

# Discovering Nature

Is your little one curious about nature? Bring it to life with the *Discovering Nature* board book series and these easy toddler- and preschool-appropriate activities!

## Curious About Birds



**Build a bird nest** – Gather some straw, sticks, grass, pine needles, and leaves, and weave the materials into a round, circle shape. Don't forget to leave a space in the middle for mama bird!

**Go to a bird symphony** – Lie down on a blanket in the yard. What do you hear? Listen for the different sounds and calls birds make. It's like a beautiful orchestra!

**Make a bird feeder** – Spread a layer of peanut butter around a pine cone and roll it in bird seed. Tie a string at the top of the pine cone and hang it from a tree. Then watch as the birds fly in!

## Curious About Insects



**Make your own bug jar** – Take a glass jar, poke holes in the lid, and fill it with a little grass, leaves, and a twig. Head out into your backyard for a bug hunt and fill your vessel with an insect or two. What do you observe about their looks and behavior? Don't forget to set them free after!

**Create a butterfly garden** – Did you know you can create spaces in your yard that will actually attract beautiful butterflies? Check out these easy [suggestions!](#)

**Make a honeybee watering station** – Honeybees need water to survive, and it's easy to help. Grab a flower pot or shallow container, fill it with water, and put some stones, marbles, or even wine corks on top so the bees have somewhere to perch while they drink.

## Curious About Mammals



**Go on a mammal hunt** – Make a list of mammals you might see in your yard (field mouse, chipmunk, bat, squirrel, etc.). Then hunt away, checking off each one you see.

**Visit your local aquarium or zoo** – What mammals do you see? Dolphins, whales, polar bears? Giraffes, bison? Talk about their similar characteristics.

**Create a Mammal ABCs book** – A is for antelope, B is for bear, and so on! Write out each letter, cut out pictures, and make your own Mammal ABCs book. Or if you're digitally inclined, make a PowerPoint (or other, similar) presentation featuring each letter along with mammal images.



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