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!

**Discovering Nature**

**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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