

HOW TO

 15mins



ACTIONS NEEDED

Betty "Hurrah!" with an enthusiastic fist pump

Tommy "That's me!" both thumbs up.

Mother "Oh, my!" and push hair away from forehead

Father "Phew" and put hands on hips

Brownies "Do a good turn!" and salute.

House "Come in!" make a big come in motion with right hand

Owl Say "Who! Who!" flap arms as wings

Forest swishing sound and sway arms and fingers in the air like swaying trees

The Story:

Once upon a time, there were two young children, **Betty** and **Tommy** who lived with their **mother** and their **father**. **Betty** and **Tommy** played all day while their parents had to work very hard. One day their **mother** told the children about the **Brownies**, who used to do lots of things to help around the **house**. "They are gone now," she sighed, "but we were always so much happier when they helped." **Betty** and **Tommy** wanted to know where the **Brownies** had gone and how to get them to come back. **Father** replied, "Only the wise old **owl** knows!"

That night, when everyone else was asleep, **Betty** and **Tommy** crept out of the house into the magic **forest**. There they found the wise old **owl**. "Please", asked **Betty**, "where can I find the **Brownies** to come and live with us?" The **owl** said, "I know where two live - right in your **house**!" She was very surprised! "Tell us how to find them," **Tommy** begged.

She told the children to go to the pond in the magic forest, turn around three times and say, "Twist me and turn me and show me the elf... I looked in the water and saw.....!" The wise old **owl** added, "When you finish the rhyme, you will see the **Brownie** in the magic pond."

Betty and **Tommy** journeyed on through the magic forest and found the pond and did as they had been told saying, "Twist me and turn me and show me the elf... I looked in the water and saw.....!" But nothing happened! So they retraced her steps back through the **forest** and found the wise old **owl** and **Betty** said, "Something must be wrong, I did all you told me to do and I only saw myself! And I am not a **Brownie**!" "Are you sure?" said the **owl**. "To be a **Brownie**, you must think of others before yourself and do a good turn every day." "Perhaps we can do that," suggested **Tommy**. "That's a good idea, go home and try," the wise old **owl** said kindly. She touched both children with her feathery wings, and suddenly **Betty** and **Tommy** were back in their own house, each in their own bed.

They talked quietly together about all that had happened. Together **Betty** and **Tommy** tip-toed downstairs and began to tidy up and clean the **house**. In the morning, when **mother** and **father** saw the **house**, they wanted to know what had happened. "Who did this?" they asked.

Betty and **Tommy** danced around and shouted, "it's the **Brownies**!" And from that day on, theirs was a very happy **house** near the **forest**, all because of the **Brownies**!