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The Fox and the Squirrels

One early spring morning a fox became very hungry from his travels through the forest. Suddenly he remembered his fat little friends the squirrels, and he directed his path toward their door. As fairly as

When he reached their home, he found them busily packing up their stock of food and getting ready for moving into another tree.

"Good morning, my friends," he greeted them.

"Good morning. We are moving today," they answered.

"Oh, how interesting! Won't you show me your new home?"

"Of course. Follow us!" they directed.

When they reached the spot, he began praising their new home, and, taking advantage of their good spirits, he put an X mark on the bark of the tree.

After he had left, the squirrels discovered the mark. Carefully they made the same mark on all the other trees, thus turning the trick against the clever fox.