



# At-Home Storytimes



## Theme: Bugs

### The Insect Song

#### To the tune of The Wheels on the Bus

Source: Pinterest

The firefly at night goes  
Blink, blink, blink, blink, blink, blink  
Blink, blink, blink  
The firefly at night goes  
Blink, blink, blink all through the town

The bee in the flower goes  
Buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz, buzz,  
Buzz, buzz, buzz  
The bee in the flower goes  
Buzz, buzz, buzz all through the town

The ants in the grass go  
March, march, march, march, march, march,  
March, march, march, march  
The ants in the grass go  
March, march, march  
All through the town

The grasshoppers in the field go  
Hop, hop, hop, hop, hop, hop  
Hop, hop, hop  
The grasshoppers in the field go  
Hop, hop, hop all through the town

Can you think of any other bugs to  
sing about?

### The Beehive

Source: Traditional

Here is a beehive (hold up fist).  
Where are the bees?  
Hidden away where nobody sees!  
Watch as they fly out of their hive.  
(Slowly open fist, showing fingers as  
you count)

One, two, three, four, five!  
BZZZZZZZZZZ! They're alive!  
(Wiggle fingers)

### Book Suggestions

Some Bugs by Angela DiTerlizzi  
I Love Bugs! by Philemon Sturges  
Twig by Aura Parker  
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle  
The Tiny Baker by Hayley Barrett  
100 Bugs!: A Counting Book by Kate Narita  
Abracadabra! by Shanshan Li  
Beehive by Jorey Hurley  
Firefly Home by Jane Clarke

\*For more books about bugs, check out our  
Nature-Bugs section in picture books!

### Possible questions to ask while reading:

What is your favorite bug?  
What do bugs eat?  
How many different bugs do you see?  
What colors on the bugs do you see?  
What do bees make?  
How do the bugs feel in the story?  
How much food did the hungry caterpillar eat?

### Possible questions while doing the activities:

What shapes and colors are in your bug?  
How many legs does your bug have?  
How many different bugs did we find on our bug hunt?  
What makes each bug we found different?  
What are the steps for a caterpillar to become a butterfly?

## Activities at Home

### Build a Bug

Cut shapes and small strips out of different colors of construction paper. Using these shapes, your child can build a bug. Their bug can have wings, antennae, lots of legs, etc. The options are endless in building their bug. Once their bug is built, they can glue the bug they created to another piece of paper.



### Bug Hunt

Go on a bug hunt outside in your backyard, neighborhood, or park. See how many bugs you can find as you explore nature. You could go with a list of bugs to look for, add new bugs you find to an existing list, or create a list as you go. You could even take a magnifying glass with you to get a closer look at the bug if it's safe to do so.

### Butterfly Life Cycle Necklace

Supplies: Pasta (rotini, shell, and bow tie), food coloring, vinegar, Ziploc bags, hole punch, green and white paper, scissors, string, glue, straw (paper or plastic)

First, dye the three different pastas different colors. Place a few of each pasta in its own bag with 1 tablespoon of vinegar and 2 or 3 drops of food coloring. Shake each bag until the pasta is coated. Set aside to dry. Cut four leaves out of the green paper. For the egg, hole punch a small white circle. Glue it to the first leaf. For the caterpillar, glue the rotini to another leaf. For the chrysalis, glue the shell pasta to a leaf. For the butterfly, glue the bow tie to the last leaf. Once the glue on the leaves is dry, label each leaf for each stage of becoming a butterfly. Cut the straws into pieces. Hole punch the top of each leaf. Cut a length of string long enough to fit all the leaves and straw pieces. To build your necklace the order goes egg, straw, caterpillar, straw, chrysalis, straw, and butterfly. Tie the ends together, and your necklace is ready to wear.