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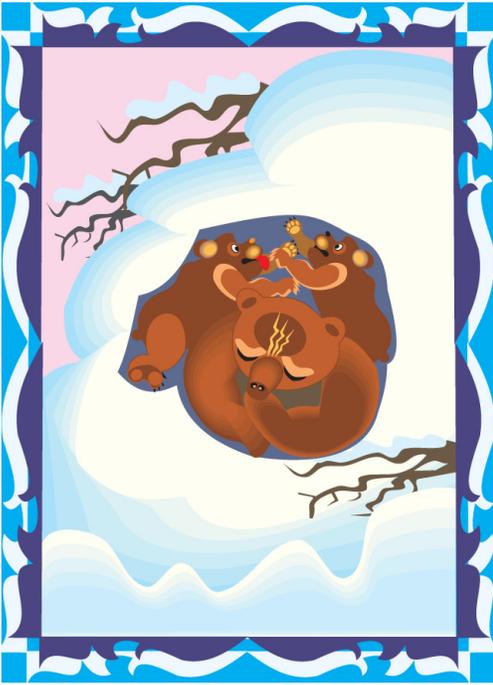
A WILD WORLD

MANY ANIMALS hibernate, or become inactive and sleep during the cold days of winter. Some wake for short amounts of time while others sleep through the entire season.

As temperatures begin to get colder, hibernating animals — like bears, squirrels, groundhogs, raccoons, skunks, opossums, dormice and bats — prepare nests. Starting in the summer and fall, many animals eat to gain weight. (A black bear can gain up to 30 pounds per week during its pre-hibernation period!) The extra fat keeps them alive during the winter. Some animals store spare food nearby. For example, **SQUIRRELS** bury nuts and acorns to eat when they wake up.

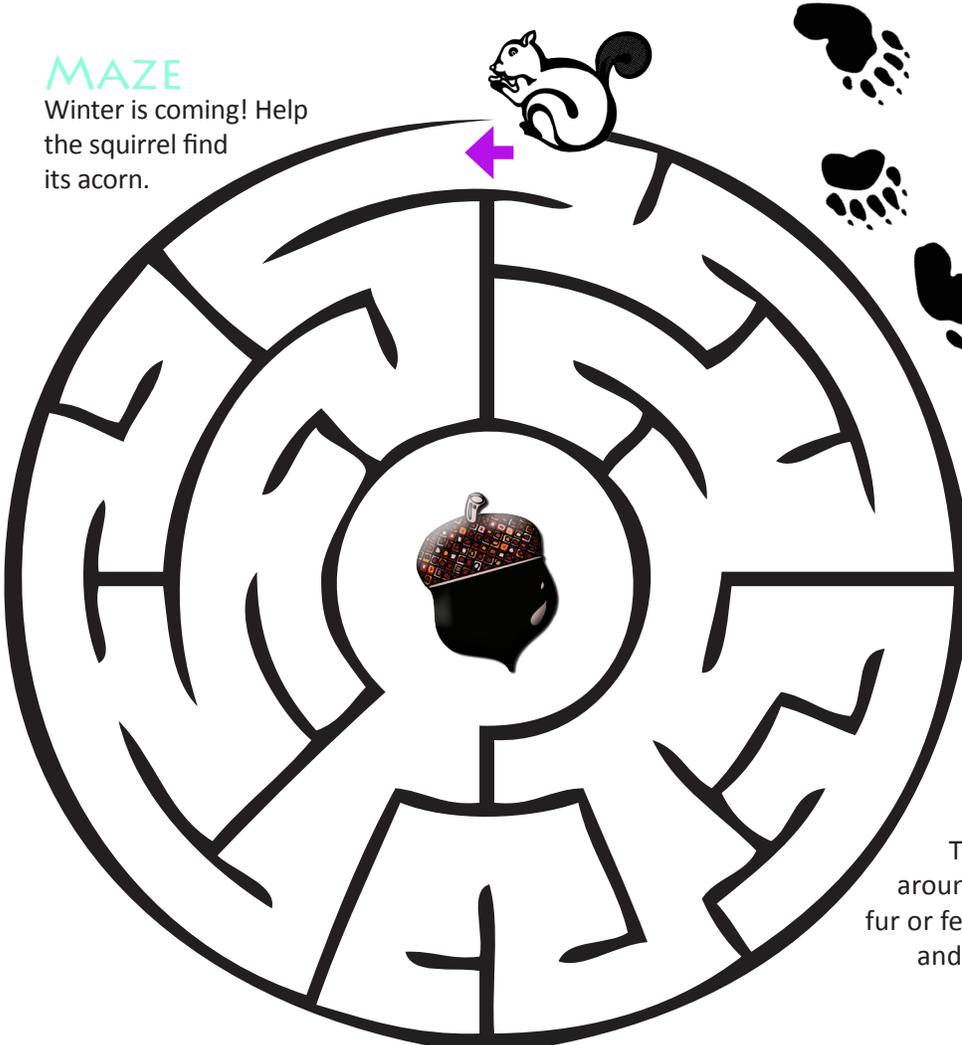
Frogs, toads, turtles, lizards, snakes, snail, fish, shrimp and even some insects hibernate too.

Did you know? Some female **BEARS** (sows) give birth while hibernating! The cubs nurse and grow until the sow wakes up, at which point they all begin to search for food. The cubs stay with their very protective mother for about two years.



MAZE

Winter is coming! Help the squirrel find its acorn.



SEARCH FOR ANIMAL PRINTS!

The next time you're in a forested area, look around for signs of wildlife like tracks, droppings, fur or feathers. Don't touch them, but take a camera and a notebook to record what you find!