

Bugs in a Jar



Recommended for 3-5 grades

Summary:

Children learn how to create bugs in a jar using simple shapes such as; ovals, circles, and triangles. They can create at least three bugs different sizes, using line and pattern. They can focus on size and placement: large, medium, and small. Lastly, they may create a background space or biome in their jar.

Learning Target:

I can identify and create a drawing using space and size (large bug, medium bug, small bug)

I can identify and create pattern with repeated shapes and lines

I can identify and create a biome or habitat for my bugs inside the jar

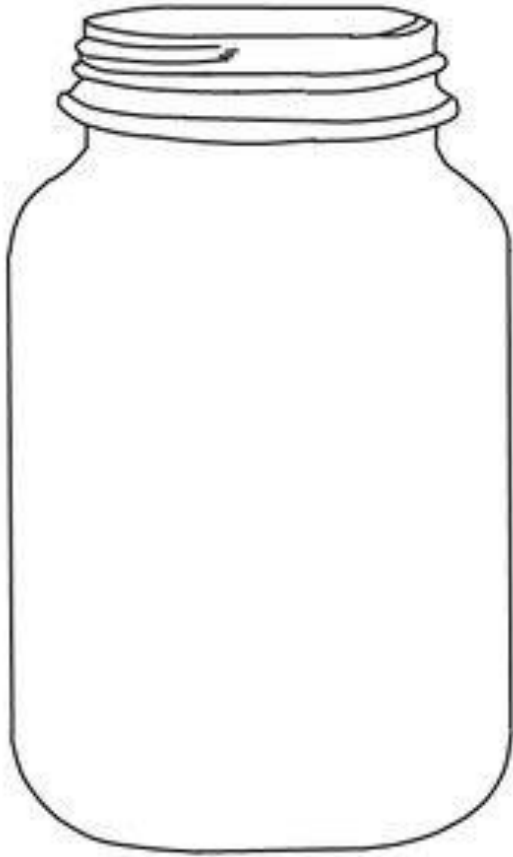
Materials:

You can use any of the following materials depending on what's available at your house:

Pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, watercolor or any paint. Small markers or colored pencils would be best to make the bugs for detail.

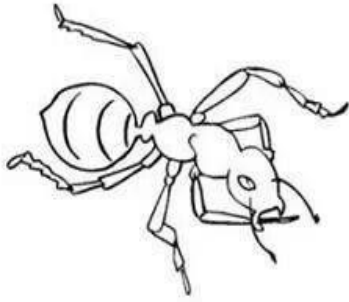
Directions:

1. See if your child can find pictures of bug jars and discuss what various bugs look like in nature. What kind of biome or habitat does the bug they choose belong to? See if they choose a specific bug group to draw inside their jar. Have them look at the bug in terms of simple shapes and lines. Have them create a few sketches of the bug species one large, medium, and small sizes.
2. Place the pictures of the bug species in your working area so child can refer to them for shape and design. They may also use the resource papers that help them draw or create from the attached resources.
3. Create a body using an oval abdomen and a head using a half circle. Wings can be created using a small leaf or diamond shape.
4. They can create legs using simple lines. They can draw antennae with a simple line from its head.
5. They may outline their bug in black colored pencil or marker. I would recommend colored pencil or markers for the bugs. They can paint their biome background or just color it.
6. Always have your child sign their artwork and provide an opportunity to review the learning targets by discussing their finished product and/or displaying artwork and having a family "critique" to complement the work.



Template for bug jar.

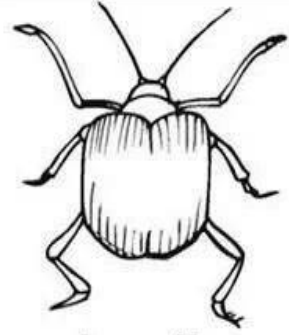




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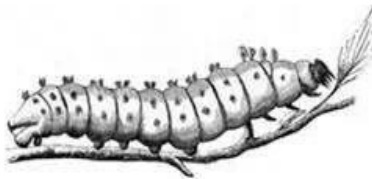
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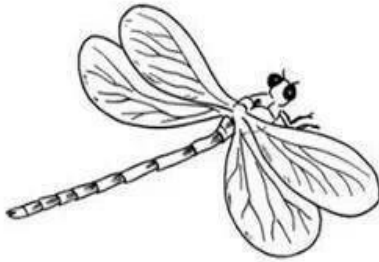
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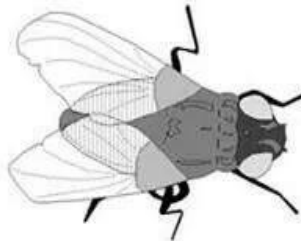
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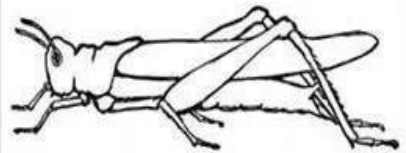
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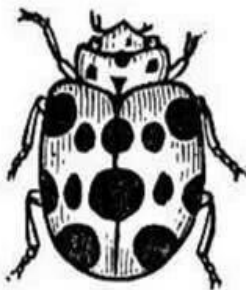
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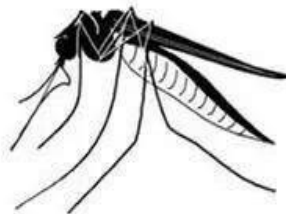
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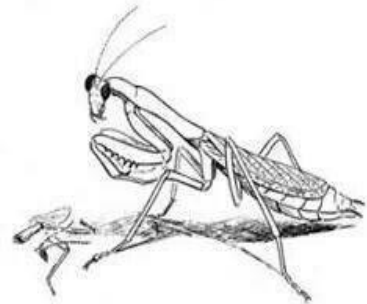
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praying mantis