

HOW THE SQUIRRELS SAVED CHRISTMAS

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*On top of the world
in the North Pole, where
there is always snow,
Santa was busy preparing for
Christmas with his squirrel helpers,
Jolly, Jingle, Candy and Tinsel.*



*Squirrels were very fast workers
in Santa's workshop.*





*They could also scurry down
the chimney to fetch your
Christmas list in the flick of a tail.*





North Pole




*Santa also had another helper by
the name of Jack Frost, and they
were very old and special friends.
Jack was a magical squirrel
with a sparkle in his eye,
who used his magic to make
the winter snow happen each year.*



*Jack sang magical
rhyming songs, and
used his ice wand
to make the snow
and ice appear.*





A squirrel is shown in a snowy landscape, building a snowman. The squirrel is standing on a snow-covered mound, holding a large snowball in its paws. The snowman is composed of three snowballs. The squirrel's tail is visible on the right side. In the background, there are blurred trees and a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. A small branch with red berries hangs from the top left. A white snowflake graphic is positioned in the lower left area of the image.

*He was also full of mischief,
creating enchanted snowmen
that could throw snowballs,*



*which the other squirrels
loved him for and had
great fun playing with!*









*No-one knew just how old Jack was, but
one day very long ago he had found a magic
acorn in the ice whilst looking for food.
After he had eaten it, he found he had
the power to make snow and ice.
He became the bringer of winter
and everyone started to call him Jack Frost.*







*Christmas was soon to be on it's way,
but Jack had eaten some berries
that were not good.*

*They had made him poorly
and he had lost his voice,
along with his Christmas cheer,
which meant he could not sing
his rhymes any more.*

*Everyone was very worried about him,
and without winter there would be
no Christmas.*







*By now there was quite a gathering
of worried birds and animals that
tried to find a way to make Jack
feel better.*





Sing a Song



*Jingle, who was a kind but
noisy squirrel, came by with
a beautiful, shiny bell.*

*Ting-a-ling! went the bell loudly,
as he rang it all around Jack.*



Sadly, Jack still didn't feel better but next to try was Tinsel, He was a gentle squirrel with soft, dreamy eyes.



*He was carrying some
pretty Christmas garlands,
and very carefully he draped
some around Jack,*



Poor Jack still couldn't speak, so Candy, who was a round and cheeky squirrel tried next. He had a candy cane which he wafted under Jack's nose so that he would lick it and it would make him feel better.





Alas this didn't work either, so Jolly tried next. Jolly was a very happy squirrel, full of fun and he had brought a feather with him to make Jack chuckle.



*Tickle-tickle went the feather but this
didn't help Jack either.*







Jack sat for a while wondering how he could get his voice back, until suddenly Santa appeared. He gave Jack a big, warm hug and he talked about Christmases past.





*After Santa had gone, Jack
looked around at all the gifts
his friends had left behind,
and he could still feel Santa's hug.
A warm, happy feeling started in his
tummy and spread up to his whiskers,
until - his voice was back and so was
his Christmas cheer!*





Out came a new song...



With love in their hearts
and Christmas in mind

Santa and the squirrels
have been so very kind

Winter will soon be here,
I'll be bound

There'll be icicles hanging
and snow on the ground

And all the children of the world
shall have Christmas once more

With gifts and surprises,
and presents galore!





*While snowflakes were falling,
his friends dashed excitedly to
his side, along with Santa.
Everyone danced and cheered!*





*The love and kindness his friends
had shown had brought his voice
back and had saved Christmas!*




Merry Christmas!



A dark, textured background with numerous white, out-of-focus circular spots of varying sizes, resembling falling snow or bokeh. In the bottom right corner, a small, rectangular wooden sign is attached to a piece of white, fluffy material that looks like snow. The sign has the text "Squirrel Winter Games" written on it in a black, serif font.

Squirrel
Winter
Games

A squirrel is shown from the chest up, standing on a pair of skis. The skis are light-colored with dark tips. Two red ski poles are planted in the snow on either side of the squirrel. The squirrel has a greyish-brown back and a lighter, almost white belly. Its ears are large and upright, with long hairs sticking out. The squirrel's tail is large, bushy, and reddish-brown. The background is a soft, out-of-focus blue-grey color, suggesting a snowy forest. In the bottom right corner, there is a small, dark green evergreen tree. The entire scene is overlaid with a bokeh effect of white, circular light spots of varying sizes, giving it a dreamy, wintry feel.

*Deep in the forest
one winter's day*



The Squirrel Olympics were well underway



The Pine Cone Games were their favourite of all





Reaching high to catch them before they could fall





Racing happily with sleighfuls, swiftly to and fro



Rolling them faster and faster through the snow



And at the end of it all, a nutty prize



*For the squirrel with
the bushiest tail,
and brightest beady eyes*



Thank you for reading





*A delightfully
heartwarming story
about the spirit
of Christmas.*

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