

# Bugs Activities for Thursday

## On the Move

### Bug Spray

A large group of bugs have invaded your yard! Use your bug spray as fast as you can (an outdoor activity).

Materials:

- Sidewalk Chalk
- Spray bottle or small cup

Instructions:

1. Draw various types of colorful bugs with chalk on a sidewalk or a safe, open area of concrete.
2. Fill a spray bottle or small cup with water.
3. Instruct your toddler to get rid of the bugs by spraying them with water.

## Adventures Online

### Wake Up

Let's start the day with a good "Wake Up" workout with Fresh Start Fitness

<https://family.gonoodle.com/activities/wake-up>

While engaging in this workout try making faces and using gestures, exaggerating your facial expressions to act out the feelings in the song.

## Sensory Time

### Scoop and Transfer

Transferring items from one bin to another gives infants and toddlers a great sense of accomplishment.

Materials:

- 2 Bins
- Child safe items i.e. Plastic insects, rattles, blocks etc.
- Spoon, cup or any utensil that can be used to transfer items.

Instructions:

1. Place items in one bin.
2. Encourage your child to transfer the items to the other bin by using their hands, spoon, cup etc. Children may also pour the items from one bin to another.

## Story Time

### The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Follow the life cycle of a caterpillar as it starts by coming out of its egg, all the way to becoming a butterfly.

Eric Carle Read Aloud:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vkYmvxPOAJI>

Use this resource for ideas on how you can expand your toddler's learning through The Very Hungry Caterpillar book: <https://app.coxcampus.org/resourcelibrary/detail/58c2d1c695a427300022fbf8>

## Arts and Creativity

### Caterpillar Puppet and Song

Your child will have fun making a puppet and singing about caterpillars!

Materials:

- Adult Sock
- Markers
- Optional: Glue, Cotton, fabric, pipe cleaners, yarn

Instructions:

1. Take the large sock and let your child decorate it! Let them get creative! Use adjectives while your child decorates. Ask them, "Is your caterpillar going to be soft? What color is your caterpillar going to be?"
2. If your child is using fabric, yarn, cotton and glue, let the glue dry.
3. Once dried, show your toddler how to put their puppet sock onto their hand and arm. Your child can play, and you can teach them this song:

Caterpillar and Butterfly Song:

(Sung to the tune of Are You Sleeping?)

Caterpillar, caterpillar,

In my hand, in my hand,

Soon you'll be a butterfly. Soon you'll be a butterfly, and fly away, fly away.