

BRIDGE TO READING

Picture Book Award

STORYTIME GUIDE

Let's Be Bees

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READ ALIKES

Books for Early Elementary

- *The Future Book* by Mac Barnett
- *The Polar Bear & the Ballerina* by Eric Velasquez

Books for Preschool

- *Cranky Crabby Crow* by Corey R. Tabor
- *Stalactite & Stalagmite* by Drew Beckmeyer
- *You Are a Lion* by Taeun Yoo
- *If You Were a Dog* by Jamie A. Swenson

Books for Toddlers

- *Beehive* by Jorey Hurley
- *Let's Play Monsters* by Lucy Cousins
- *Bedtime for Sweet Creatures* by Nikki Grimes

More From Shawn Harris

- *The Teeny-Weeny Unicorn*
- *The Teeny-Weeny Unicorn's Great Big Wish*
- *Doing Business*
- *Have You Ever Seen a Flower?*

SONGS

- "You Are My Flower" - Elizabeth Mitchell
- "All I Want is You" - Barry Louis Polisar
- "Baby Bumblebee" - Cedarmont Kids
- "Who Took the Cookie From the Cookie Jar?" - The Wiggles
- "Shake Your Sillies Out" - Raffi

RHYMES

"Here is the Beehive"

[from Jbrary]

Here is the the beehive

(hold 1 hand into fist)

but where are the bees?

Hidden away where nobody sees

(cover closed fist with other hand)

Watch and you'll see them come out of the hive

1, 2, 3, 4, 5... *(raise fingers one at a time)*

They're alive! Buzzzzzzzz

(wiggle fingers and/or tickle child)

[Watch a video of this rhyme: tinyurl.com/wherebees]

"There Was a Crocodile"

[From Jbrary]

There was a crocodile *(chomping motion with arms)*

An orangutan *(monkey action)*

A flying eagle flying *(flap arms)*

And a silvery fish

A bunny *(make rabbit ears)*

A beaver *(make beaver teeth)*

A silly elephant! *(make elephant trunk)*

Da na na na na, da na na na na! *(silly dance)*

[Repeat, dropping the animal names one at a time until the song is mostly actions]

[Watch a video of this song: tinyurl.com/therewasacroc]

ACTIVITY

Paper Plate Bee Craft from Non-Toy Gifts

PAPER PLATE BEE CRAFT



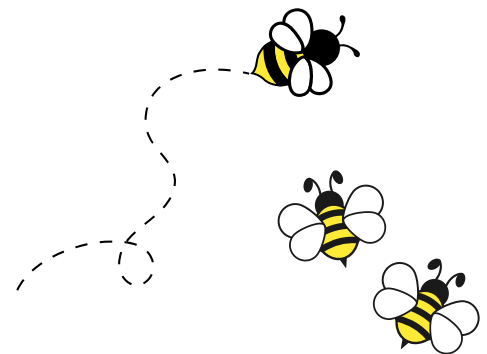
DIRECTIONS

- Paint one paper plate yellow and two clothespins black and let them dry.
- Use a pom-pom with a clothespin as a handle to paint or stamp black stripes on the paper plate. Leave the top of the paper plate yellow, as this is where the bee's eyes will go.
- Glue a black pom-pom to the top of each clothespin. Pin the clothespins to the top of the paper plate. These are the bee's antennae.
- Glue down two googly eyes near the top of the paper plate.
- Now your bee is complete! Buzzzz!



SUPPLIES

- Paper Plate (white or yellow)
- Paint (yellow and black)
- Pom poms
- Wooden Clothespins
- Googly Eyes
- Glue



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