Thistledown Lane

Blackberry Time

Series 4 · Episode 1

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

Helping is one of the ways we show love.

🌿 Nature fact: Blackberry time

Blackberries ripen at the end of summer: red and green first, then purple-black. Lots of animals feast on them, from birds to foxes and badgers.

💬 Talk about it

- What did Bramble and Hazel say each time they picked a blackberry?
- How did Hazel reach the blackberries at the very top?
- Why do you think Mam kept carrying leaves and grass along the hedge?
- How did Bramble help Mam? How do you help the people you love?

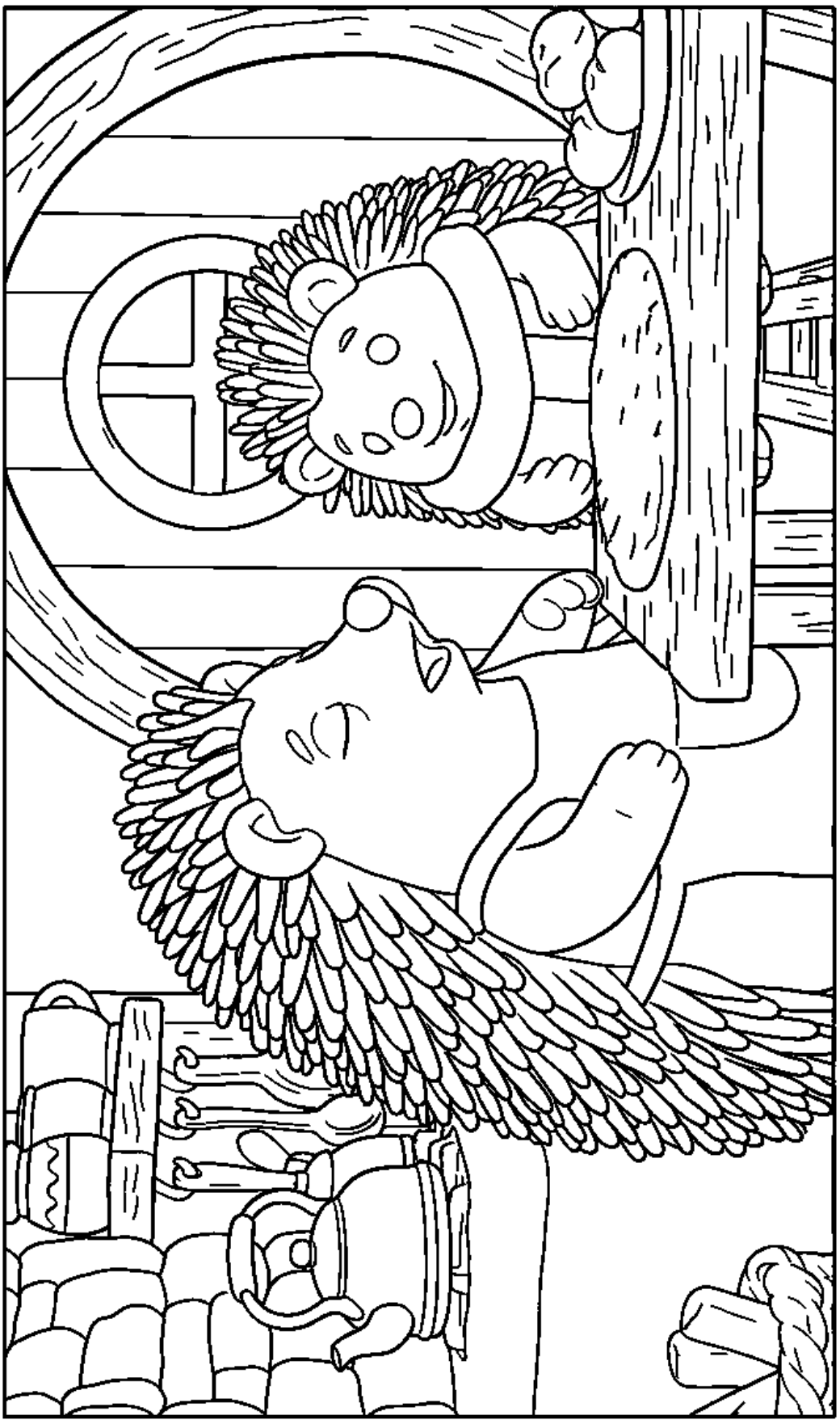
✂️ Try this: A helping hands chart

Draw round your child's hand and cut it out. Each time they help someone at home (laying the table, fetching something, tidying up), draw or write it on a finger. And remember Mam's rule: only pick wild berries with a grown-up who knows which ones are safe.

📚 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; animals (what they eat).
Themes: Helping and showing love, Late summer: blackberries, Animals and their food.

Colour me in!



My name: _____

Draw and talk

Draw a basket full of blackberries. Who would you share them with?

My name: _____