

Storytime Suggestions for *Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend*

Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend is recommended for ages 4–8.

Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative and fun by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character.

You might include the following props:

- lemon
- name tag
- mittens
- comb
- mirror
- air freshener
- toothbrush
- chew toy



Activity Materials

After reading the story, your group can use these materials to have fun exploring the concepts that have been introduced in *Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend*.

You will need the following materials:

- chart paper
- markers
- pens
- pencils
- crayons

Before Storytime

Ask your group for their suggestions on how to make a new friend. Does anyone in the group have ideas about what questions he or she would ask a person they are meeting for the first time? For example, “What is your name?”, “Where do you go to school?”, “Do you have any pets?”. Ask the group to share a time when making friends wasn’t easy.



After Storytime

Keep the fun going by asking your group to participate in some of the following activities:

1. Talk about Scaredy Squirrel’s fear of meeting a new friend. Discuss the qualities that Scaredy Squirrel thinks are important in a new friend. Ask your group what qualities they think make a good friend.
2. Scaredy Squirrel and his new friend have a great time playing fetch and hide-and-seek. Ask your group what games or activities they like to play or do when they meet a new friend. Make a list of outdoor games/activities and indoor games/activities that the children like to play. Make sure the children think of activities besides playing video games.
3. Hand out photocopies of the reverse activity page. Ask your group to draw the items they would include in their make-a-friend kit. Would they include an air freshener like Scaredy? Maybe a skipping rope or basketball would be good additions.



Draw a few items that you would include in your make-a-friend kit.


