



The Bug Collector

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SYNOPSIS

George loves bugs. He saw a whole host of the small, strange creatures when he went to the Museum of Wildlife with Grandad. George decides to become the world's best bug collector. Soon he has a huge collection of bugs: big ones, leggy ones, ones that glow. But fabulous creatures aren't meant for life in a bottle.

AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Alex G. Griffiths is an illustrator and designer specialising in children's picture books and character design. The majority of his work is done by hand, using a combination of pencil and ink line work and brush textures in a messy way to create a natural illustration style.

EDUCATIONAL APPLICABILITY

The Bug Collector features a little boy who loves nature, particularly bugs, and is trying to find the best way to interact with them. It is a great way to introduce children to the important but often overlooked jobs done by insects and opens up a larger discussion into the natural world.

The story also highlights the special relationship between children and their grandparents.



On the journey home, George could think of nothing else but the marvellous bugs he had seen that day.



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DISCUSSION TOPICS

Before and during reading

1. Show the children the book cover. Ask them what they think the story might be about.
2. Do they have a special day with their grandparents, like George and Grandad?
3. Where would they go first if they went to the Museum of Wildlife? Do they love bugs, like George? Or would they go somewhere else? What kinds of creatures would they most like to see??
4. Have you ever noticed lots of bugs in your garden?? Have you heard all the noise they make?

After reading

1. What did they think of the story? Which was their favourite part and why??
2. Why do they think George wanted to keep the bugs in jars??
3. Do they understand why he decided to let them go in the end??
4. Did they know about all the important jobs that bugs do? Can they think of any others??
5. What do they think of George's bug sanctuary??



Help George to colour in the buzzing bees, floating butterflies
and all the other bugs in this collection!



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Draw your own bug world!

Name:

Class:



Egg Carton Caterpillar

What you will need:

Egg carton
Paints
A pipe cleaner
Scissors
A paint brush
Markers
Googly eyes
(optional))

Instructions

1. Cut the egg carton in half length ways and paint it with any combination of colours you like.
2. Let the paint dry.
3. Poke two holes on the top of the first section.
4. Thread one pipe cleaner through each hole and twine them together inside the egg carton.
5. Curl the top end of the pipe cleaners inwards, so that they look like antennae.
6. Draw on some eyes (or use the googly eyes) and mouth using the markers.
7. The end result should look like this.



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<https://www.notimeforflashcards.com/2008/04/caterpillars-dont-meow.html>

Fake! Firefly Glass Jar

What you will need:

1 Mason jar
Glow in the dark paint
A paint brush

Instructions

1. Wash out your jar, then mix the paint with your brush.
2. Dab small dots of paint inside the glass jar.
3. And that's it! At night your jar should look like there are hundreds of fireflies lighting it up from the inside.



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<http://hgdiy.com/2014/09/glow-in-the-dark-mason-jars/>

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The Bug Collector Word Search

Q M U T D Z Y N G E C P J
V R E V A T L N R R D N D
I M W P O J F H A D P H O
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A E O T P F O G S T P S L
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Find these words:

butterfly
moth
ant

dragonfly
bumblebee
cricket

grasshopper



The Bug Collector Word Search Solution

Q	M	U	T	D	Z	Y	N	G	E	C	P	J
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