

How the Beavers Got Their Tails

Once upon a beaver pond, there were 3 beavers having a friendly argument about who was the best beaver.

The oldest beaver said he was the biggest therefore the best. The middle beaver said it was best to be right in the middle of things. The youngest beaver said he was the best age because there was always someone there to help him. They argued all day.

Suddenly, they all heard a quiet voice. “ Young Beavers, I know the answer to you argument.”

The Beavers looked around frantically. “Who’s there?”

“Look behind you. I am the Great Forest Tree. I have the answer to your question. Each of you is a special gift from God. No one is greater than the other. You are each unique and have special talents. I have a gift for each of you.

“Youngest Beaver, please stand. First, I give to the youngest Beaver a brown tail. (Leaders will pin the brown tail on.) This tail is the color of the soil, your warm fur, and the sticks of your lodge. Your gift to the colony is the gift of wonder and youth. You help us slow down and enjoy the small things in life.

“ Middle beavers, please stand. To you, I give a blue tail. (Stand and pin.) Blue reminds us of the water and the sky. Your gift to the colony is your ability to dream big and try everything. You remind us that the world is a wonderful place.

“ Lastly, I give the oldest beavers (stand and pin) a white tail. White reminds us of the stars and the moon. Your gift to the colony is your ability to help the younger Beavers and to be a good leader. You remind us all that the stars are within our reach.

“ Each of you is special and very important to the colony.”

After each Beaver received his tail, they went back to their colony and shared this story. Ever since that night near the beaver pond, Beavers have worn a different tail color to remind others of the special gifts they have to offer.

SO lets show the parents what we know:

Brown tails: motto - Sharing, Sharing, Sharing

Blue tails: promise - I promise to love God and help take care of the world.

White tails: law - A Beaver has fun, works hard, and helps his family and friends.