

# Magic Shoes



Working together on a Shoe Box Appeal with members of the Scout Group links to the Squirrel Smile Award – I'm Friendly badge! This activity also links to the I'm Caring badge!

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>GAME: Magic Shoes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>The Squirrels find a space in the hall, so they don't bump each other</i></li> <li>○ <i>A Leader explains that they have a shoe shop full of 'magic shoes', together the Squirrels ask, 'What have you got in your shoe shop today?'</i></li> <li>○ <i>If the Leader replies, 'ice skates' – everyone pretends to ice skate round the hall. If the Leader says, 'football boots' then they pretend to play football and so on</i></li> <li>○ <i>The shoe shop could have ballet pumps, baby shoes, roller skates, running shoes, lady's high heels, flippers!</i></li> </ul>	None
10	<p><b>STORY: The Elves and The Shoemaker</b></p> <p>In the 1800s Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm (the Brothers Grimm) created a vast collection of folk tales. These include familiar favourites, such as Rapunzel, Cinderella, Snow White, The Frog Prince, Rumpelstiltskin and The Elves and The Shoemaker. Over the years there have been many versions of this classic tale including a simple one from Usborne publishers. You might like to use the version below which has a slightly different ending!</p>	Story
10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Super Shoes</b></p> <p>What kind of shoes would the elves have made? If the Squirrels were elves what sort of shoes would they make? The Squirrels could draw their own designs or decorate a shoe printed on an A4 sheet!</p>	A4 paper or printed sheets Art materials
10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Shoe Boxes for Charity</b></p> <p>New shoes usually come in shoe boxes and these make great Christmas boxes for children (and adults) around the world for who Christmas is an unhappy time. These boxes can be filled with basic toiletries, hat, gloves, scarf, items of stationery, small toys, etc. Look for information about how to fill a shoe box on: <a href="http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk">www.samaritans-purse.org.uk</a> or <a href="http://www.blythswood.org">www.blythswood.org</a></p> <p>The Squirrels could bring in items and fill the shoe boxes together. Why not get the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from the Scout Group to which your Drey is affiliated to collect items too!</p>	Information leaflets about Shoe Box Appeal



10	<p><b>ACTIVITY: Mistletoes!</b>  Get the Squirrels to take off their shoes and have some Christmas themed fun!!  Protect the area with newspapers! The Squirrels dip their bare feet into green paint and press the soles of their feet onto card to make sprigs of mistletoe!  NB - A good idea is to have a Squirrel conveyor belt on the night... a Leader with a tray filled with green paint and one with a pack of baby wipes. Squirrels sit on a row of low chairs and Leaders worked down the line. The key is moving in quickly to clean feet before the paint starts to dry!  Decorate 'mistletoes' with curling ribbon and tiny Christmas baubles! The word 'mistletoes' can be written under the mistletoe sprigs!  Baker Ross (<a href="http://www.bakerross.co.uk">www.bakerross.co.uk</a>) stocks washable ready mixed paint in squeeze bottles or check out craft aisle of supermarkets!</p>	<p>Washable green poster paint in plastic trays (cat litter tray from pound shops) or jumbo paint pads  Thick card (artist canvases can also be used - available from Pound shops or The Works)  Curling ribbon, tiny Christmas baubles  Wipes, kitchen roll  Newspaper</p>
5	Closing, Home	



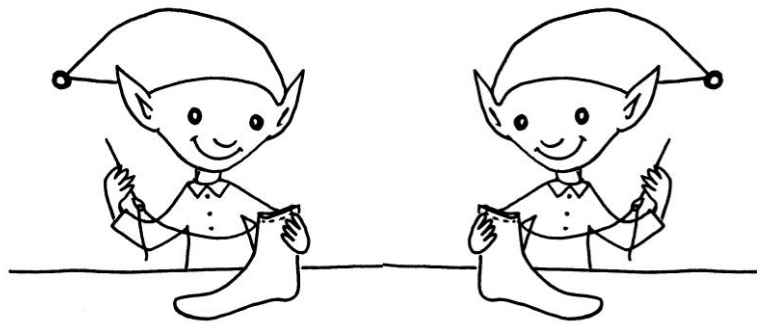
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## The Elves and the Shoemaker

A long time ago in a country far away there lived a shoemaker. He lived with his wife in a little old house in a small town. In the town there were some very rich people who lived in lovely big houses and wore fine clothes. They had servants to cook them delicious meals, clean their houses and drive them about in horse drawn carriages. But in the town there were lots of poor people and sometimes they didn't have enough food to eat or warm clothes to wear in the cold winter weather. The shoemaker was a very kind man and one day instead of selling his last pair of shoes he gave them away to a needy lady. Now the shoemaker and his wife didn't have enough money to pay their rent and only enough leather left to make one pair of shoes. The shoemaker cut out the pieces of leather and because the light was growing dim he went to bed, leaving the pieces ready to sew the next morning.

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In the morning the shoemaker was amazed and displayed the shoes in his shop window. The next day one of the rich gentlemen of the town saw the shoes and because they were so beautifully made he paid the shoemaker some extra money. Now the shoemaker was able to pay the rent, buy some food and enough leather to make two pairs of shoes. Because the shoemaker was a kind man he shared his food with a poor traveller. The shoemaker cut out the pieces of leather and because the light was growing dim he went to bed, leaving the pieces ready to sew the next morning. Once again during the night two small elves crept in and made two pairs of shoes - the finest shoes ever seen! In the morning the shoemaker was again amazed. He gave one pair of shoes away to a little boy who had no shoes at all and displayed the other pair in his shop window. The rich man had shown his friend his beautiful new shoes and now this friend bought the shoes and paid the shoemaker some extra money because they were so fine! The shoemaker was able to buy some more food and enough leather to make three pairs of shoes. His wife made a nourishing meal and they shared it with the family next door who had six small children and were very hungry. As before, the shoemaker cut out the pieces of leather and left them on his work bench but he didn't go to bed. Instead, he and his wife hid and watched to see what happened. During the night the two small elves crept in; the shoemaker and his wife were astonished and watched in amazement as the tiny elves made the shoes - the finest shoes ever seen!

In the morning there was a queue of rich people outside the shop waiting to buy the beautiful shoes so the shoe maker sold them all and with the money he bought lots of food and warm clothes for the poor people of the town and some more leather, of course! The shoemaker's wife wanted to do something nice for the elves to thank them for their kindness. She had noticed that the elves' little clothes were very old and worn, so she made some tiny clothes and that night they left them on the bench with the leather. That night when the tiny elves crept in they put on the new clothes and they were so delighted that they danced all around the shop. Then they settled down and made some more beautiful shoes! The elves and the shoemaker worked together for many years helping to give food, clothes and shelter to the poor people of the town! And of course the rich people just loved buying very fine new shoes!

