



Activities For All

Bumble Bee Bop



Get Ready:

You need a wide open space either indoors or outside to play. Materials: 5 to 10 cones or flowers you have made out of construction paper or poster board, depending on the size of your group.

Get Set:

Spread the cones/flowers throughout the playspace and start with everyone standing at one end of the playspace.

Go:

- Once everyone is standing together at the end of the playspace, explain that they are all hungry bees looking for food. They must find flowers to find food.
- Participants fly (**run, with arms stretched out**) around the playspace from flower to flower, saying, **Buzzzzzzzzzzzz!**
- Once they reach a flower, they have to **stop, touch it, and pretend to eat** before flying off to find more flowers.
- Encourage the bees to fly at varying heights (low, medium, high), speeds (slow, fast) and pathways (straight, zigzag, curved).

Extend:

- Play a round as butterflies! Children flap their arms (wings) as they fly from flower to flower.
- Spread the flowers further afield to increase the distance and amount of physical activity
- Give each child a bag or small basket to carry, and place small items (cottonballs or small rocks) by the flowers. Have the children collect an item from each flower they visit. At the end of the play, have them count the number of food items (pollen) they collected.
- Join the play! Be a bug catcher — use a hula hoop to capture bees/butterflies. If you capture a bee/butterfly, simply say **“Gotcha!”** and encourage them to return to play.

