

Activities I Can Do at Home with My Toddler for



Learning Themes:

Farm and Gardening/Bugs

Holiday: Memorial Day - Monday, May 30th

Learning Concepts:

farm animal identification (common names & sounds); outside gardening & planting; imitation; pretend play; prepositions; cause & effect

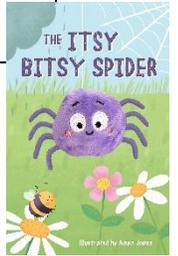
Language Vocabulary: Duck, Dog, Cat, Pig, Cow, Chicken, Horse, Mud, Water, Farmer, Barn, Grass, Ant, Grasshopper, Bee, Bug, Butterfly, Spider, Worm, Flower, Dirt

Descriptive words: Squishy, wet, brown, yummy, dirty, big, little, under, on, behind, in front of

1. Pretend to play with farm animals Barn, farm animals, tractor, farmer (could also use stuffed animals)
2. Go for a walk and see what animals you see or hear. Imitate the sounds, label them: cat-meow,
3. Put toys in a wagon and have them pull them.
4. Smell some flowers
5. Story: Mrs. Wishy Washy <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxmFDa9zdNM>
6. Pick flowers or a handful of grass.
7. Go outside and push a wheelbarrow or a box with something heavy.
8. Art: coffee filter butterfly; Color or paint a coffee filter. Put a clothespin or wrap a piece of tape around the middle tight to make a butterfly. Add pipe cleaner antennas.
9. Go on a scavenger hunt and see what insects you find.
10. Have them try to blow bubbles or spin around, so the bubbles blow from the wind
11. Build a stall with blocks, boxes, or cans to contain their animal or park their tractor.
12. Go to the library and check out a book to read about animals or bugs.
13. Sing old MacDonalld had a farm
14. Set up empty bottles and have them throw or kick a ball to knock them down
15. Find a short container with a lid; poke eight holes in the lid. Cut straws and put one in each hole, so it is sticking out. Have them take them out and put them back in the hole.
16. Work on opening and close, Find a variety of objects with lids and put toys in: farm animals in a box, in an egg, in a jar, in a yogurt container with a lid. Have them open and take the animal out, have them put animals in, and close the lid
17. Talk about big and little, which animals are significant and which are little.
18. Pretend to be an animal, bee, dog, cat, chicken, duck, horse, cow, rooster, butterfly, grasshopper
19. Art: Paint with tractors and animals, make tractor wheel marks on paper, an animal footprint on paper with paint.
20. Sensory Activity: Mud: Dirt and water in a bin. Put animals and tractors in mud. Have a paintbrush so they can wash the mud off
21. Work on under, on, behind, in front of; Get two boxes and two toys; Put your toy in front of the box and tell them my car is in front of the box. You put your car in front of the box. Now repeat for under, on, and behind.
22. Read or watch: Down on the Farm: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usaNJlLopQI>
23. Sensory Table Plant Flowers: Beans, Shovel, Fake Flowers, Flower Pot
24. Plant a seed with your child and watch it grow
25. Snack: Serve foods from the Book A Very Hungry Caterpillar: Apple, Strawberry, Orange, Plum, Pear, Cheese, Sausage, chocolate cake, ice cream, pickle, salami, lollipop, cherry pie, watermelon, cupcake
26. Sensory Activity: Plastic Bugs, Easter Grass or real grass, Magnifying Glass, Small Net, Bug Catcher House or Container to put them in, Tweezers
27. Snack: Butterfly: Cheese stick for the body, pretzels for antennas, Orange round cut in ¼ for wings
28. Put a piece of tape on the animals and have them peel it off
29. Push a blue truck or car back and forth to each other.
30. Sing the itsy bitsy spider or baby bumblebee

Songs and Fingerplays:

<p>To the Farm (Sung to Twinkle Twinkle) Chickens, kittens, piglets too Donkeys, horses, cows that moo Fish that swim down in the pond Ducklings are quacking all day long. All these things you can see If you go to the farm with me</p>	<p>I'm a Little Piggy (Sung to I'm a Little Teapot) I'm a little piggy Short and stout Here are my ears (point to ears) Here is my snout (point to nose) When I see the Farmer in the dell (Hands to eyes like you looking) I oink, oink, oink (make pig sound) And wiggle my tail (wiggle your body)</p>
<p>Baby Bumble Bee I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee. Won't my mommy be so proud of me!? I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee. LISTEN! (hands by ear) BUZZ BUZZ BUZZ OUCH! He stung me! Bye Bye bee. (wave goodbye)</p>	<p>Itsy Bitsy Spider Itsy, bitsy spider went up the water spout. Down came the rain and washed the spider out. Out came the sun and dried up all the rain. And the itsy, bitsy spider went up the spout again.</p>



Five Muddy Pigs

Down at the farm by the Big Blue Lake (Hands together to arms out showing big)
 Were five muddy pigs, for goodness sake (hold up five fingers and wave your hand around)
 One jumped in and the mud washed away (1 finger jumping in the water scrub body like washing)
 Now that pig is ready to play (shake both hands in celebration)

Insects Song (sung to the Wheels on the Bus)

The grasshoppers on the ground go hop hop hop
 Hop Hop Hop, Hop Hop Hop
 The grasshoppers on the ground go hop hop hop
 All day long
 The butterflies in the air go flap flap flap
 The spiders on the wall go crawl crawl crawl
 The worms in the dirt go wiggle wiggle wiggle
 The ants in the dirt go march march march
 The snakes in the grass go slither slither slither
 The bee on the flower goes buzz buzz buzz

