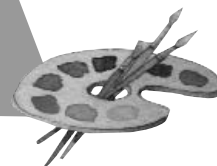


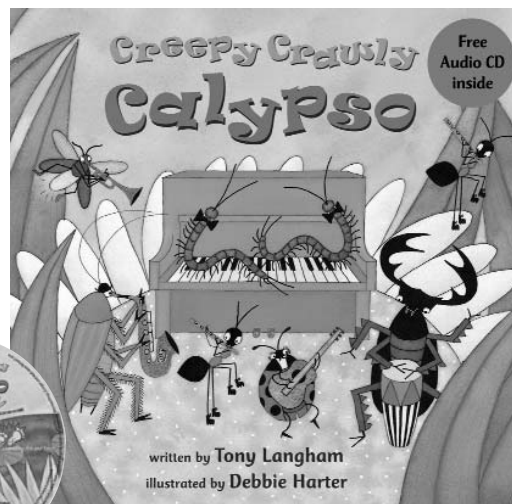
Creepy Crawly Roundup



A Barefoot Activity

For kids ages 3 - 7

Learn about the creepy crawlies in your own backyard by observing them in their natural environment! And record your findings in your very own field book just like scientists do!



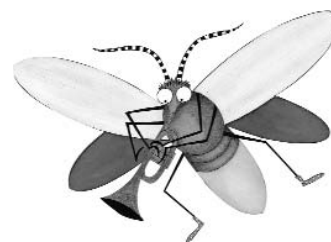
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Let's Begin!

- ◆ After reading *Creepy Crawly Calypso* aloud to the children, take them outside for a creepy crawly scavenger hunt! What bugs from the book can the children find? Ladybugs? Beetles? Ants? Spiders? Butterflies? What other interesting creepy crawlies can they find?
- ◆ Now would be a good time to tell the children about proper observation techniques. Begin by explaining that the children must try as hard as possible to observe bugs and insects in their natural environment. If removing a creepy crawly from its habitat, it must be put in a jar with a small amount of soil and greenery, and then returned to its home as soon as possible.
- ◆ Once each child has decided on a bug to observe, ask them to record their findings. Using the downloadable field sheets or their own notebook, the children should record their observations as they watch and track their creepy crawly. What does it appear to be doing? Does it carry objects or food? How does it carry the object? Is it alone or with others?
- ◆ Next, ask the children to research their favorite bug or insect. They should find out about diet, habitat, life cycle and anatomy. While older children can research information on their own, using books, science magazines or reputable websites; younger children will need assistance with this step.
- ◆ After the children have completed their research, have them present their insect or bug to the group so that everyone can learn about the creepy crawlies that live in our backyards!

Materials

- Magnifying glass
- Transparent jars with lids
- Trowel
- Bucket
- Soil
- Creepy Crawly Field Book



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Creepy Crawly Field Sheet



Here is a drawing of my creepy crawly

My creepy crawly's name is _____

It lives _____

It eats _____

My creepy crawly's body has _____

Here's a creepy crawly fact about my insect/bug: _____

