

# PRESCHOOL

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Smart Activities



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## Spider Web Walking

**Materials:** blue painters' tape or masking tape

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Using painters' tape, create a spiderweb on the floor of a large space in your home.
3. After making the web, encourage your child to walk the path of the web created.
4. Try different patterns for the web or instead of walking, try to hop or crawl around the path.



## Spider Plates

**Materials:** paper plates, stickers, markers, glue or tape, pipe cleaners or plastic straws

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Using stickers of your child's choice, decorate the back of a paper plate. This will serve as the body of the spider.
3. Attach spider legs using the pipe cleaners or straws and bend to resemble actual spider legs. Use markers to draw eyes or use plastic eyes.



## Spiders for Kids

**Materials:** internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/WUx2qqPUyOI>

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to view this video with you.
2. After viewing the video, ask your child about the spiders and facts shared. What do spiders eat? Where do they live? What types are there?



## Playdough Fossils

**Materials:** playdough, plastic spiders

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Explain to your child that fossils are old rocks that sometimes have animals such as spiders in them.
3. In mounds of playdough, press plastic spiders down creating an imprint.
4. Encourage your child to discuss with you the characteristics of each different spider.



## No-Bake Spider Cookies

**Materials:** sandwich cookies, shoestring licorice, some gummy candy and/or jellybeans

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Together with your child make spiders using sandwich cookies as their body, licorice as the legs, and gummy candy or jellybeans as the eyes.
3. Enjoy this tasty treat together.



## Don't Be Afraid of Spiders

**Materials:** internet access, website:

[https://youtu.be/3qdxEiIB\\_Sw](https://youtu.be/3qdxEiIB_Sw)

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to view this video with you.
2. View the video with your child.
3. Ask your child how they feel about spiders? Who do they think is afraid of spiders?



## Spider Life Cycle

**Materials:** white/brown/yellow yarn, glue, paper, scissors

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Explain the spider life cycle to your child by saying a spider starts as an egg, then turns into a safety sac, next a spiderling, then an adult spider.
3. Divide your child's paper into four sections. Using yarn and glue, create each stage of the life cycle of a spider.



## Hand Spiders

**Materials:** finger paint, paper

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Using paint, encourage your child to hold hands palm to palm making a spider shape.
3. Add eyes to spider. If your child shows interest and after creation has dried, cut out and use as a puppet.



## The Very Busy Spider

by Eric Carle

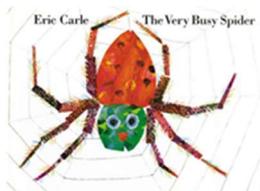
**Materials:** internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/TfL0g-XRxnA>

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to listen to this read aloud story with you.
2. Ask your child about the things the spider did in the story, the things the spider ate, and other insects in the story.



## Spider Painting

**Materials:** finger paint, plastic spiders, paper

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Explain to your child that you all are going to paint, but instead of using paintbrushes or fingers, you are going to use spiders.
3. Allow your child to paint using spiders' bodies creating a masterpiece of their choice.



## Itsy Bitsy Hand Puppet

**Materials:** black sock, construction paper, scissors, glue, felt, tape

**Instructions:**

1. Cut eight strips of black felt or paper out for the legs. Glue four legs onto each side of the sock. Use tape to secure the legs onto the sock until the glue dries.
2. Cut a small red semi-circle out of paper and glue to the front of the spider as a mouth.
3. Glue 2 googly eyes or paper eyes onto the sock towards the front.



## All Things Animals: Spiders

**Materials:** internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/fSC0jWISsL4>

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Invite your child to view this video with you.
2. After viewing the video, ask your child about where spiders live, what they eat, and have your child describe the physical characteristics of the spiders shown on the video.



## Spiders in Muck

**Materials:** cornstarch, cocoa, container, plastic spiders, water

**Instructions:**

1. Mix "muck" using the following recipe: 3 1/2 Cups of Cornstarch, 1/2 Cup of Unsweetened Cocoa Powder and 2 Cups of Warm Water.
2. After mixing muck, place spiders in container.
3. Encourage your child explore the muck using their fingers and hands.



## Egg Carton Spiders

**Materials:** egg carton, construction paper, markers, glue, pipe cleaners

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to complete this activity with you.
2. Cut one egg portion from egg carton container.
3. Encourage your child to design egg carton piece. Use construction paper as legs or pipe cleaners, make eyes from paper, and attach with glue.
4. Pretend spiders are crawling.



## Pete the Cat and the Itsy Bitsy Spider

by James Dean

**Materials:** internet access, website:

<https://youtu.be/hG5kOvAz2-c>

**Preparation:** Preview video.

**Instructions:**

1. Encourage your child to view and listen to the story with you.
2. After the story, ask your child about the things the spider did, what did Pete wear to protect him from the rain, and the song sung.

