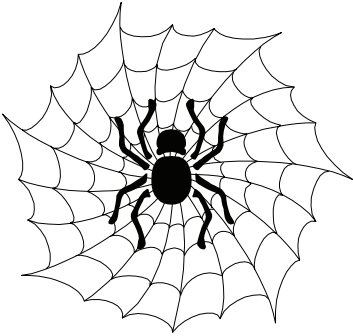


# Let's Talk About **The Very Busy Spider**

This little spider had a job to do and even though her barnyard friends made all kinds of suggestions of fun things to do, she stuck to her job.



Make sure your child has opportunities to hold this book, to turn the pages and to use fingers to trace the web on each page.



It's great fun to look at spider webs early in the morning when the dew on them sparkles!

## Let's Play With Rhymes

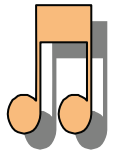
### *Little Miss Muffet*

*(Your child can act this out.)*



Little Miss Muffet  
Sat on a tuffet  
Eating her curds and whey  
Along came a spider  
And sat down beside her  
And frightened Miss Muffet away.

### **Creepy Crawly**



Once there was a creepy crawly  
*(Stand up. Creep hands up from toes.)*

Climbing up the castle wall-y.

Weather changed to stormy, squally  
*(Arms up. Sway like a tree in the wind.)*

And the rain began to fall-y.

*(Flutter fingers down.)*

Down from the castle wall-y

Fell the little creepy crawly.

Flump!

*(All fall down!)*

## Note to Parents & Caregivers

Young children need to know how to turn the pages of a book, where the front and the back of a book is and how to use the pictures for understanding. All these skills can be developed if a babies and young children have lots of chances to handle books.

**Always keep  
some books  
within your  
child's  
reach.**

## Let's Create

### Spiders

Make spiders.



For small spiders, use one egg carton cup.

Paint it, and attach bits of pipe cleaners for legs.

For larger spiders, decorate paper plates.



Fold strips of construction paper in an accordion style, and glue these to the paper plate. Attach a string to the centre of the body and hang up for a wiggly-legged effect.

## Let's Be Together

Talk to your child about why the spider did not want to play with her friends.

Why didn't the spider answer the animals when they asked her to go and play with them?

Did the spider use her manners with the other animals? Ask your child how the spider could have answered the animals when they asked her to play.

Talk to your child about times when he has been so busy that he did not want to go and play with his friends.



What was he doing? How did he respond to his friends when he was invited to go and play?

**Children  
will  
sometimes  
want to  
be alone.**



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