

Nail Soup



The activities in this Programme could be played outdoors and link to the Squirrel Smile Award – I'm Active as an active outdoor activity!

An introductory activity can be used as the Squirrels arrive at the meeting place – colouring or simple puzzles can keep children occupied until all the Drey arrives or use a 'joining-in' style game, such as 'The farmer wants a wife' or 'Duck, duck, goose' or a circle format ball game. Add snack time where necessary!

TIME (mins)	ACTIVITY	EQUIPMENT
5	Welcome, Register, Opening Ceremony, Introduction to Programme	
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Nail Soup The Usborne book 'Stories from Around the World' is full of wonderful tales from all over the globe retold by Heather Amery and illustrated by Linda Edwards. ISBN 978 1 4095 0842 7. Read 'Nail Soup', a story of trickery from the Czech Republic!</p> <p>This old folk story is told in many parts of the world, sometimes a group of hungry strangers trick the people of a town or sometimes it is a monk or a tramp calling at one home in a village! The story was often told when food was scarce and it encouraged people to share what little they had so that everyone benefitted by combining their individual resources. In varying traditions, the nail has been replaced with other common inedible objects, and therefore the fable is also known as stone soup, button soup, wood soup and even, axe soup!</p>	Storybook
20	<p>ACTIVITY: Nail Soup Hunt Play this activity outdoors as a kind of 'treasure hunt' – the aim is that the Squirrels collect up all the pictures needed to re-tell the story of the Nail Soup One set of pictures could be used for the whole Drey or print the pictures onto different coloured paper and divide the Drey into teams. Each team hunts for one set of coloured pictures! Hang or hide the pictures in a safe outdoor playing area.</p> <p><i>NB Remember to carry out a Risk Assessment and convey relevant information to the Leadership team and safety guidelines to the Squirrels. Adhere to adult: child ratio for outdoor activities as recommended in Drey Essentials – www.scoutsni.com/squirrels</i></p>	Pictures of the items used in Nail Soup – laminate pictures, if wished String
10	<p>ACTIVITY: Nail Soup Retold With the Squirrels help, re-tell the story again using all the pictures they have found! Emphasise the importance of sharing. Chat about - How can we share with our family and friends? How can we share with people who don't have any food, locally and in other parts of the world?</p>	Pictures



10	<p>GAME: Stir Up the Soup</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The Squirrels stand in a big circle, in turn, name each Squirrel an ingredient from the soup – nail, onion, carrot, potato! Before playing call out each ingredient in turn and the Squirrels who have been given that name put up their hands – just to ensure they know who’s who!</i> ○ <i>When their ingredient is called out they round clockwise round the circle back to their own place</i> ○ <i>A few other simple instructions could be – ‘stir it up’ – the Squirrels turn round once where they are standing and ‘soup is bubbling’ – they jump up and down on the spot!</i> 	None
5	Closing, Home	

Nail Soup Pictures











