Kids can be both fascinated and repelled by bugs. Learn about the secret lives of these icky creatures in these books and activities. Each book is available online and can be accessed on a computer or device. Bonus points if you have one or two at home! Enrich the experience by doing the activities and singing the songs. Songs without a well-known tune have a link to a video to help.

**READ**

*(Overdrive: You will need a Gretna barcode and your phone number to log in. Please return Overdrive books promptly so others can enjoy them.)*

*Scholastic: If you get a login page for BookFlix, go [here](#) and click any book. Then try these links again. They should always work after taking this step once.)*

**The Ant & the Grasshopper** by Rebecca Emberley ([Scholastic BookFlix](#))

**Diary of a Worm** by Doreen Cronin ([Scholastic BookFlix, TumbleBooks](#))

**The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle ([Brightly Storytime](#))

**Ten Magic Butterflies** by Danica McKeller ([Brightly Storytime](#))

**Hank’s Big Day** by Evan Kuhlman ([Overdrive](#))

**Fly Guy Presents: Insects** by Tedd Arnold ([Overdrive](#))

**Butterflies** by Leo Statts ([Abdo Digital](#))

**Poppy & Sam and the Leaf Thief** by Cathon ([TumbleBooks](#))

**WRITE & TALK**

Cut an empty toilet paper or paper towel tube to create eight legs, and then splay them out. Dip it into paint to create a spider stamp. Stamp spiders and then draw or glue on eyes. Talk to your child about how bugs sometimes look scary but usually won’t hurt us.
**SING & PLAY**

**There’s a Spider on the Floor**
(YouTube)
There’s a spider on the floor, on the floor. There’s a spider on the floor, on the floor. Who can ask for anything more, Than a spider on the floor. There’s a spider on the floor, on the floor.
—on my leg/oh, he’s really really big, this ol’ spider on my leg
—on my stomach/he’s just a dumb ol’ lummick
—on my neck/I’m gonna be a wreck
—on my face/what a big disgrace
—on my head/I wish that I were dead
(alternative verse: it fills me with such dread)

But he jumps off! There’s a spider on the floor…

**My Friendly Caterpillar**
My friendly caterpillar
(show inchworm with finger)
Made its cocoon one day.
(cup two hands together)
It turned into a butterfly
(link thumbs and flap fingers like wings)
And quickly flew away.
(move hands away like it’s flying)

**Itsy Bitsy Spider**
The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain, And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again.
—Big, enormous spider
—Slow and careful spider
—Quick and nimble spider

(Trying doing the actions but only singing the song in your head. This is called audiating and is an important first step in a child’s music education.)

**Five Hungry Ants**
Five hungry ants marching in a line, came upon a picnic where they could dine. They marched into the salad, They marched into the cake, They marched into the pepper….

That was a mistake! AHHHH-CHOOOO!