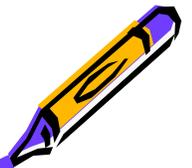


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Nursery Rhyme

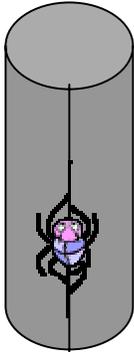
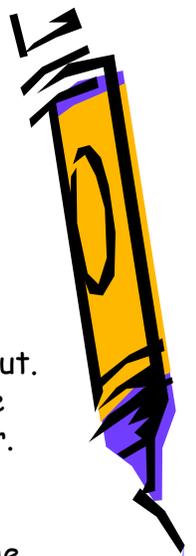
Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider
went up the water spout.
Down came the rain and
washed the spider out.

Out came the sun and
dried up all the rain,
so the itsy bitsy spider
went up the spout again.



October Activities



Spider and a Spout

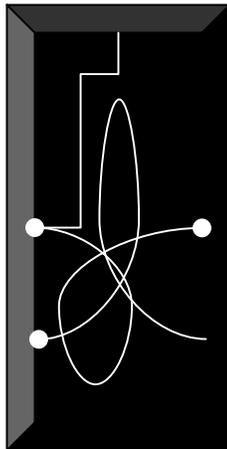
Cover a toilet tube with aluminum foil to make the spout. Make a spider using black construction paper, or white paper colored black. Add eyes, legs, etc., to the spider. Attach a string to the spider.

Then run the string through the tube and attach to the spider again. Make sure the string is snug against the tube. Now move the spider up and down the "Spout" as you sing the rhyme.

Spider Cookies

Ingredients:
Sugar Cookie Dough
Pretzel sticks
Raisins

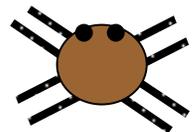
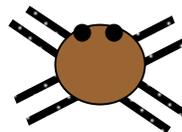
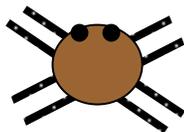
Divide sugar cookie dough into small pieces. Show child how to roll each piece into a small ball. Use pretzel sticks for legs (you need 4 on each side) and add raisins for eyes. Bake according to package directions. Enjoy!!



Spider Web Painting

Gather some black paper, white paint, shallow pan (like a cake pan), and a marble or small bell. Allow child to drop a few splashes of paint into the pan.

Next, drop the marble or small ball, into the pan and gently move the pan. As the pan moves, the marble will move through the paint and create a neat web-like picture.



Library Trip

Visit the local library and check out some books on spiders. Notice the detail in each different kind of spider. Talk to the child about the colors, shapes, textures, number of eyes, number of legs, etc.

Children learn best in the context of a loving relationship. These activities are designed for children and adults to do together. Children should be encouraged to do as much as they safely can by themselves. There should be a lot of lively discussion accompanying these activities.