





ACTIVITIES FOR BUSY BEES

BUZZ Around

The bees in *Swarm of Bees* are on the loose, but who are they chasing? Turn their chase into a buzzworthy game of tag. Whoever is "it" has to buzz as they chase the other players. Once a player is tagged he or she starts buzzing too and joins the swarm to help catch everyone else. Soon the whole place will be buzzing!

BEE a Friend

Bees are extremely important to the ecosystem! They pollinate all sorts of plants, including the crops we eat. Plus many bees produce honey! Be a friend to bees by building a bee bath. Bees need water just like us, but too much water and they can fall in. Fill shallow bowls with smooth rocks and pebbles and then fill with just enough water so the pebbles are peeking out of the water. This makes the perfect perch! Change the water every few days.

BEE-licious

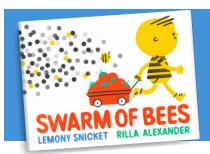
Try honeycomb-shaped cereal or honey-flavored graham crackers. You could even take sliced bananas and paint bees' stripes on them with chocolate frosting for a healthy snack that is the bee's knees.

Un-BEE-lievable

Did you know that there are over 20,000 known species of bees? Some bees can be as small as 2 millimeter long, while some bees can be as big as 4 centimeters long! Create a swarm of scientific fun facts by cutting out bee shapes from construction paper. Research some more interesting information about these little wonders and have each person write a fact on the bee to display on a bulletin board or in a window.

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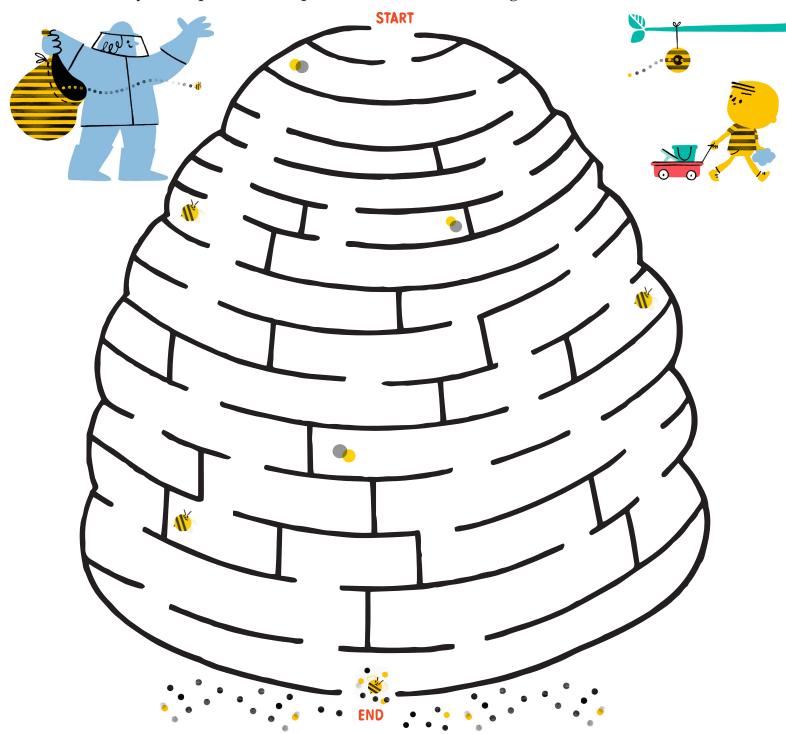


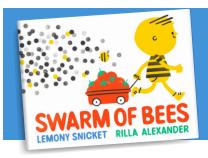




THE BUSY BEE MAZE

Help the beekeeper calm the bees! Can you help the beekeeper reach the bees to bring them home to relax?







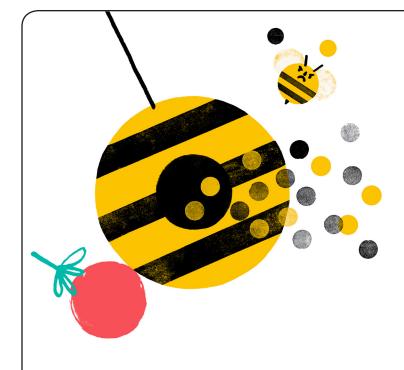
Storytime Kit

A BEE-TASTIC CRAFT



Create your own swarm of bees! You'll just need two colors of paint and a cotton swab.

- Take the cotton swab and dip one end into one color of paint.
- Holding the cotton swab straight up and down, dot the paint onto the paper.
- What are the bees chasing?
 Once the bees have dried, you can draw in other characters.











A SWARM OF EMOTIONS

The bees (and the boy) are angry! Sometimes it can feel good to be angry. And sometimes it can feel better to stop. What other emotions do you see in the book? Draw faces on the characters below to match each emotion listed.







