Thistledown Lane

Follow the Leader

Series 4 · 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

Being a big sister or brother means showing the way, gently.

🌿 Nature fact: Hedgehog highways

Hedgehogs walk a long way every night, looking for beetles, caterpillars and worms to eat. A small gap at the bottom of a fence lets them travel from garden to garden. It's called a hedgehog highway.

💬 Talk about it

- Who led the hoglets, and who walked at the back?
- Why did the little hoglet wander off, and who helped find it?
- What is a hedgehog highway, and why do hedgehogs need one?
- Have you ever shown somebody younger how to do something?

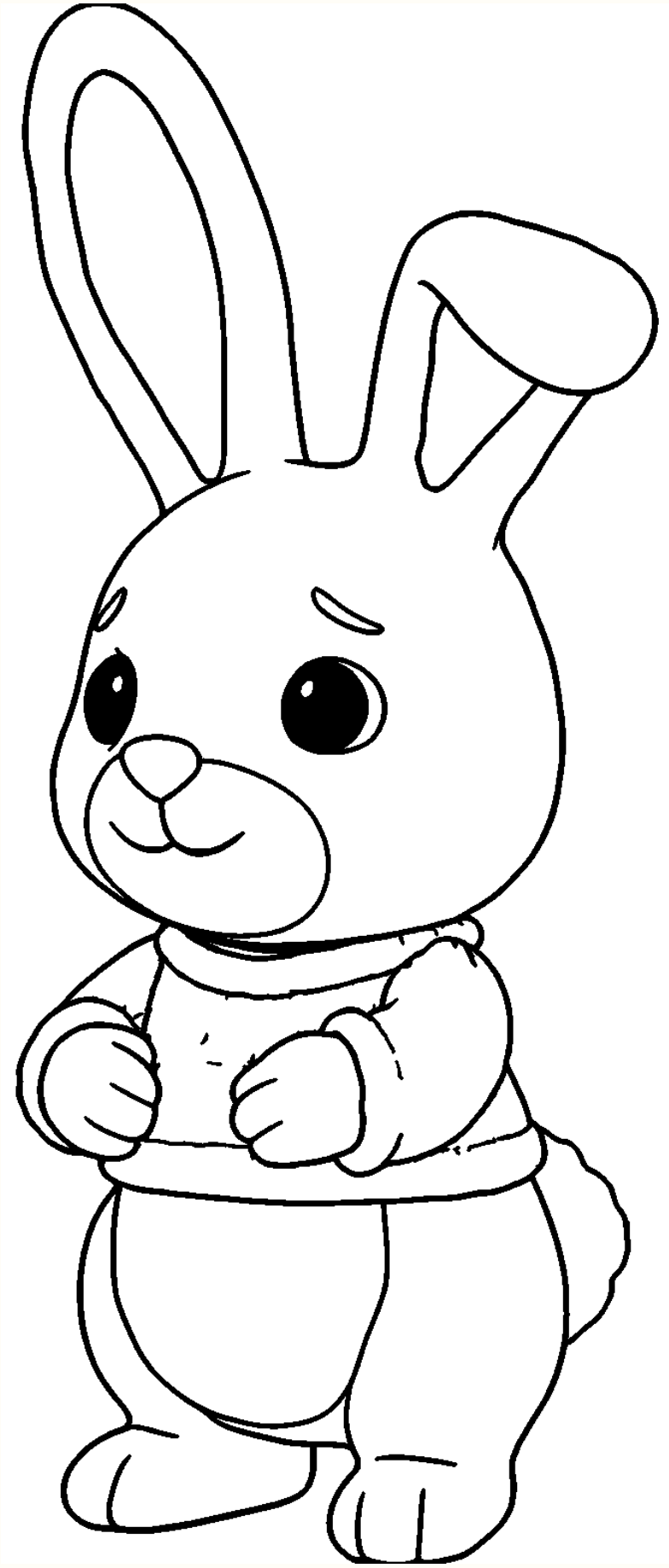
✂️ Try this: Follow the leader

Play follow the leader, taking turns to go first. Remind the leader to go gently and look back to check everyone is following. If you have a garden, ask a grown-up about making a hedgehog highway.

📚 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: living things and their habitats.
Themes: Being a big brother or sister, Hedgehogs at night, Animals and their habitats.

Colour me in!



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Draw and talk

Draw a hedgehog highway: a little gap in a fence, and a hedgehog going through.

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