

Acorn Hide and Seek

All ages



Pretend you are a squirrel, gathering nuts for the winter. Find some (1-5) acorns, or walnuts, or anything that can represent a nut.

Now hide your nuts so other birds or squirrels won't steal them, but remember where you hid them so you can find them later.

Go for a walk, short or long. When you return, can you find where you hid your nuts?

How did it feel to be a squirrel? What kind of skills do you need to be a successful squirrel?

For younger children, hide fewer nuts and take a shorter walk. Older students could hide more nuts and take a longer walk. Perhaps if there is more than one child hiding nuts, they should make sure the other children don't see where they hide them. Later, when they go to retrieve the nuts, children may "steal" those they saw others hide.

For more information from the Smithsonian Science Education Center about why squirrels hide their nuts place your phone's camera over the QR code below or go to <https://qr.go.page.link/sWFD2>

