



Insect Activity Guide



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BOP THE BUG

Decorate a few balloons to resemble bugs and supply your child with a fly swatter. Your child will enjoy playing 'keep up' with their bug and bopping it around the room.



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PLAYDOUGH FOSSILS

Playdough provides your child with a perfect medium to capture imprints. Provide your child with playdough and a variety of plastic bugs to press into the playdough to show the fossil of each creature.



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ANIMAL OR BUG?

Provide your child with a divided tray and a variety of small toys that are either insects or animals. Encourage your child to sort the items into two categories - animal or bug! Once complete your child can count how many are in each side and observe and describe the differences.



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BUG SEARCH

Prepare a bean sensory bin with a variety of dried beans and small toy bugs. Encourage your child to search, count and play with all the bugs they find. Provide play tweezers, small containers and scoops to extend the bug play.



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DANCING WORMS

This bug activity is super simple and will amaze your little one with this scientific demonstration. First steps involve soaking gummy worms in a heavy baking soda/water mixture for 15 minutes. Then you transfer the worms to a clear glass filled with white vinegar.

The chemical reaction between the baking soda in the worms and the vinegar creates a fun dancing effect!



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NECTAR RELAY

Encourage your child to act like a bee with this active relay activity. Place a flower 'nectar' bowl at one end of the yard filled with water and yellow food colouring.

Supply this station with a dropper for your child to fill and buzz to the other end of the yard to fill the egg carton or ice cube tray honeycomb.

So much fun acting like a busy bee!



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SPIDER WEB BALANCE

Set up this gross motor activity by creating a spider web on the floor with electrical or painters tape.

Encourage your child to move through the web to the centre pretending to be a spider. Once complete invite your child to crawl, hop on one foot or jump through the web!



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BUG INVITATION

Create a bug invitation for your child with playdough, straws, google eyes, pipe cleaners and various nature items for your child to design a bug. Your child will enjoy inventing new bugs and creating creatures they have seen outside with the various items.



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SPIDER RING STACK

Your child will enjoy counting and stacking with this fun activity. Provide your little one with playdough, straws and spider rings to stack on the towers. Your child can match colours and practice patterning with this fine motor activity.

