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Interesting Insects

Insects are everywhere. Some we tend to adore, like butterflies and ladybugs, while others can have a bad rep - like spiders. Bugs play a crucial role in the survival of humans. Help foster respect and admiration in your child regarding these little guys.

Storytime Tips

These stories are full of rich language and offer opportunities to build your child's vocabulary. It is perfectly okay to stop reading and explain new words to your child. Provide them concrete, relatable, simple terms to explain new words instead of replacing them. Have your child mimic the bugs in *Some Bugs*, because making storytime interactive is always fun!

Growth Tip

When you introduce a new word to your child, they are more likely to understand and recall it when you discuss it and connect it to an experience.

Additional Literature

Aaaarrgghh! Spider! by Lydia Monks

Incredible Bugs by Moira Butterfield

Big Bug by Henry Cole

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Play, Explore, Discover!

Use the enclosed materials to help your child develop their understanding of the natural world. Allow your child to explore the items in this kit. Model how to use the items while allowing freedom for them to come up with new ways to play with the toys. Here are a few things to try.

Pop-up Container

Rekindle your childhood experiences through exploring the world of insects with your child. Use this container to temporarily put creatures inside for a longer look. Just remember that insects with chewing mandibles will be able to cut the webbing and find their way out, which damages the container.

Using a net

Through using a net, your child will find life they never thought existed! Try swaying the net back and forth in the tall grass or in a small tree, then see what you catch! rotating the net 360 degrees quickly closes the nets so your catch doesn't escape.

Making Connections

Help your child extend the learning and make connections with everyday activities. Below are a few ideas you might try.

- Ask your child to pretend to be a bug. Ask them questions: What would they look like? What would they eat? Where would they live?
- People *can* eat bugs, and they do! No joke. But maybe just start with a fun bug-inspired snack, like ants on a log or an apple ladybug with chocolate spots.
- Create a butterfly with a coffee filter. Scribble on a coffee filter with washable markers, spritz with water, and let dry. Pinch the filter at the top and bottom, collecting the material in the middle. Secure with a clothespin or pipe cleaner and hang near a window.

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<i>Some Bugs</i>	Book	1
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<i>Kaufman Guide To Insects</i>	Book	1
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