

Dear Friend,

Scaredy Squirrel is back and he's confronting his darkest fear yet! Author and illustrator Mélanie Watt has Scaredy exploring a truly universal childhood fear in the fourth title from her bestselling series.

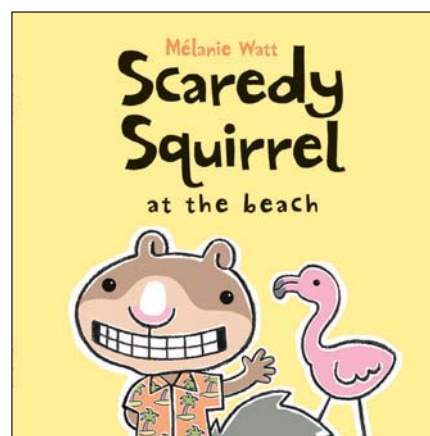
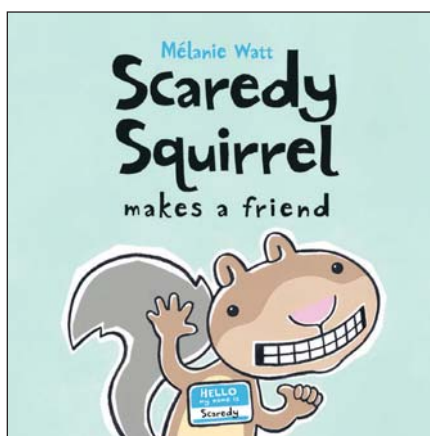
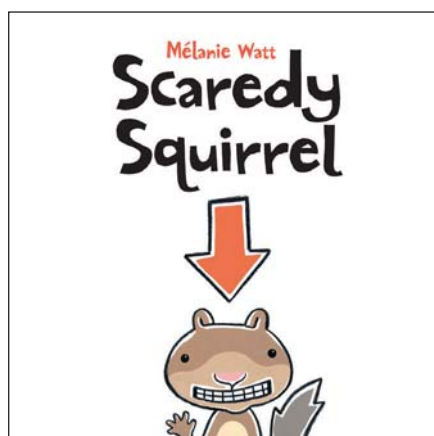
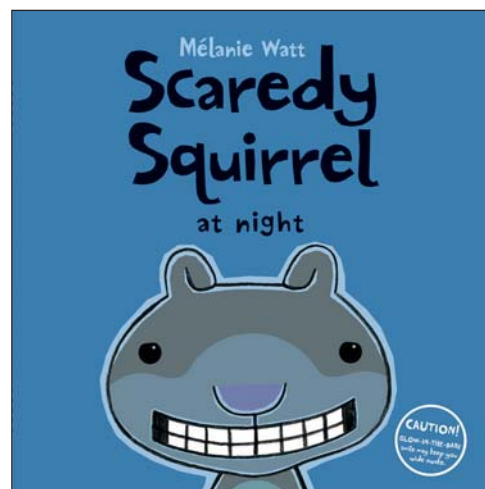
These storytime suggestions and activities for *Scaredy Squirrel at Night* are intended to enhance your storytime event, whether it's in a bookstore, library, classroom or at home. **Scaredy Squirrel teaches children that every fear is manageable and encourages problem solving.** His creative "solutions" might seem over-the-top, but children will easily identify with Scaredy's overreaction to fears and apply it to their own lives.

About the series

In his first book, Scaredy Squirrel discovered a talent he didn't know he had. In his second book, he found that friendship could be a joy instead of a worry. In his third book, he leaves the safety of his tree to go to the beach. In *Scaredy Squirrel at Night*, the world's most lovable worrywart learns to appreciate a good night's sleep only after confronting his bad dreams — and some hungry intruders.

Recommended for ages 4–8.

————— Read all of Mélanie Watt's Scaredy Squirrel books! —————



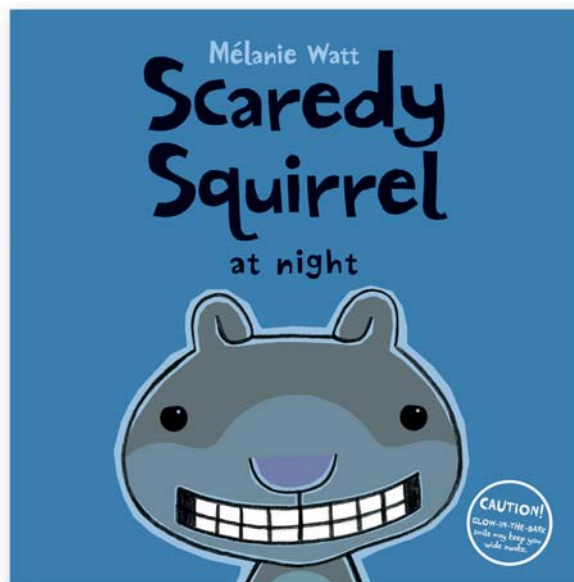
Storytime Suggestions for *Scaredy Squirrel at Night*

Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative with props and group participation. Don't forget to store all your props in a bin for next time.

You might include:

- pillow and blanket
- flashlight
- teddy bear
- horoscope page
- knitting needles and yarn
- scrapbook



Activity Materials

- pencils or pencil crayons
- photocopies of each activity

Before Storytime

Using the pillow and blanket prop (optional) ask your group to share something they're afraid of at bedtime. Is nighttime scary? If so, why?

Ask them to describe their bedtime routine: Have a bath, brush teeth, check under bed for monsters, read a story!

After Storytime

Ask your group if they share any nighttime fears with Scaredy?

Are Scaredy's fears real?

Have each person in the group say something that he/she is afraid of but knows isn't real. Then have the group brainstorm ways to be brave. For example, draw a picture of what you fear and make it look silly (e.g., draw bow ties on the boogeyman).

Keep the Fun Going

There are three *Scaredy Squirrel at Night* activities for your storytime event. Print and distribute copies of the following activities to your group:

1. Benefits of a Good Night's Sleep Match-Up
2. Scaredy Squirrel's Good Night's Sleep Certificate
3. How to Draw Scaredy Squirrel

All Scaredy Squirrel at Night activities are available as a free download from kidscanpress.com.



Benefits of a Good Night's Sleep Match-Up

Draw a line connecting Scaredy Squirrel to the benefit he is showing.



Good health



Happiness



Cleverness



Peacefulness



SCAREDY SQUIRREL'S GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP CERTIFICATE

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(write name here)

I've read *Mélanie Watt's book*
Scaredy Squirrel at Night
and now I know the benefits
of a good night's sleep.

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Follow these 7 easy steps to draw your very own Scaredy Squirrel.

