

Julia the squirrel

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Julia the squirrel lives in an oak tree in the park with her mommy and daddy and big sister.

They like it in their oak tree because it is a busy park and there is always so much to see. Their big oak tree is a wonderful place to live and it produces food just right for squirrels. Their sharp teeth crunch on the delicious acorns they have found. The squirrels also eat nuts and seeds and Julia knows that this is the food that will make her big and strong.

Because Julia and her family are so small they will not be able to sleep through the winter. Instead of hibernating the squirrel family must eat everyday and so they have to collect and store as much as they can to provide for the cold winter months when it will be hard to find food.

It is fall now and the acorns are falling to the ground. Julia loves to help her mommy and daddy collect the acorns around their tree. She scurries away and finds the food and quickly comes running back. Her big bushy tail looks lovely as she hurries along looking for food. In the early morning and the evening they all run around collecting seeds so they can put them away in holes in the tree bark. Julia, being an adventurous squirrel, has grown tired of eating acorns and she has decided to find something better to eat. Today instead of looking for acorns she begins to look for something new. People have left all sorts of things on the ground for Julia to try. She tastes a chocolate wrapper but that doesn't taste good at all. She tastes a drinking straw but that isn't good either. The third thing Julia finds is a big round candy someone has dropped on the ground. Julia tastes it and it is delicious!

Julia knows she should not eat the candy, squirrels don't eat candy, but she is so tired of acorns and the candy tastes so good. She eats and eats and eats, and eats and eats and eats. How good that candy tastes and before long it is all gone.

OH NO. Julia begins to feel quite ill. Her tummy begins to ache. She runs to her mom and tells her what she has done. Her mommy takes her into the nest and hugs her until her tummy feels better. Julia knows she should not have eaten that candy and now understands why her mom has always told her to only to eat acorns nuts and seeds.

It is getting cold now so the rest of her family all scurry back to their nest in the tree. Julia is very happy to have her family to keep her warm in the winter and to teach her all the things that squirrels should know.



Make your own Julia the Squirrel

Before you begin gather all the materials and prepare your work surface.

Things You'll Need:

- 1 paper towel roll/toilet tissue inner tube
- 1 printed squirrel template.
Please download the squirrel template PDF from TeacherLee.com
- Glue
- Crayons



Making Julia the Squirrel:

- Print out the activity sheet provided. It depicts arms, feet, tail and a head.
- Decorate these squirrel body parts with the crayons
- Cut out the shapes
- Cut the paper towel roll inner tube in half
- Decorate the paper towel roll inner tube, this is the body of the squirrel
- Stick the body parts onto the paper towel roll inner tube.