Thistledown Lane

The Midsummer Swap Party

Series 3 · Episode 6

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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

What you share matters more than what you have.

🌿 Nature fact: Midsummer and glow-worms

Midsummer, around the 21st of June, has the longest day of the year, so it stays light until very late. On warm summer nights, glow-worms (which are really little beetles) light up hedges and long grass.

💬 Talk about it

- What did everybody bring to the Swap Party?
- Why wasn't it getting dark?
- What were the little lights in the hedge?
- What would you bring to a swap party?

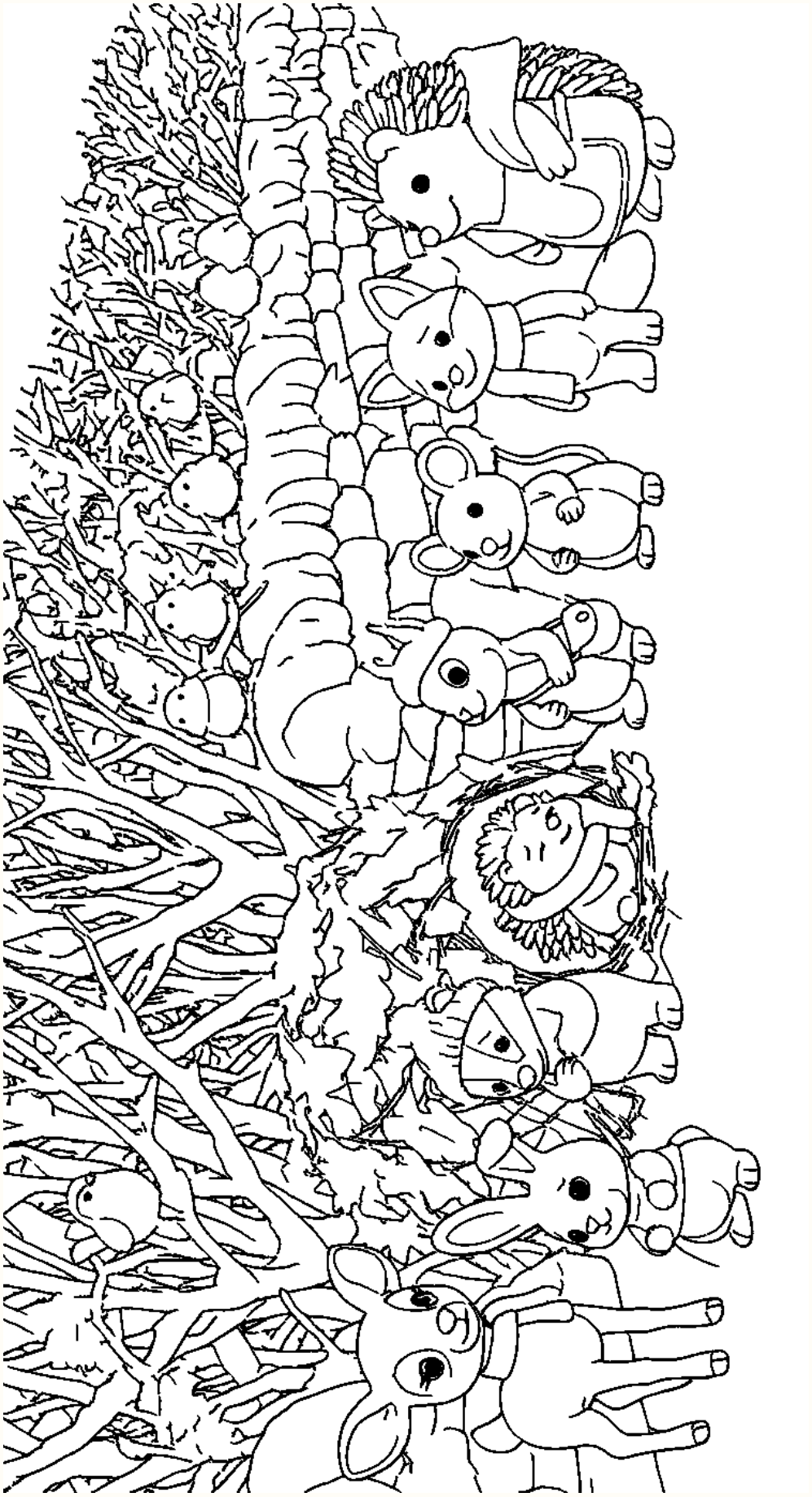
✂️ Try this: A thank-you swap

Make a small thank-you present (a drawing, a card or a painted stone) for somebody who has helped you, and give it to them.

📚 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 (day length).
Themes: Sharing and saying thank you, Summer and the longest day, Minibeasts.

Colour me in!



My name: _____

Draw and talk

Draw the Swap Party, with glow-worms in the hedge.

My name: _____