

FAMILY HOME EVENING

God Created Insects

Song:

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (Children’s Songbook, p. 231)

Lesson:

Read Genesis 1:24-25

Discuss why God would want to create insects. What benefits do they serve to us and to the earth?
(i.e. weed control, decomposers, recyclers, pollinators, food for animals, beauty)

Here are a few specific ones you may want to discuss (taken from <http://insectzoo.msstate.edu>):

Ladybird Beetles (Ladybugs) Ladybugs were brought to the U.S. from Australia in the late 1800’s to save the orange, lemon, lime and grapefruit trees. These beetles like to eat an insect that was destroying all the citrus trees.

Dung Beetles Many dung beetles have been introduced to the U.S. to decompose cow droppings that would otherwise completely take over the ground in pastures.

Bees, Moths, Butterflies, etc. Insects are the major pollinators for many plants. Without them, we wouldn’t have many of the fruits and vegetables we enjoy.

Silkworm We use the cocoons of the silkworm to create the silk fabric. Each cocoon has a single thread when unraveled, is more than ½ mile long.

Grasshoppers Because their nerves are similar to those of humans, scientists can use them to test the effect of new drugs without hurting people.

Butterflies, Dragonflies Many insects are just nice to look at because of their beautiful colors and shapes.

Read accompanying story “Samantha and the Ten Thousand Ladybugs”

Discuss how we can show our gratitude for God’s creations. We should treat all our earthly surroundings, great and small as if they are a testimony of our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.

Play file folder insect game. Take turns reading the scriptures on the game and matching the insect pieces to the adjacent velcro pieces. One scripture is listed on the board twice because it lists two different insects.

