

## Catch The Reading Bug 2007-Week Seven

**Sub-theme:** Bugs Bugs!

**Title:** Going Buggy!

**Age:** 4 to 6 year olds

**Duration:** 30 minutes

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### Materials/Supplies:

- Large sheet for Activity #7
- Feltboard story or fingerpuppets for Activity #8

### Procedure:

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of theme
3. **Action Song:**

The Insects Outside (tune: The Wheels on the Bus)

The fireflies at night go blink, blink, blink  
Blink, blink, blink, blink, blink, blink  
The fireflies at night go blink, blink, blink  
Out in the garden.

The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz  
Buzz, Buzz, Buzz, Buzz, Buzz, Buzz  
The bees in the flowers go buzz, buzz, buzz  
Out in the garden.

crickets/fields/chirp  
caterpillars/on the leaves/munch  
spiders/in the bush/spin their webs  
worms/in the ground/wiggle and squirm

4. **Story # 1:**  
UGH! A Bug – by Mary Bono

5. **Action Song:**  
Bug Dance (Sing to the tune of Jingle Bells)

Clap your hand, Stomp your feet  
Wiggle all around

Hold your hands high in the air  
Now let's touch the ground  
Hold your head, Hold your hips  
Give yourself a hug  
Lay down flat upon the ground  
But...WATCH OUT FOR THE BUGS!

5. **Story #2:**

I Love Bugs! – by Philemon Sturges

6. **Activity:**

Bug in the Rug Game

Lay a large sheet on the floor and have the group of children sit around it. One child steps away from the group and closes his/her eyes. The leader taps a child and he/she gets under the "rug". The child that was away from the group with eyes closed comes back. Now the rest of the children chant:

Bug in the rug,  
Bug in the rug.  
Who's that bug in the rug?

The child has to guess who is under the rug by looking around to see who is missing. The child under the rug is then revealed. And so on until all (or determined number) of children have had a turn.

7. **Fingerpuppets or Flannelboard :**

Lady Bugs

I saw a little lady bug flying in the air,  
But when I tried to catch her, two bugs were there.

Two little lady bugs flew up in a tree.  
I tiptoed very quietly, and then I saw three.

Three little lady bugs-I looked for one more.  
I saw one sitting on the ground, that made four.

Four little lady bugs-another one arrived.  
I saw her sitting on a flower, and that made five. (next page)

Five little lady bugs, all red and black-  
I clapped my hands and shouted, and they all flew back!

8. **Story #3:**

Snug As a Bug – by Michael Elsohn Ross

9. **Action Rhyme:**

## Bee Buzzing

Bzzzzzz Bzzzzzz  
Buzz like a bee  
Buzz like a bee  
Be like me  
And buzz like a bee

Weeee! Jump like a flea (weee)  
Jump like a flea (weee)  
Be like me  
And jump like a flea (weee)

Sliiide like a slug  
Sliide like a slug  
No need to hurry up  
Just slide like a slug

Scuttle like a bug  
Scuttle like a bug  
Scoot across the rug  
Like a little beetle bug

Now back to the bee, the fuzzy buzzy bee  
Be like me, and buzz like a bee  
Buzz like a, buzz like, buzz like a bee! Hee hee!

Goodby – I have to fly!

## 11. Prize draws and closing

### **Resources:**

#### **Books:**

Bono, Mary. (2002). Ugh! A Bug. New York: Walker & Company.

Ross, Michael Elsohn. (2004). Snug As a Bug. San Francisco: Chronicle Books.

Sturges, Philemon. (2005). I Love Bugs!. HarperCollinsPublishers.

#### **Websites:**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/about\\_cbeebies/shows/razzledazzle.shtml?article=razzle\\_teach02](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/about_cbeebies/shows/razzledazzle.shtml?article=razzle_teach02)

Child Care Resources, Training and consultation. In Preschool Insect and Bug Theme.  
<http://www.childcarelounge.com/Caregivers/bug.htm>

Gayle's Preschool Rainbow. In Large group and circle activities.  
<http://www.preschoolrainbow.org/activities-circle.htm>