



Cast

	Peter	Benjamin	Three squirrels <i>(non-speaking)</i>		
Narrator		Lily		Squirrel Nutkin <i>(non-speaking)</i>	

Work with the children to allocate characters and prepare a short performance. Discuss the stage directions in advance and make sure the children understand how to follow the script.

(Peter Rabbit is with Lily and Benjamin looking for a safe place, away from Mr. Tod.)

Peter:

Look! The squirrels are playing in the trees.
We can go there.

Narrator:

The rabbits spoke to Squirrel Nutkin.

Peter, Lily, and Benjamin:

Can we make a treehouse in your trees?

Squirrel Nutkin:

You are not squirrels. Can you climb and jump?

(The rabbits and Squirrel Nutkin are at the Little Tree.)

Peter:

Yes, we can climb and jump.

Squirrel Nutkin:

First you have to climb the Little Tree.

(Benjamin climbs.)

Narrator:

Benjamin climbed the Little Tree.



Peter and **Lily:** Well done!

(The rabbits and Squirrel Nutkin are at the bridge.)

Squirrel

Nutkin:

Now, you have to cross the Horrible Bridge.

(Lily crosses the bridge.)

Narrator:

Lily crossed the Horrible Bridge.

Peter and

Benjamin:

Well done!

(The rabbits and Squirrel Nutkin are at the treehouse.)

Squirrel

Nutkin:

Now, you must jump to the Big Treehouse.

(Peter jumps.)

Narrator:

Peter jumped. But the jump was too long for Peter.

(Peter did not reach the treehouse.)

(The squirrels dangle a bucket for Peter to land into.)

Narrator:

The squirrels helped Peter.

Benjamin:

Squirrels can jump well but we cannot.

(There is a screech of an owl. It tries to catch Squirrel Nutkin.)



Peter:

Look! The owl wants to catch Squirrel Nutkin.
We have to help him!

*(Benjamin and Peter take Squirrel Nutkin's hand
and jump to the Treehouse.)*

Narrator:

Benjamin and Peter took Squirrel Nutkin and . . .
They jumped to the Big Treehouse!

**Squirrel
Nutkin:**

You CAN jump and climb!

