

Subject: INSECTS

Enjoy a family book club right from the comfort of your own home. Download the book and listen to it or read it together. We'll provide activities and additional reading to encourage your discussion. Happy reading!

Read:

Download [Spider Stampede by Ali Sparkes](#)

This is the first in the series of [S.W.I.T.C.H.](#). All the books in the series are available to download from Hoopla. The next title is [Fly Frenzy](#).

Questions to help your discussion:

1. Are you more like Danny whose worst thing are creepy crawlies or Josh whose favorite things are insects?
2. If you were shrunk up to the size of a spider what would be the best thing about it? What would be the worst thing?
3. Do you know anyone like Miss Potts? Do you think she is a crazy lady or a smart scientist?

Things to do:

Online Sites to visit:

1. University of Michigan Critter Catalog has lots of great information. This is specific to spiders. www.biokids.umich.edu/Araneae
2. Some interesting facts about spiders from DK Books with cool pictures. <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/arachnids/spiders/>
3. Website on spiders from the San Diego Zoo. <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/animals/spider>

Other activities:

1. Go outside to find spiders. Observe them in their natural environment. Or, without touching them put them in a clean jar with a lid to observe their attributes or behavior. Be sure to let them go outside after a short while.
While observing the spiders, can you see their eyes or mandibles? How many legs do they have? Do they have any special coloring?
2. Draw some pictures of spiders. Make them look different. For a tutorial on drawing a spider see: <https://artprojectsforkids.org/how-to-draw-a-spider/>

Other Spider books to enjoy: These are all available on Hoopla

- [Spiders: 100 Super Fun Facts & Amazing Pictures](#) by Janet Evans
- [Spectacular Spiders](#) by Linda Glaser
- [Tell Me Why Spiders Weave Webs](#) by Kate Marsico
- [Spiders Are Awesome](#) by Nancy Furstinger
- [Sammy Spider's First Day of School](#) by Sylvia A. Rous
- [Spider-Man, Spider-Man](#) by Various Authors
- [Spider's Riddle](#) by Jan Fields
- [The Itsy Bitsy Spider](#) by Sharon Lane Holm
- [Spider Boy](#) by Ralph Fletcher (a Middle School read)