MISSION #002
THE GREAT ACORN MYSTERY





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Acorn Craft Workshop

Collect • Create • Imagine • Give Thanks!

Your Mission, Explorer!

Use the acorns and other natural treasures you collected on your Outdoor Detective Hunt to make something wonderful! You can create a woodland animal, a nature decoration, a special gift, or anything your imagination dreams up!

1 Gather Your Treasures

Use the acorns, acorn caps, leaves, and other natural items you collected outdoors.



2 Get Creative!

Make a woodland animal, acorn person, a nature decoration, or anything you like!



3 Find More Ideas Online!

Scan the QR code with a grown-up to see 13 creative acorn craft ideas from Ruffled Mom.

Scan with a grown-up for 13 fun acorn craft ideas!

Craft Inspiration



Woodland Animals



Acorn People



Nature Decorations



Miniature Scenes



Explorer Challenge!

Can you create one of the woodland animals from Benji's Great Acorn Mystery? Or invent your own!

Draw Your Acorn Creation!

My Creation is called: _____

Helpful Reminders:

- ☑ Collect fallen acorns, leaves, and other natural treasures.
- ☑ Leave animal nests, burrows, and hidden food stores undisturbed.
- ☑ Be kind and watch animals from a distance.
- ☑ Have a grown-up help with glue, scissors, or sharp tools.
- ☑ Use your imagination and have fun!

God created a wonderful world full of treasures. Use your imagination and see what you can create!



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The Great Acorn Mystery

Outdoor Detective Hunt

Look Closely • Explore • Discover
See What God Has Made!

Your Mission, Explorer!

Grab a grown-up, put on your explorer shoes, and head outdoors! Use this checklist to see how many autumn clues you can find. Observe, wonder, and discover how the animals in God's creation use acorns.

Every clue tells a part of the story!

My Acorn Detective Checklist

- ☐  **A whole acorn with its cap**
  Look for a nice, whole acorn.
- ☐  **An acorn missing its cap**
  Where did the cap go?
- ☐  **An acorn with a tiny hole**
  Who might have lived inside?
- ☐  **A cracked or nibbled acorn**
  Who might have eaten it?
- ☐  **Two different oak leaves**
  Are they the same shape? How are they different?
- ☐  **A squirrel gathering food**
  Watch from a safe distance. What is it doing?
- ☐  **A bird looking for food**
  Can you spot a blue jay? What color is it?
- ☐  **A possible animal hiding place**
  Look for places where animals might store acorns.
- ☐  **A fallen log or little burrow**
  Could an animal shelter here?
- ☐  **An acorn beginning to sprout**
  A tiny tree may be growing! Look for a small root or green shoot.

Bonus Mystery!

Which animals in Benji's story help plant new oak trees without even knowing it?

Hint: There is more than one correct answer!

Explorer Notes:

Draw or write about your favorite thing you found today!

Explorer Reminders:

- ☑ Collect only a few fallen acorns with permission.
- ☑ Leave wildlife food stores alone.
- ☑ Be kind and watch animals from a distance.
- ☑ Acorns are not for eating.
- ☑ Take a grown-up with you!


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Fall
Word Search
Discover the Wonders of Autumn
Find the words below in the puzzle.
They can be found across, down, or diagonally.
N E S T S Y T U A E B U R S
H I Q S N S R O L O C A R S
Y R U H N I K P M U P N E Q
W E I O N B R C D U E I B U
I A R I M E R N E H A M M A
L T R U E N O S A E S A E S
D S E D T R M Y G O D L V H
L C L L E A V E S K O S O E
I E I E O D N T R A I L N X
F Y U D W A T E R F A L L P
E A L S E B R A N C H E S L
N H N R R R T M A I Z E E O
R A N I T U R K E Y L S E R
R H B V H A R V E S T N I E
Word List
GOD
NATURE
TURKEY
EXPLORE
DEER
COLORS
MAIZE
LEAVES
FALL
ANIMALS
HARVEST
BEAUTY
SEASON
SQUASH
WILDLIFE
BRANCHES
SQUIRREL
WATER
NOVEMBER
NESTS
CIDER
HAY
PUMPKIN
TRAIL

