



**Playgroup SA**

*Playgroup Weekly  
Session Planner*

*Insects - Bees*

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# CRAFT ACTIVITY

Bees are a very important of the worlds eco system. They help to pollinate all the flowers and crops that feed us. Bees are flying insects and are related to wasps and ants. They make yummy honey too!

**Craft activity:** Paper Plate Bee

**Children will need:** Paper plates, yellow & black paint, black paper/card, black pipe cleaners, yellow paper/cellophane, glue, scissors, and sticker eyes. Optional – gold/silver pen for mouth.

**Instructions:** Cut paper plates in half, paint yellow leave to dry, then paint on black stripes, leave to dry. While paint is drying, cut out a circle from the black paper for the bee's head, and sticky tape on the pipe cleaner antennas. Cut out wings from the yellow paper or cellophane. Once paint is dried, glue on the bee's head and wings, draw on the mouth and stick on the eyes. Note: you can pre paint the paper plates and cut out the shapes to start up the process.

**Extension ideas:**

Cut out six legs from the black paper/card and add to the bee.

**Fact:** An average worker bee makes 1 teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.



**Learning Outcome 2:** Children are connected with and contribute to their world.



# OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Go on a Bug Hunt. If you have some plants or trees in your outdoor space. Go on a Bug Hunt and see how many different bugs you can find. Talk about what the children find, what type of bugs they are.

# SENSORY ACTIVITY

Collect some Nectar

**You will need:** Empty Ice Cube trays, pipettes, a bowl of water with some yellow food colouring mixed in to represent nectar.

**Instructions:** Let the children use the pipettes to draw up the nectar like a bee and put into the ice trays like honeycomb.

# GROUP TIME IDEAS

Sing the fun counting Song: - The Beehive. Repeat twice so the children can count using both hands (see below lyrics). Talk about Bees, ask the children some questions.

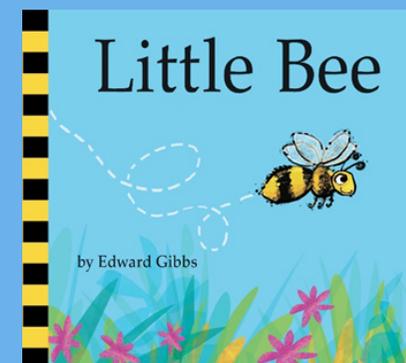
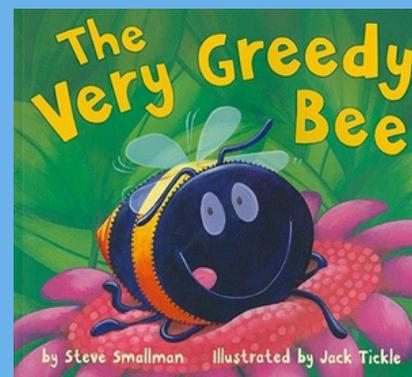
- Have you ever seen a bee?
- What do you think is special about bees?
- Can you name other insects that sting?
- Have you ever been stung by a bee or another insect?
- Which colors can be seen on a bee's body?
- What do bees make?
- Have you ever eaten honey?
- Is honey sweet or salty?



# BOOK SUGGESTIONS

The Very Greedy Bee by Steve Smallman & Jack Tickle

Little Bee by Edward Gibbs



# The Beehive



Here is the beehive  
(hold up fist)

But where are the bees?  
(pretend to peek inside)

Hiding inside where nobody sees.

Soon they'll come creeping  
Out of their hive

1-2-3-4-5!

(raise fingers one at a time)