


# Good-turn Squirrel



The activities in this Programme link to the Squirrel Smile Awards. Being helpful to family and friends at home, school or in the Squirrel Drey will certainly make someone smile and this cute good turn squirrel will help make the Squirrels smile too – ‘give a smile get a smile!’

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><b>ACTIVITY: Good turn Squirrels!</b> Sing a song with actions to help the Squirrels think of things they could do to be helpful, what ‘good turns’ they could do at home, in school and at sports or after-school activities! Sing this song to the tune of ‘Here we go round the Mulberry Bush’ <i>‘Squirrels like to do good turns, Squirrels like to do good turns, Squirrels like to do good turns – everywhere!’</i> then add some actions - <i>‘Squirrels like to brush the floor, Squirrels like to brush the floor, Squirrels like to brush the floor, everywhere!’</i>. Other actions could be tidy their toys, lay the table, wash the car and so on.....</p>	Words, if wished
10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Good turn squirrel</b> This cute little squirrel is great fun for Squirrels to take home and record the good turns they have done for family and friends during the week! Pre-cut the squirrel shape or Squirrels may be able to cut around the thick black outline with adult supervision and support. The Squirrels can decorate their good turn squirrel and with a little adult help attach the ‘good turn tail’ and appropriate notes! A length of thick wool can be selotaped on to the back of the squirrel with appropriate note. Or cut a large bushy tail from stiff paper, attach to the back of the squirrel - when the children do their good turn they can either draw or an adult could write what they did onto the tail! Why not cut round the heart-shape and arms on the squirrel’s tummy and make a little fold on the hands, this makes the heart stick out! Stick the note ‘I  doing good turns!’ on the front! A small prize could be awarded the following week when the ‘good turn squirrels’ are returned!</p>	<p>Good turn squirrel &amp; chosen notes per Squirrel Art materials Good turn tail - thick wool or stiff paper Scissors, selotape, glue</p>
10	<p><b>STORY: The Smartest Giant in Town</b> George certainly wasn’t the smartest dressed giant in town but he had the biggest heart! His change to a smart new wardrobe has unexpected results! This delightful story by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Axel Scheffler is published by Macmillan ISBN 0 333 96396 2</p>	Story book



10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: George the Giant</b>  Visit <a href="http://www.gruffalo.com/join-in/activities">www.gruffalo.com/join-in/activities</a> and scroll down to The Smartest Giant in Town section. Print off the puzzle sheet so the Squirrels can help George the Giant find which path to take to find his smart new clothes!</p>	<p>Activity sheets  Pencils</p>
10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Giant Singalong</b>  If the Squirrels enjoyed The Smartest Giant in Town story, they will love to sing along to the song! Room on the Broom and other songs by Julia Donaldson with illustrations by Axel Scheffler has a CD full of super songs from Julia's books! Published by Macmillan ISBN 1 4050 5366 6  There's also sheet music so perhaps a member of the Leadership team, could play along! Perhaps a parent, family member or someone from your local Church or community group could play a piano or keyboard!</p>	<p>Book and CD player or  Book and piano or  keyboard</p>
5	<p>Closing, Home</p>	

## Good-turn squirrel notes

### Squirrel Promise

I promise to be a good Squirrel  
and to love God.

### Squirrel Promise

I promise to be a good Squirrel  
and to  God.

I  doing good turns!

I am a good turn squirrel.

Every time your Squirrel does a good turn  
please tie a knot in my tail and then bring  
back to Squirrels next week.

Thanks.

I am a good turn squirrel.

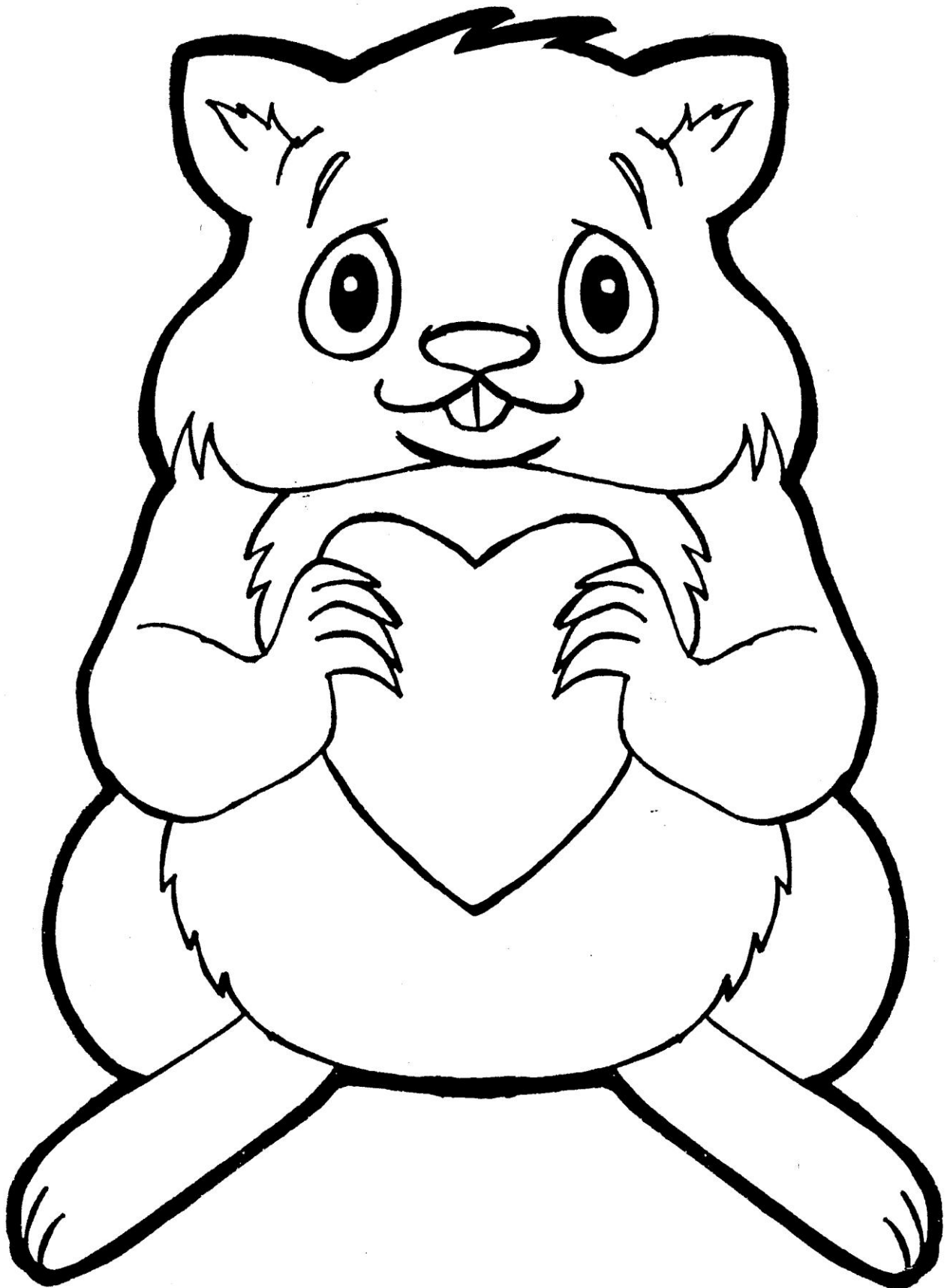
Every time your Squirrel does a good turn  
please get them to draw a picture of what  
they did on my bushy tail!

Please bring back to Squirrels next week.

Thanks.



Good-turn squirrel template



## Good-turn squirrel ideas



## Additional activity



In the story *The Smartest Giant in Town*, George the Giant gives away all his smart new clothes to animals that are in need. Why not collect unwanted good quality items of clothing from Squirrel families and donate them to a local charity.

Every year donations of clothing and shoes help Action Cancer carry out over 2,000 therapeutic support services to people affected by cancer in NI. *'Turn your preloved into reloved!'*

The whole Scout Group to which you are affiliated might like to get involved; companies exchange unwanted clothing for cash and this money could then be donated to a charity.

