

Read & Seed – Buzzing Bees

Description: Bees might seem scary, but they are so important! During this virtual Read & Seed we will read *Are You a Bee?* by Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries, participate in a movement, create our own pinecone bee, and go on a bee hunt. This lesson is aimed at connecting young learners to their natural world and promote school readiness skills.

Time: 45 minutes

Materials:

- Alder cone, ponderosa pinecone, blue spruce cone, or any small tree cone
- White plastic grocery bag
- Yellow yarn

Book: *Are You a Bee?* by Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries



Movement/Music/Finger Play: Bumble Bee Bumble Bee

To the tune of: "Jingle Bells"

Bumble bee bumble bee landing on my nose.

(buzzing arms then point to nose)

Bumble bee bumble bee now he's on my toes.

(buzzing arms then point to toes)

On my arms, on my legs, on my elbows.

(touch arm, then leg, then elbow)

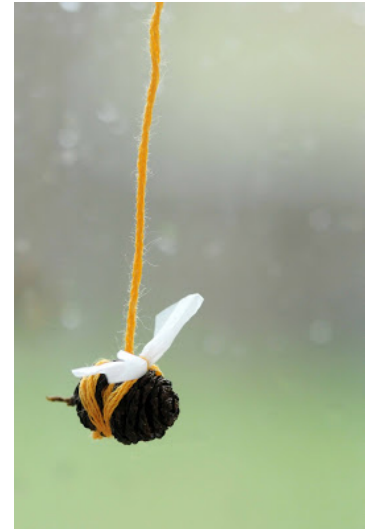
Bumble bee oh bumble bee, he lands and then he goes.

(buzzing arms)

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Instructions:

1. Cut a piece of yarn about a foot long (depends on the size of your tree cone) and a circle about the size of a quarter from your plastic bag.
2. Tie the yarn around the bit of plastic bag with a single simple overhand knot and pulled tight. This makes the bit of plastic bag turn into two wings.
3. Place the end of the yarn on the cone and wrap it round and round until the wings are close against the cone.
4. You can keep winding until the yarn is all wound round. To ensure the yarn doesn't come loose, make sure it is poked between the scales of the cone by pulling it every so often.
5. Leave a bit of the yarn unwound to fly around with your pinecone bee or hang it from your favorite tree.



Nature Connection: Can you go on a bee hunt and see how many bees you can spot? Did you know that there are different types of bees? Use the bee hunt sheet to help you check off all the species (types of bees) you saw today! Don't worry if you aren't able to find them all.

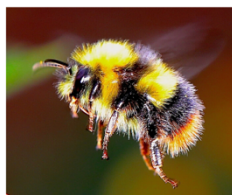
Bee Hunt!



**Honey
Bee**



**Bumble
Bee**



**Tiny Dark
Bee**



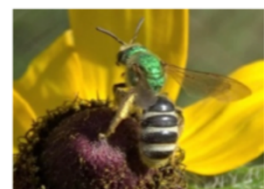
**Hairy Leg
Bee**



**Cuckoo
Bee**



**Green
Metallic
Sweat Bee**



**Hairy Belly
Bee**

