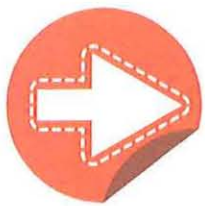




Meeting 19 Flowers



Here are three fun ways to teach Busy Bees about the beautiful flowers God made. Adapt these activities for your Busy Bees or use your own activities.





The following activities partially fulfill the requirements for the Flowers award.

ACTIVITY

1

Paint with Flowers

15

MINUTES

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Flowers, three different kinds per child (daisies, mums, carnations, or flowers common to your area)
- Tempera paint
- Paper, 12 × 18 in (30.5 × 46 cm)
- Containers for paint
- Smocks
- Newspaper

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Cover the work area with newspaper.

Talk about the flowers the Busy Bees have seen and show them pictures of flowers that are common to their area. Give each Busy Bee a piece of paper and a set of three different flowers. Place containers of paint within easy reach. Have the Busy Bees dip the flowers in the paint and stamp designs on their paper.





Bees

WHAT YOU DO

20
MINUTES

Begin by reading a book about bees to the children. Answer any questions they may have and ask if they would like to pretend to be bees and practice pollination. Give each child a straw. Place two cups of juice per child on a table and have them use the straw to drink some juice. The straw represents a bee's proboscis, or tongue, and the cups of juice represent flowers filled with nectar. The first cup of juice should have cotton balls around it. While the child is at the first cup, have an adult attach a cotton ball to double-sided tape and place it on the child's arm to represent pollen getting stuck to a bee. When the child moves to the next cup of juice, have the adult remove the cotton ball from the child's arm and place it next to the second cup of juice to represent a pollinated flower. Explain how this illustrates the important work performed by bees.

This activity was adapted from GardenAtSchool.wordpress.com/2012/06/16/pollination-games.

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ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Straws
- Double-sided tape
- Cotton balls
- Juice
- A book about bees, such as *Are You a Bee?* by Judy Allen (Kingfisher, 2004) or *Time for Kids: Bees!* (HarperCollins, 2005)



ACTIVITY

3

Seeds

10

MINUTES

WHAT YOU DO

Punch a small hole in the bottom of each cup. Then have each Busy Bee place a coffee filter in the cup. Next, place a small amount of gravel in the cup and begin to fill the cup with potting soil. Make sure you read the instructions for the bulb or seed being planted so each seed or bulb is planted at the correct depth. Once the bulb or seed is placed in the soil, finish filling the cup, then water it so it is fairly damp. Let each child take two or three plants home to watch them grow.

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Photos of flowers or real flowers from your area
- Seeds and bulbs of flowers from your area, two or three per child
- Large clear plastic cups, two or three per child
- Coffee filters, one per cup
- Gravel, small size and amount
- Potting soil, enough to fill each cup



Award: Flowers

To complete this award, check the requirements on p. 135 and add activities as needed.