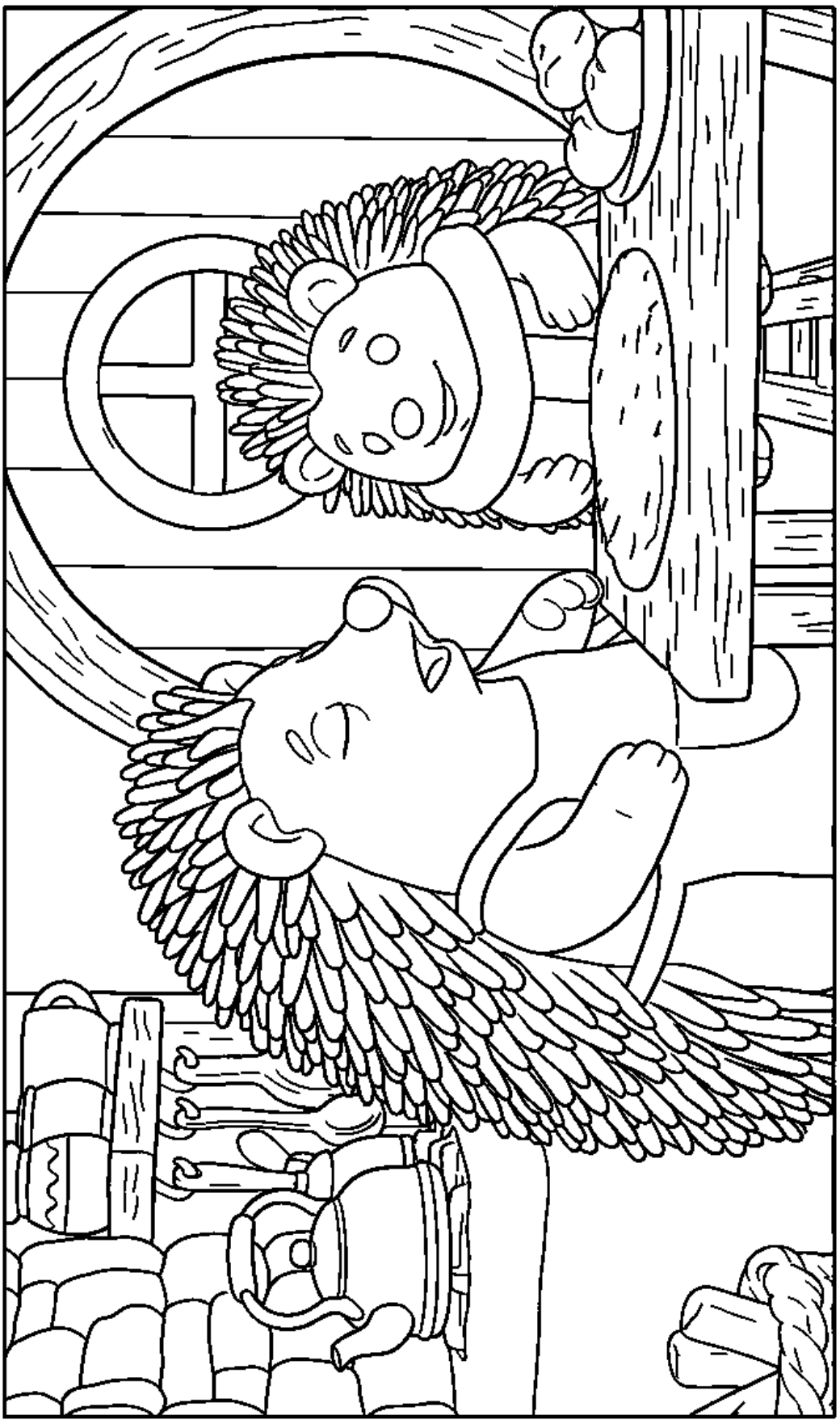
✂️ Try this: Frost hunt

On a frosty morning, wrap up warm and go looking for frost: on leaves, cobwebs and grass. What does it feel like? What does it sound like when you walk on it?

📚 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 1 Science: seasonal changes and weather.
Themes: Sharing and helping, Winter and weather, How animals prepare for winter.

Colour me in!



My name: _____

Draw and talk

Draw how you get ready for winter.

My name: _____