



Book Activity Sheet

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!

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Children are fascinated by bugs! Vibrant paper collages illustrate spotted ladybugs, butterflies that flutter, and many more kinds of bugs.

Things to Talk About:

Creepy Crawlies: Children have a natural curiosity about bugs and insects. If your child could be a bug or an insect, which one would he or she choose to be? Why? Where would he or she live? How would he or she move?

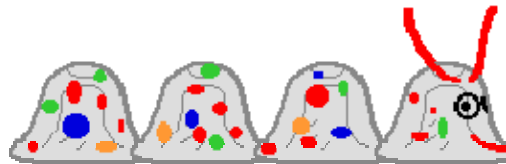
Bug Habitats: Kids can find bugs right in their own backyards. During the warmer months, look for bugs hiding in the bushes, on leaves, or under rocks in your backyard (or in a nearby park). Explain to your child that some bugs can be harmful. Sometimes it is best to just look instead of touching bugs that you might see.

Activities to Do:

1. Egg Carton Insects

You Will Need: Styrofoam egg cartons, scissors, pipe cleaners, scrap materials, glue, tape, markers

What to Do: Encourage your child to choose a bug or insect to make. Help your child cut apart the egg cartons in as many sections as needed. Your child can use the scraps to decorate his or her egg carton to look like the bug he or she is creating. Remind your child to use the pictures in *Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!* When identifying the characteristics of his or her bug.



2. Ants (or Bugs) On a Log

You Will Need: Raisins (ants) or prunes (bugs), celery, peanut butter (make sure nobody has a peanut allergy), or cream cheese (if you have a child with a peanut allergy)

What to Do: Have the kids do the following:

- Wash the celery and cut it into pieces (each piece should be about 5 inches long).
- Spread peanut butter in u-shaped part of celery, from one end to the other using a spoon or a plastic knife
- Press raisins gently into peanut butter.
- Enjoy your ants on a log!



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