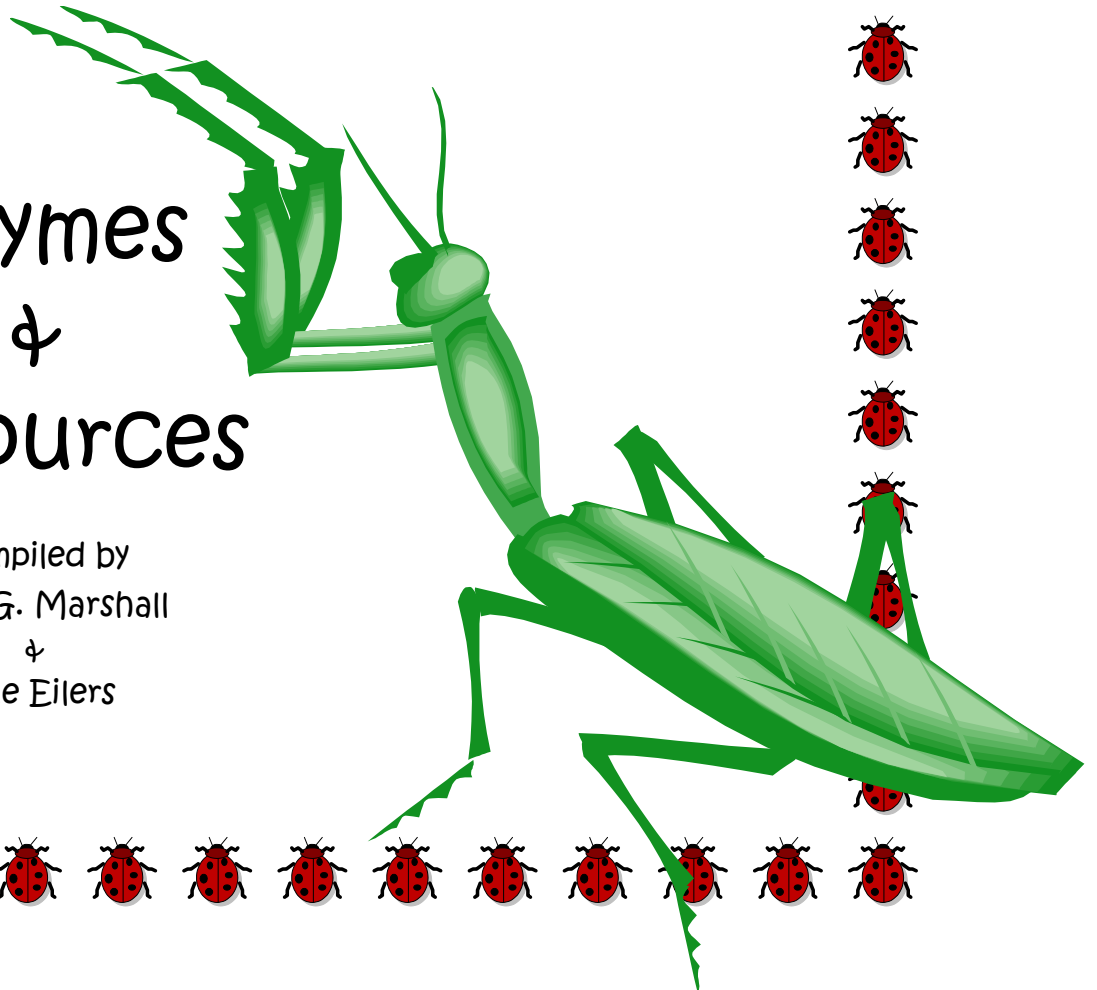




Billions of Bugs

Rhymes & Resources

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Oh, Do You Have the Bumble Bee?

(Mary Marshall)
Tune: "Muffin Man"



Oh, do you have the bumble bee, the bumble bee, the bumble bee?
Oh, if you have the bumble bee,
Just wave it in the air.



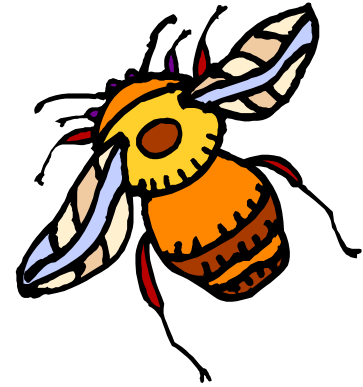
Oh, do you have the lady bug, the lady bug, the lady bug?
Oh, if you have the lady bug,
Just wave it in the air.



Oh, do you have the butterfly, the butterfly, the butterfly?
Oh, if you have the butterfly,
Just wave it in the air.



*Give children a puppet or picture of the insect to wave in the air.
Change verses for each insect.*



The Beehive

(traditional)

Here is the beehive. *[make a fist]*
Where are the bees?
Hidden inside where nobody sees.
Soon they come buzzing out of the hive. *[slowly open fist]*
One, two, three, four, five. *[count fingers]*

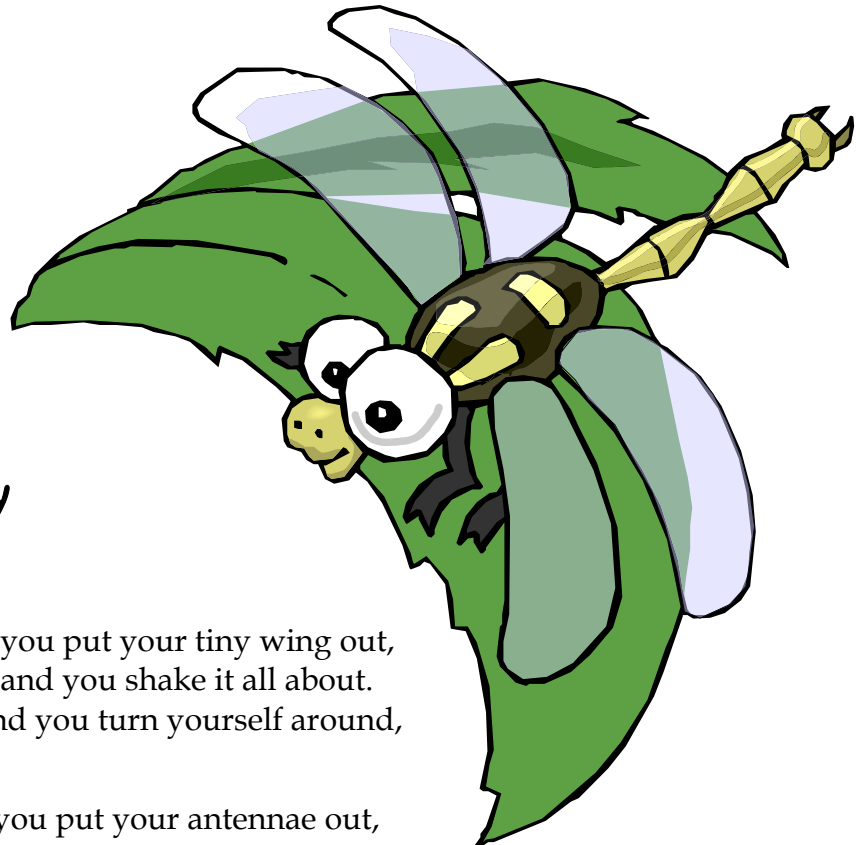
Flutter, Flutter, Butterfly

(McKinnon/ *Busy Bees Spring*)
Tune: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Flutter, flutter, butterfly,
Floating in the summer sky.
Floating by for all to see.
Floating by so merrily.
Flutter, flutter, butterfly.
Floating in the summer sky.

*Give children butterfly finger puppets
or paper butterflies to use
to dance around to the music.*





The Buggy Pokey

(Mary Marshall & Sue Eilers)

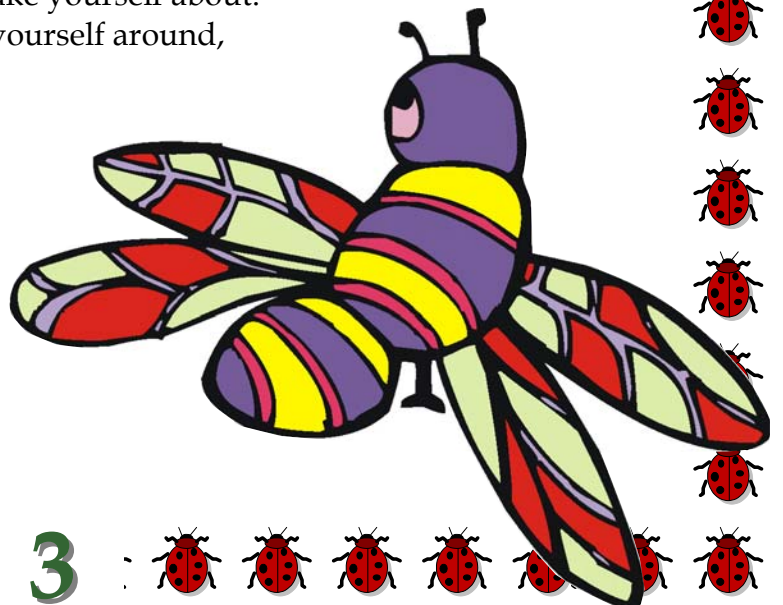
Tune: "Hokey Pokey"

You put your tiny wing in, you put your tiny wing out,
You put your tiny wing in, and you shake it all about.
You do the Buggy Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That's what it's all about.

You put your antennae in, you put your antennae out,
You put your antennae in, and you shake them all about.
You do the Buggy Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That's what it's all about.

You put your long stinger in, you put your long stinger out,
You put your long stinger in, and you shake it all about.
You do the Buggy Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That's what it's all about.

You put your buggy self in, you put your buggy self out,
You put your buggy self in, and you shake yourself about.
You do the Buggy Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That's what it's all about.





The Caterpillar

(Ring A Ring O'Roses)



A caterpillar crawled to the top of a tree.

[index finger of left hand moves up right arm in crawling motion]



"I think I'll take a nap," said he.

So, under a leaf he began to creep.



[wrap right hand over left fist]

To spin his cocoon, and he fell asleep.



All winter he slept in his cocoon bed,

[keep right hand closed over left fist]



'Till spring came along one day, and said,

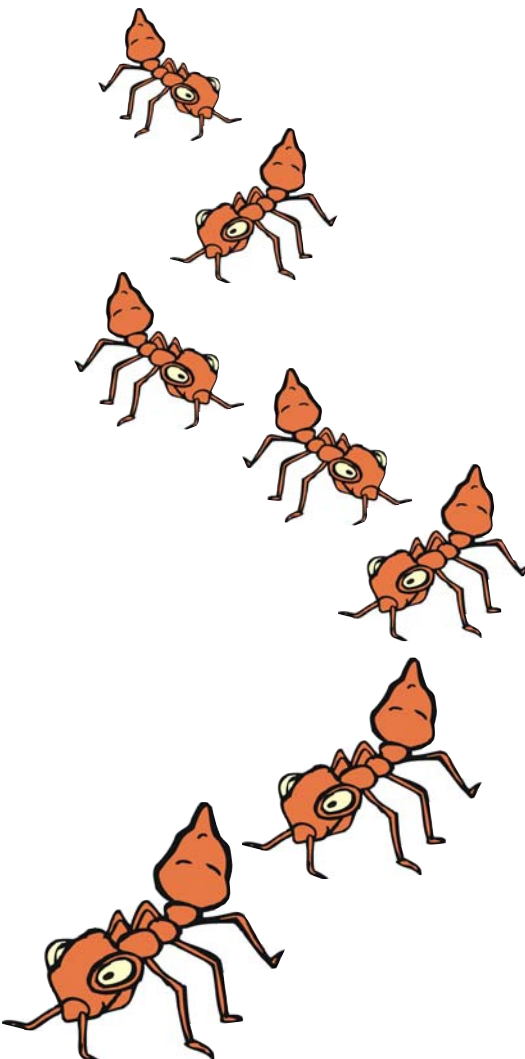
"Wake up, wake up, little sleepyhead. *[shake left fist with right hand]*

Wake up, it's time to get out of bed."



So, he opened his eyes that sun shiny day. *[spread fingers and look into hand]*

Lo! He was a butterfly, and flew away! *[move hand in flying motion]*



The Ants Go Marching

(Traditional)

The ants go marching one by one,
Hurrah, hurrah.

The ants go marching one by one,
Hurrah, hurrah.

The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stopped to suck this thumb,
And they all go marching down,
In the ground, to get out of the rain,
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM!

Additional verses:

Two ... tie his shoe

Three ... climb a tree

Four ... shut the door

Five ... take a dive

Six ... pick up sticks

Seven ... pray to heaven

Eight ... shut the gate

Nine ... check the time

Ten ... say "The End!"





In the Tall, Tall Grass

(Best of Mailbox Songs, Poems, and Fingerplays, adapted by Mary Marshall)

Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus"



The caterpillar at lunch goes

Crunch, munch, crunch, [make eating motions]

Crunch, munch, crunch.



Crunch, munch, crunch.

The caterpillar at lunch goes



Crunch, munch, crunch,

In the tall, tall grass.



The bees from the hive go

Buzz, buzz, buzz, [make buzzing noises]



Buzz, buzz, buzz.



Buzz, buzz, buzz.



The bees from the hive go

Buzz, buzz, buzz

In the tall, tall grass.



Additional verses:



The ants march along and march, march, march, [make marching movements]

The bugs spread wings and they fly, fly, fly, [make flying motions with arms]



Little Miss Ladybug

(Stetson/ Little Hands Fingerplays & Action Songs)



Little Miss Ladybug, sitting on a tree,

[spread out arms like a tree]



She flew down and landed on my knee.

[tap knee]



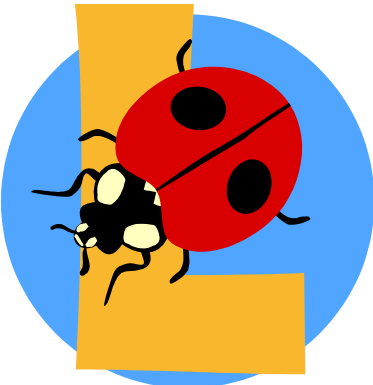
She asked me if I wanted to play,

[move index finger to show "come here" and tilt head to side]



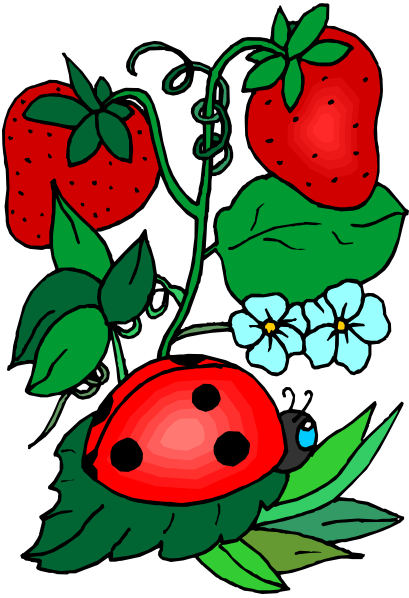
But I said "no," so she flew away.

[shake head and flutter fingers away]



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Five Little Ladybugs...

(A to Z Kids Stuff)

Five little ladybugs climbing up a door,
One flew away then there were four.
Four little ladybugs sitting on a tree,
One flew away then there were three.
Three little ladybugs landed on a shoe,
One flew away then there were two.
Two little ladybugs looking for some fun,
One flew away and then there was one.
One little ladybug sitting in the sun,
She flew away and then there were none.

Use with finger puppets or flannel board.

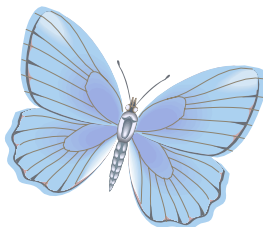
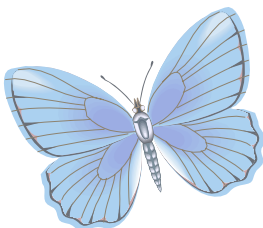
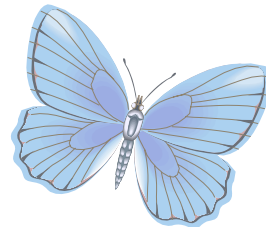
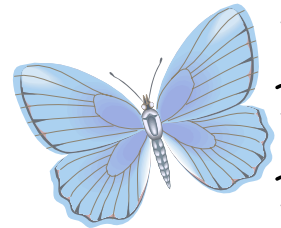


Five Pretty Butterflies

(Lohnes/ Finger Folk)

Five pretty butterflies, watch them float and soar.
One stopped to have a drink, then there were just four.
Four pretty butterflies, gliding 'round the trees.
One stopped to rest a bit, then there were just three.
Three pretty butterflies look for morning dew.
One stopped for nectar sweet, then there were just two.
Two pretty butterflies, out to have some fun.
One flew away and hid, then there was just one.
One pretty butterfly, missing all his friends
Flew away to find them, and that's how this rhyme ends.

Use with finger puppets or flannel board.





The Insect Song

(Best of Mailbox Songs, Poems, and Fingerplays, adapted)
Tune" Three Blind Mice"



Buzz, buzz, buzz.



Bumblebees buzz.



Buzz over here. *[move to side]*



Buzz over there. *[move to other side]*

They buzz up high and they buzz down low.

[reach high and then bend low]



Around and around and around they go.

[turn in circle]



They buzz-buzz fast, and they buzz-buzz slow.

[step in place quickly and then slowly]



Oh, bumblebees buzz.



Fly, fly, fly.



Ladybugs fly.

Fly over here. *[move to side]*



Fly over there. *[move to other side]*



They fly up high and they fly down low.

[reach high and then bend low]



Around and around and around they go.

[turn in circle]



They fly fast, and they fly slow.

[step in place quickly and then slowly]



Oh, ladybugs fly.



Flit, flit, flit.



Butterflies flit.

Flit over here. *[move to side]*



Flit over there. *[move to other side]*



They flit up high and they flit down low.

[reach high and then bend low]



Around and around and around they go.

[turn in circle]



They flit fast, and they flit slow.

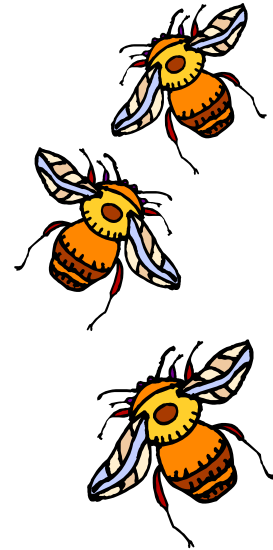
[step in place quickly and then slowly]



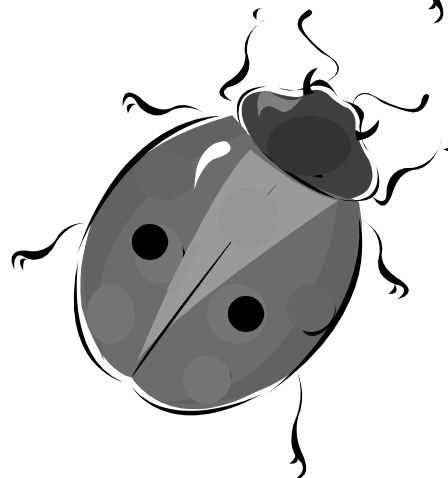
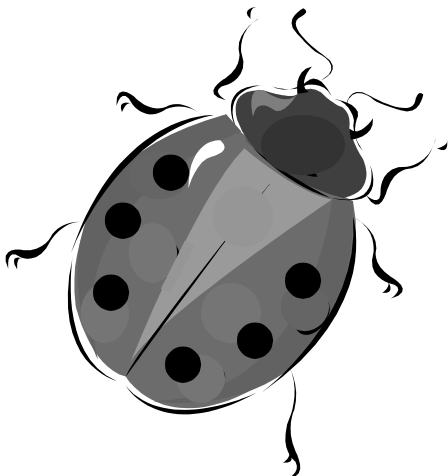
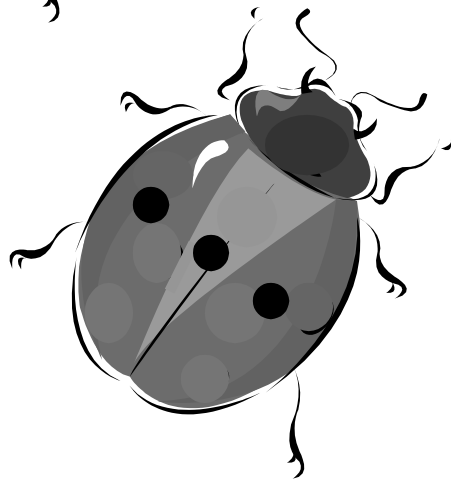
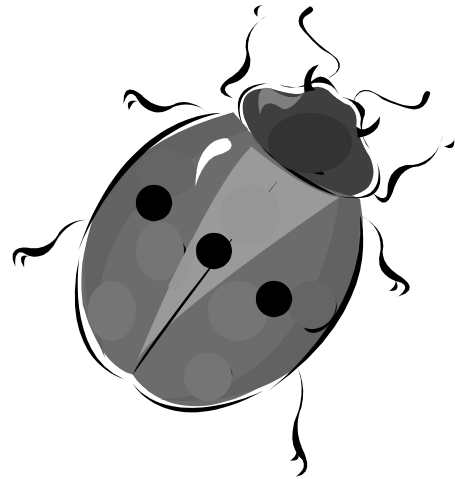
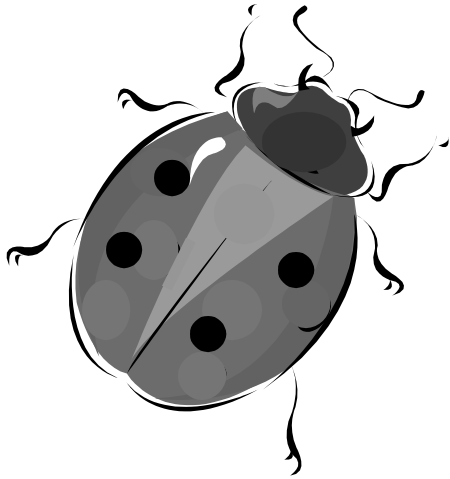
Oh, butterflies flit.



This can also be done with finger puppets.



How many spots are on each ladybug?
Which ladybugs are the same?
Which has the most spots? The fewest?
How many ladybugs are there?





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Bee in Flower Puppet



Birds, Beasts, Bugs & Fishes CD (Pete Seeger)



A Bug's Life CD (Disney)



Butterfly Puzzle (31 pieces)



Don't Sit on a Cactus CD (Joel Frankel)



Firefly Puppet



Grasshopper Puppet

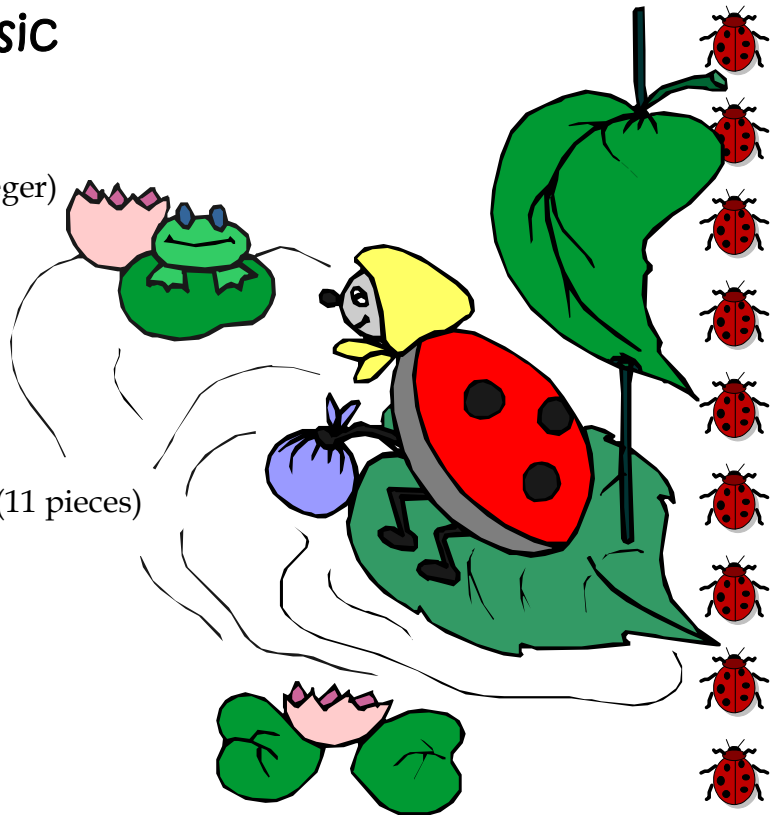


Ladybug Puppet



Magnetic Bug Collecting Game Puzzle (11 pieces)

Wooley Booley (Caterpillar) Puppet





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"B" Is for Building [building & construction machines]

Beautiful Babies [big brothers, big sisters, & new babies]

Billions of Bugs [all kinds of insects]

Birthday Bonanza [celebrating birthdays]

Bunches of Bears [teddy bears & real bears]

Cool Cats & Cuddly Kittens [cats & kittens]

Dazzling Dinosaurs [dinosaurs]

Fabulous Food [food and eating]

Fascinating Families [all types of families & their members]

Fun on the Farm [farms & farm animals]

Helpers & Heroes [community helpers]

Monster Mania [monsters]

Pooches by the Pound [dogs & puppies]

Preschoolers Pretend [imagination & play]

Rainbows & Stars [colors & shapes]

Sensational Seasons [the four seasons]

Sing a Song of Sixpence [music & rhyme]




















Spectacular Sea Stories [ocean & sea creatures]

Trips Around Town [places to visit]

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