



# Meeting 9

## Goin' Buggy

Here are some fun activities that encourage Little Lambs to play and explore while learning about insects. Adapt the activities to meet the needs of your Little Lambs or create your own activities.



## MEETING LENGTH

### 60-80 MINUTES

- Gather the Flock (5 minutes)
- Lamb Tales (10 minutes)
- Activities (40-60 minutes)
- Good-baa Little Lambs (5 minutes)

## Gather the Flock

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MINUTES

Using a lamb puppet or toy lamb, greet each of the children by name and welcome them all to Little Lambs. Have the children sit in a circle.



Listen to a story about insects.

## STAR COMPLETED

INSECTS



## Lamb Tales

10

MINUTES

### INSECTS

Begin by showing the children a plastic insect. Ask them what they know about the insect or where they've seen it. Then read the book you selected. Let them know that during Little Lambs they will be learning about some of God's smallest creatures.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- *Ant* by Karen Hartley (Heinemann, 2006) or a book of your choice
- Plastic insect





The following activities fulfill the requirements for the Insects star.

## Bugs in a Bottle

10  
MINUTES

### WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: For this activity, you will use clear plastic pop bottles as insect homes. This means you need to fill the bottles with a small amount of soil or sand, a few leaves or twigs, and some water or sugar water. You'll also need to catch some live insects to put in the bottles. Don't forget to make small air holes in the bottles!

#### TIP

If you aren't too excited about catching your own insects or you live in a bug-free area, stop by a pet or bait shop. They are a good source for live bugs, especially crickets. Place enlarged pictures of the insects next to the bottles.

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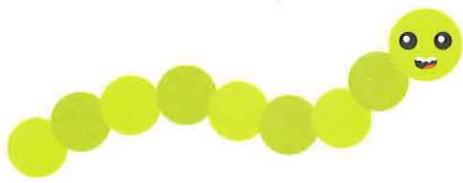
### ACTIVITY

#### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Clear plastic pop bottles (with the caps on)
- Soil or sand
- Leaves or twigs
- Water or sugar water
- Pictures of insects
- Magnifying glasses

Have the children observe the bugs. Provide magnifying glasses for an extra close look.





## ACTIVITY

# 2

# Worm Wiggles

# 10

MINUTES

## WHAT YOU DO

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- A real worm or caterpillar (or picture)
- Masking tape

Ahead of time: Find a picture of a worm or caterpillar or bring a real one to show the children. Mark a starting and finish line with masking tape; each line should be very long because the children will all be wiggling to the line at once.

Have the children lay on their stomachs at the starting line with their arms at their sides and their legs out straight behind them. Then have them wiggle to the finish line. Repeat.





# Bug Art

15  
MINUTES

## WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Make a sample bug. Cover the work area with newspaper.

Show the children the bug you made. Then turn them loose to make their own by painting the rock with acrylic paint and gluing eyes onto it. Provide several different colors of paint and don't worry if they come up with a new type of bug.

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ACTIVITY

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Smooth black river rocks (about 3-4 in or 8-10 cm long)
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrushes
- Shallow containers
- Plastic eyes
- Craft glue
- Smocks
- Newspaper





## ACTIVITY

# 4

## Ants on a Log

# 10

MINUTES

### WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Find out if any of the Little Lambs have food allergies. Cut celery stalks into sections.

Have the children use wooden craft sticks to put peanut butter, cream cheese, or pimento cheese onto the celery stick (the log) and place raisins (the ants) onto the filling. Then eat.

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Celery
- Wooden craft sticks
- Peanut butter, cream cheese, or pimento cheese
- Raisins
- Knife
- Cutting board



## Good-baa Little Lambs

# 5

MINUTES

Gather the children into a circle and ask them a specific question about what they learned during Little Lambs. Example: What is one thing you learned about bugs? Sing "Jesus Is My Shepherd" (p. 175) and then rejoin the rest of the Adventurers for your closing program.



**Star:** Insects