

## **My Little Squirrel**

At this time in my life, I spend many hours each week studying. With no children roaming the house, it is very peaceful and quiet. But often, during these tranquil moments, I hear a quiet shuffling of things off in the distance. Sometimes, it is coming from upstairs and other times, I hear it in various parts of our basement. You might be wondering how I can rest peacefully knowing that something is loose in our house. Let me go on record that not only am I not bothered by these noises, I take tremendous comfort listening to them off in the distance.

Have you ever watched squirrels? They are very purposeful as they go about their activities. They are always busy preparing for the winter by hiding nuts and making their little homes comfortable. This is all that my Little Squirrel is doing. Whenever I hear it, I smile. Sometimes, I stop what I am doing to simply enjoy the sound of the soft shuffling of things off in the distant parts of the house. I marvel at the diligence of my Little Squirrel and wonder how such a little creature can have so much energy.

If you have ever studied various animals, you know that normally, female animals behave differently from their male counterparts. For one thing, female squirrels tend to be more nurturing. As you might have suspected, I have spent some time observing my Little Squirrel and I can assure you she has all the characteristics of a Female squirrel.

Having watched my busy Little Squirrel doing the things she does in all the various parts of the house, I can report that she evidently is not a selfish squirrel. Everything she does is for the wellbeing of others, not herself. Personally, I believe that whether consciously or not, animals are serving the purposes of God. In the case of my Little Squirrel, I am confident that she is very conscious of her Creator and does everything for His pleasure. Not all animals behave this way.<sup>1</sup> My Little Squirrel is one of these very special creatures and she lives right in my house.

Actually, though she is little, my Little Squirrel is much larger than the typical squirrel. She is a very cute squirrel but she stands about five feet tall on her hind legs. Her name is Linda and I love my Little Squirrel.

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<sup>1</sup> To prove this to yourself, try watching YouTube videos that depict animals doing admirable things to help other animals or humans. Some of these animals make you wonder if they are more than mere animals. The selfless things they do often cause these videos to go “viral.”