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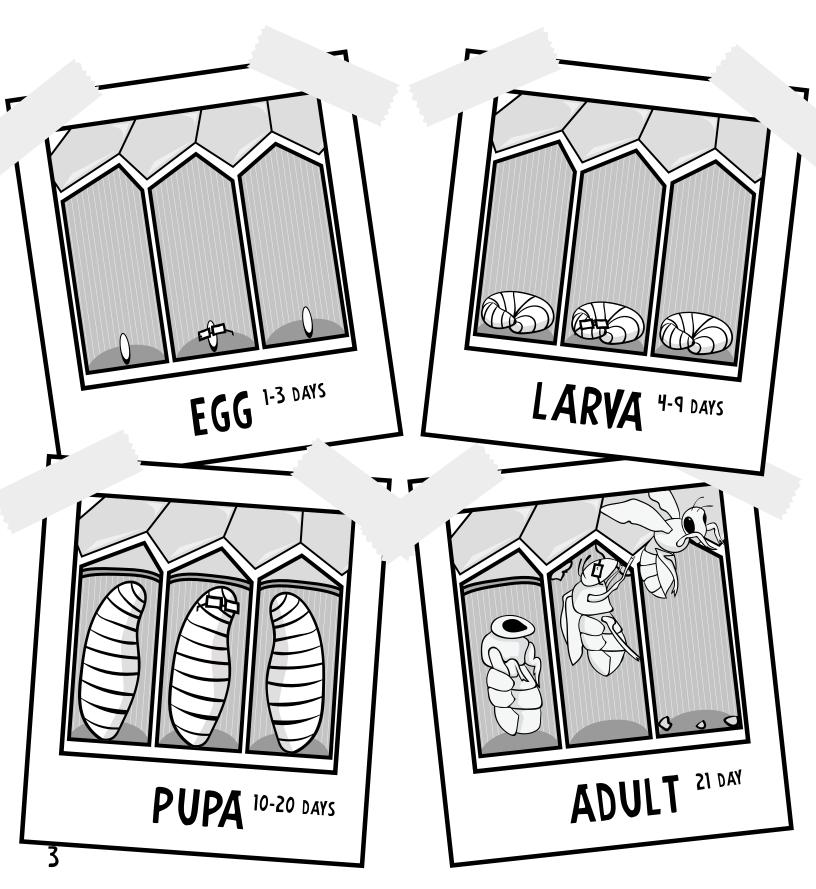
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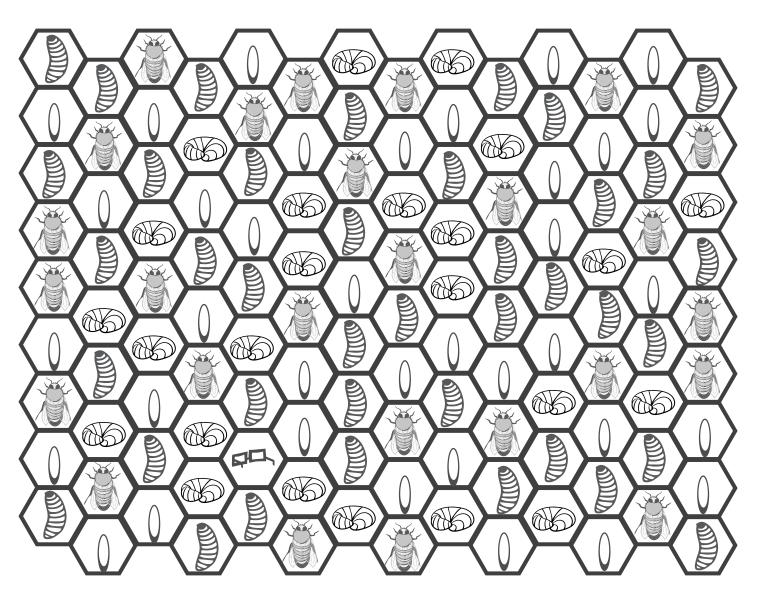
A BEE'S LIFE

DIRECTIONS: It looks like Vitamin Bee is going through his old photo album. Color each stage of a worker bee's life cycle.



THE HIVE THRIVES

DIRECTIONS: In any hive, you will find bees at different stages of their life. With up to 60,000 bees in a hive things can get confusing. Count the eggs, larva, pupa, and bees separately to help them keep track.



How many of each are there?



Egg



Larva



Pupa



Adult

FIND THE QUEEN

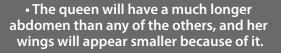
DIRECTIONS: The queen has gone missing! Can you find her in the chaos of all the busy worker bees? The queen has a longer abdomen than the worker bees. Mark the queen with a colored dot when you find her. **DID YOU KNOW?** Queens are often marked with a paint dot to identify them and to indicate the year they were born.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 3 types of bees in a bee hive the queen, the worker bees and the drone bees.

DIRECTIONS: Read over the facts and answer the multiple choice questions below.

developed from larvae selected by worker bees and specially fed royal jelly in order to reproduce.



- The queen lays 1000 or more eggs a day.
 - There is only 1 queen per hive.
 - Queens live 1-3 years on average.



male bee that is the product of an unfertilized egg.

- Unlike the female worker bee, drones do not have stingers and do not gather nectar and pollen.
- A drone's primary role is to mate with a fertile queen. Once they have mated they die shortly afterwards.
- A drone is characterized by eyes that are twice the size of those of worker bees and queens, and a body size greater than that of worker bees, though usually smaller than the queen bee.

 Worker bees have many jobs such as: clean, guard, and build the hive, take care of the larva, and make honev

- Worker bees pollinate flowers while gathering nectar to make honey.
 - They can only sting once and will only sting when threatend.
- Workers live about 4-6 weeks in the spring and summer.
 - The workers are the smallest bees in the hive.

Which is not a type of honey bee?

A) Drone

B) King

C) Worker

D) Oueen

On average, how far will worker bees fly a day?

A) 5-10 miles

B) 2-3 miles

C) 20+ miles

D) 500 feet

What is the right order of the bee life cycle?

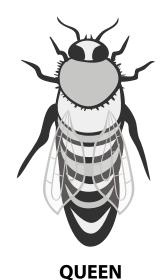
A) Egg, pupa, larva, adult B) Adult, egg, pupa, larva C) Egg, larva, adult, pupa D) Egg, larva, pupa, adult

MATCH GAME

WHAT'S THE BUZZ

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GUARDS HIVE

BUILDS HIVE

HAS THE BIGGEST EYES

POLLINATES FLOWERS

MALE BEE

TAKES CARE OF LARVA

EXCLUSIVELY FED ROYAL JELLY

MAKES HONEY

LAYS EGGS

MATES WITH QUEEN

LONG ABDOMEN

DIES AFTER MATING

ONLY I IN THE HIVE

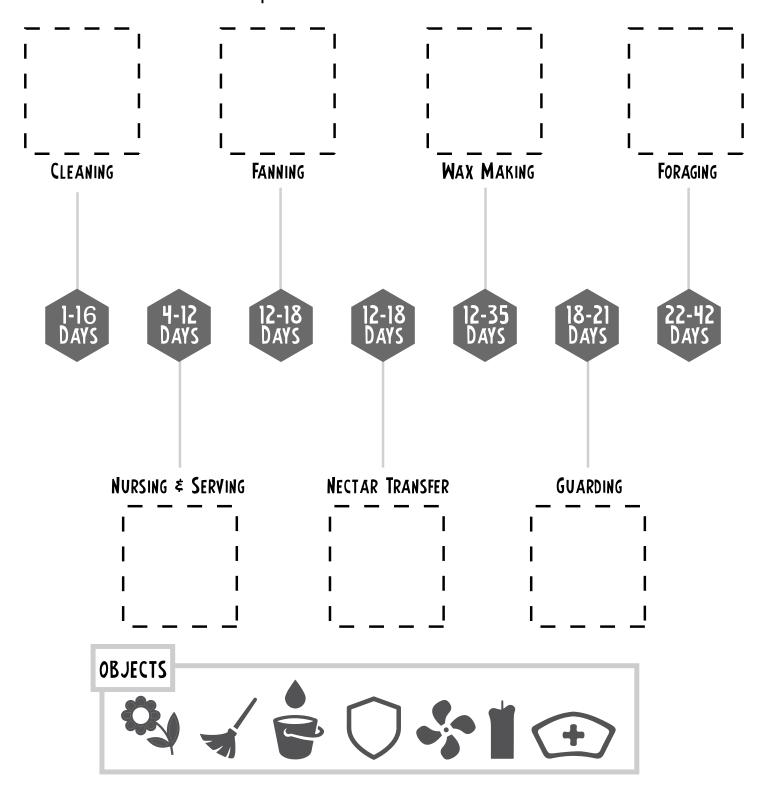
NO STINGER

CLEANS HIVE

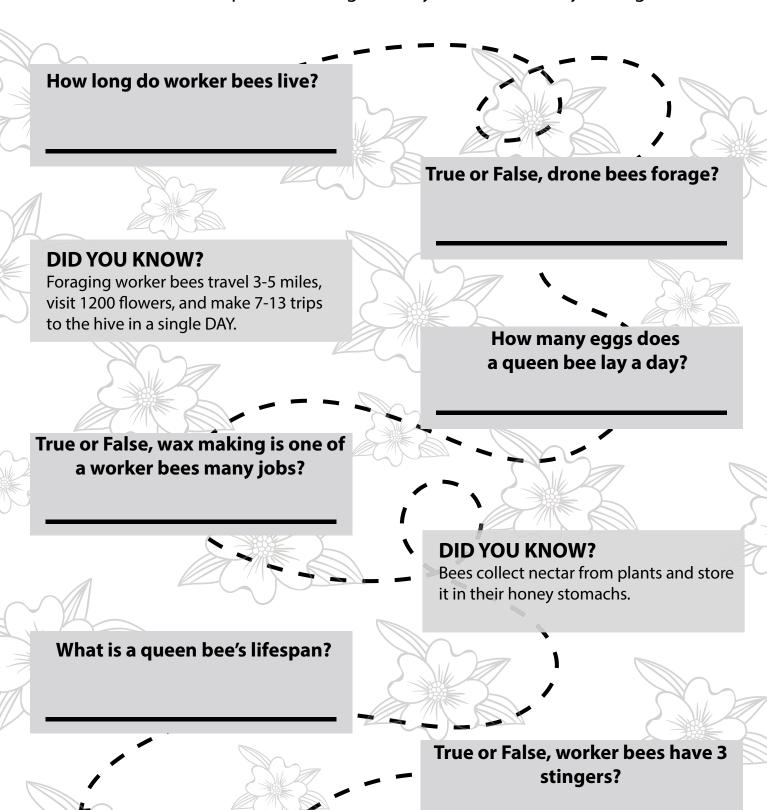
JACK-OF-ALL-TRADES

DIRECTIONS: A worker bee's life cycle is only 4-6 weeks long, it's filled with many jobs that keep the hive going.

Draw the object that fits with each job, use the pictures at the bottom as reference.



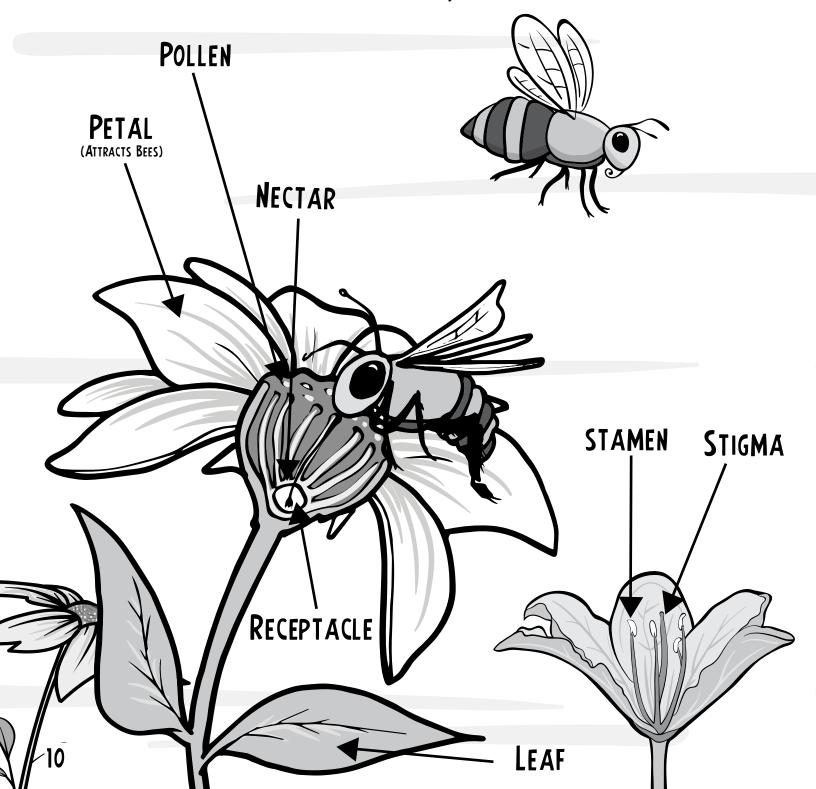
DIRECTIONS: It's easy to get lost in a flower field. Follow the bees dotted trail and answer each question along the way to make it safely through.

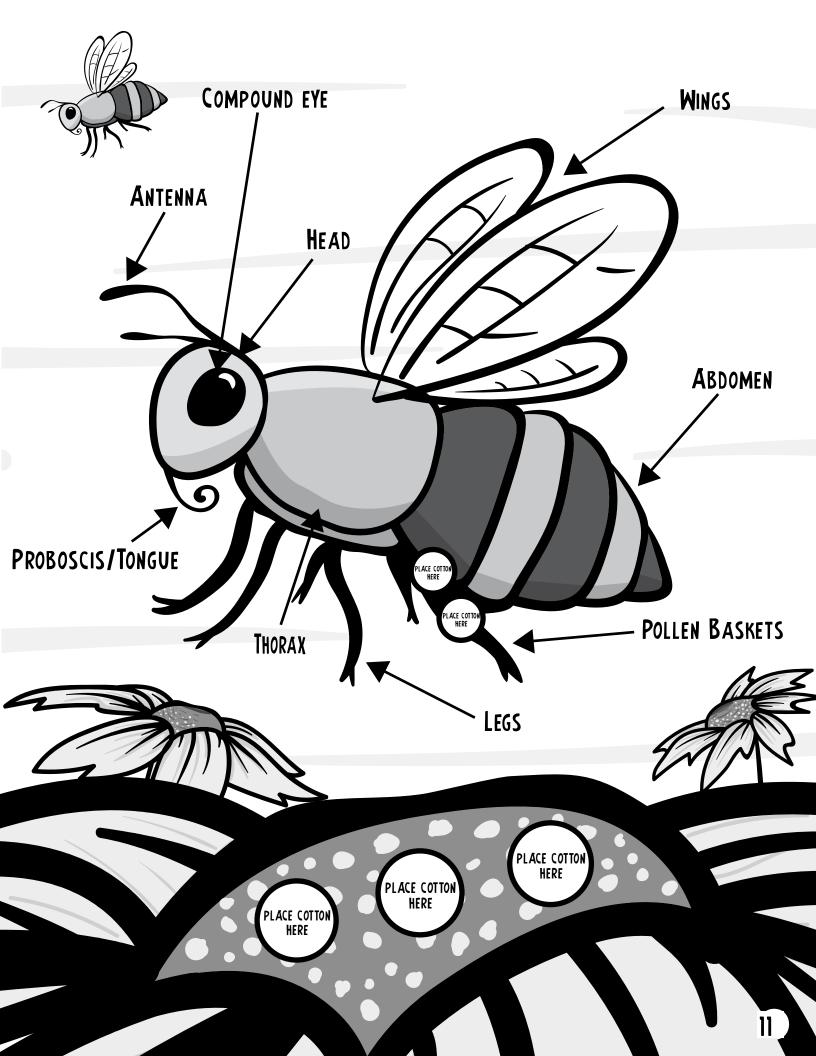


ACTIVITY COLLECTING FOOD & POLLEN

DIRECTIONS: Bees forage for nectar to produce honey and feed the hive. Pollen is the protein source for bees and pollination by the bees helps plants reproduce. While collecting nectar they transfer pollen from flower to flower.

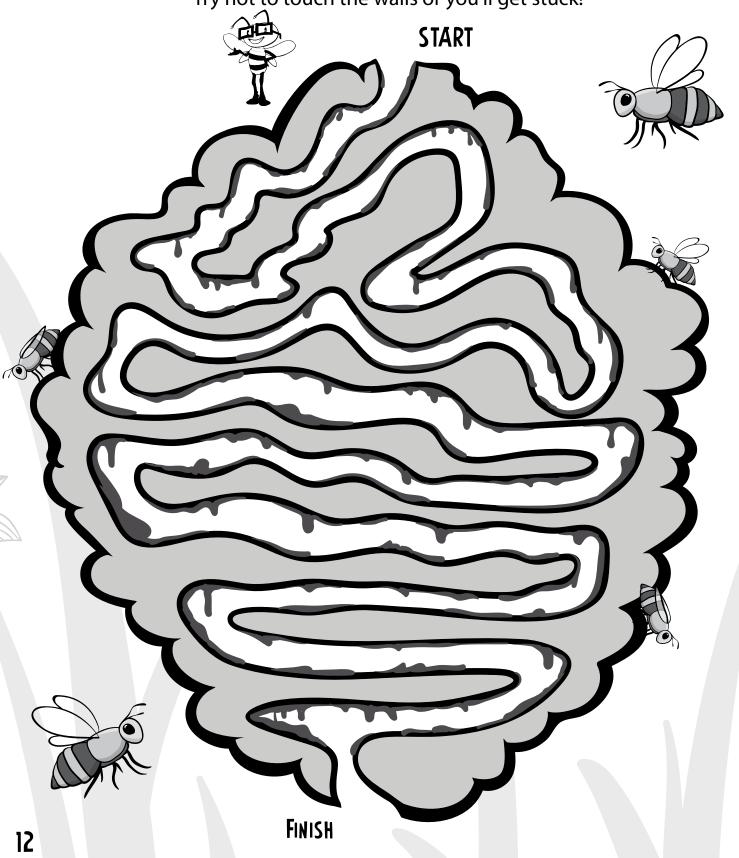
> Use cotton balls to represent pollen and glue them to the correct areas where they collect on the bees.





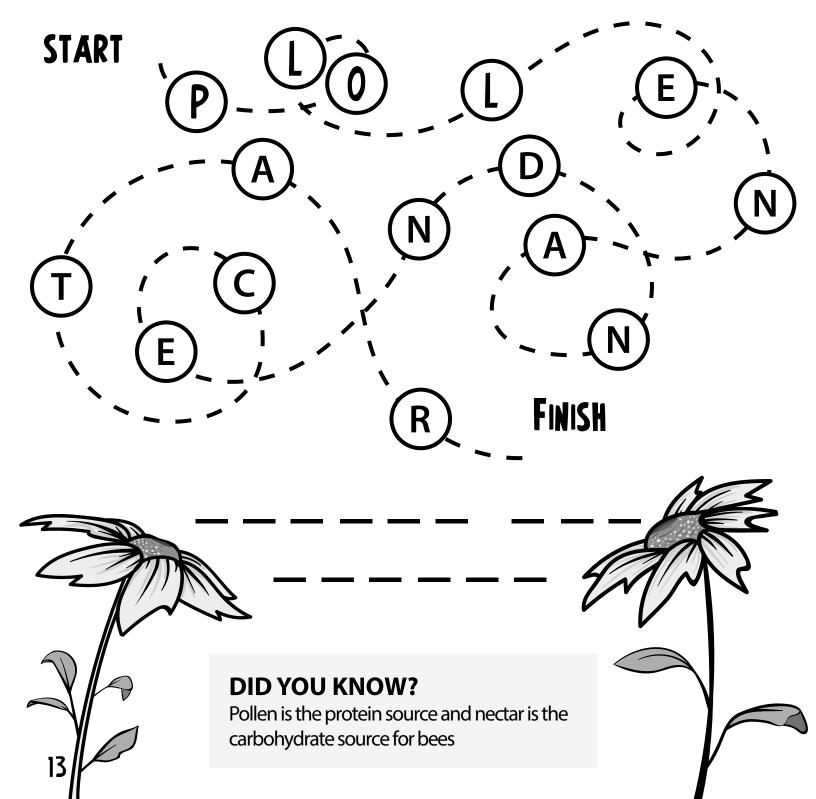
COORDINATION STICKY SITUATION

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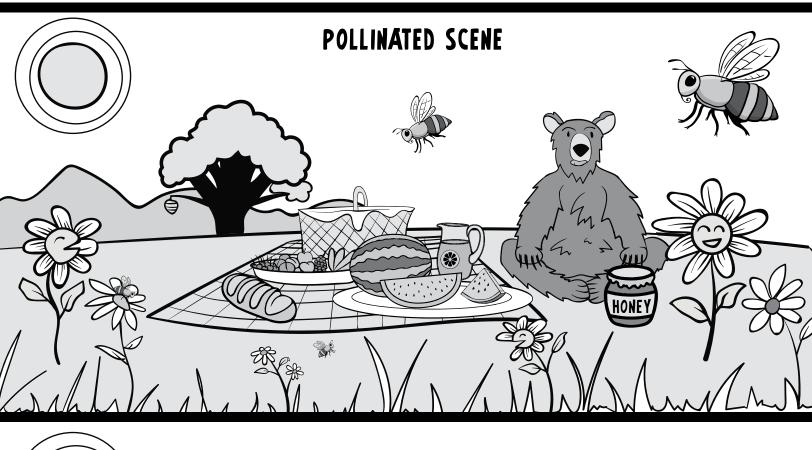


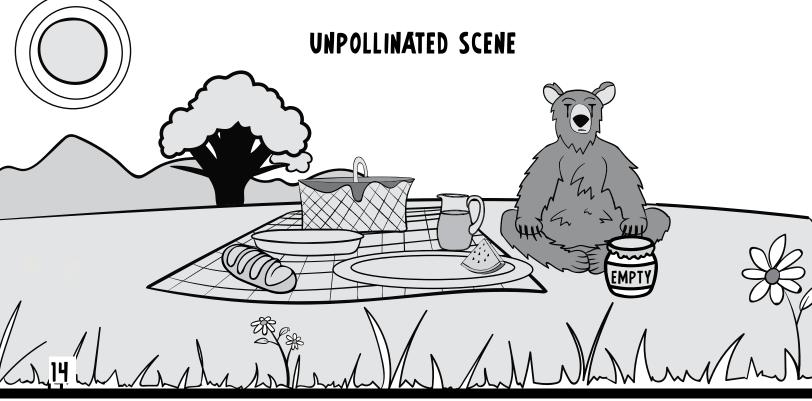
DIRECTIONS: Without moving your head use your eyes to follow the path and spell out the words you see to answer the question:

What do bees collect?



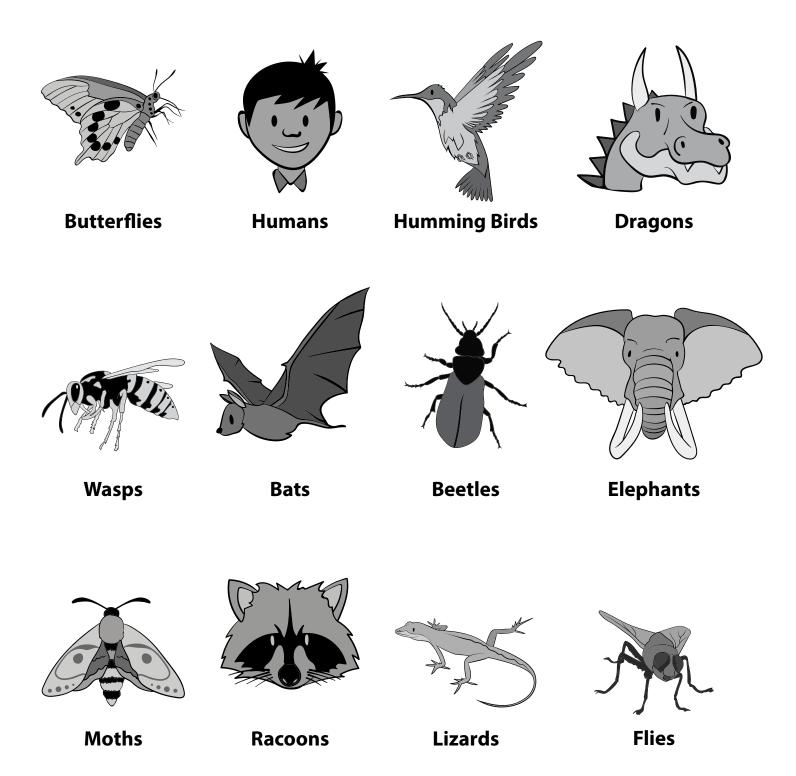
DIRECTIONS: Thanks to bees and other pollinators, we are able to enjoy many yummy foods such as fruits, vegetables and nuts. Circle the 15 differences between the pollinated scene vs the unpollinated scene.





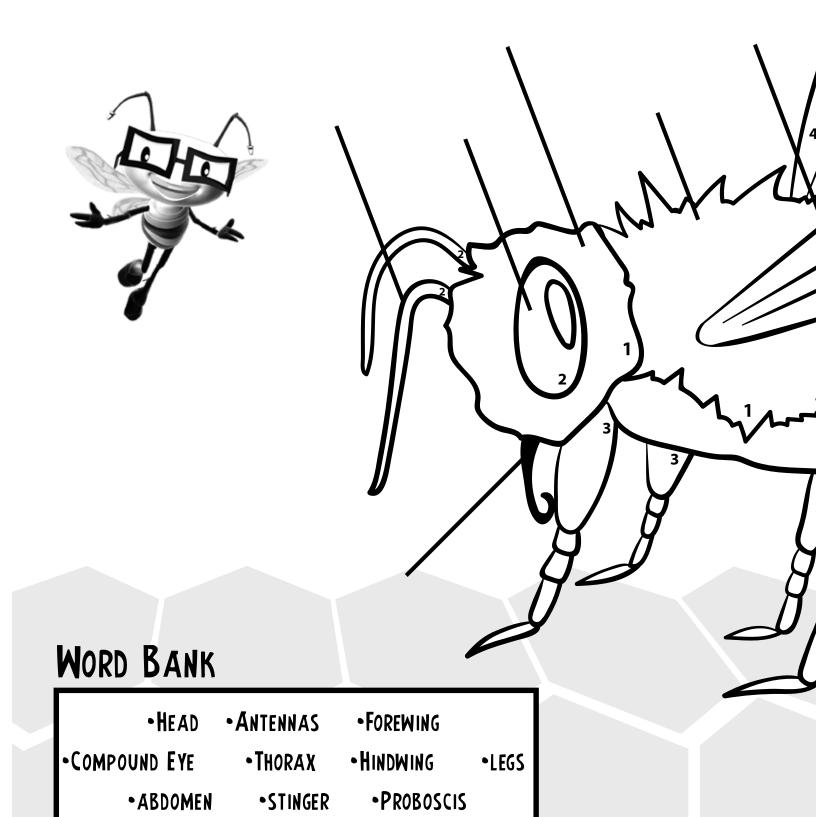
POLLINATORS

DIRECTIONS: Bees aren't the only pollinators. Many other animals transfer pollen from flower to flower. Circle the 7 animals that also help pollinate.



DIRECTIONS:

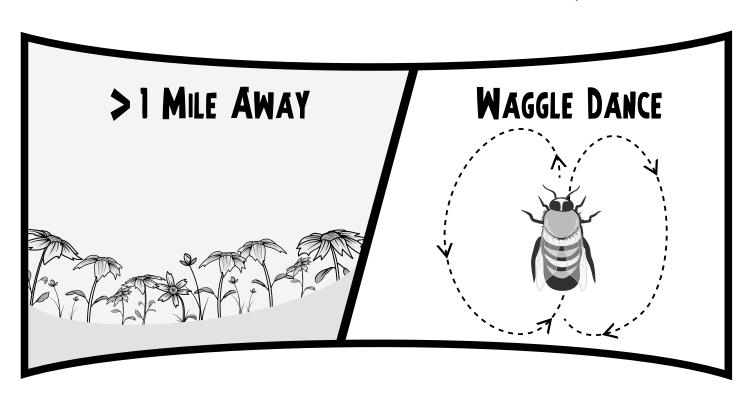
- -Label the bee's anatomy using the word bank as a guide.
- -Use the number from the color key as reference to color the bee.

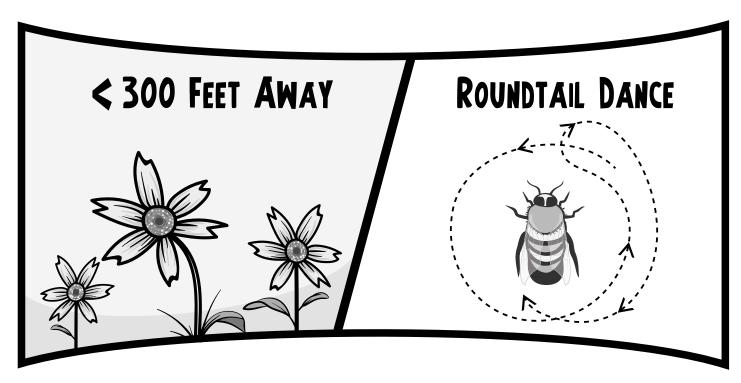




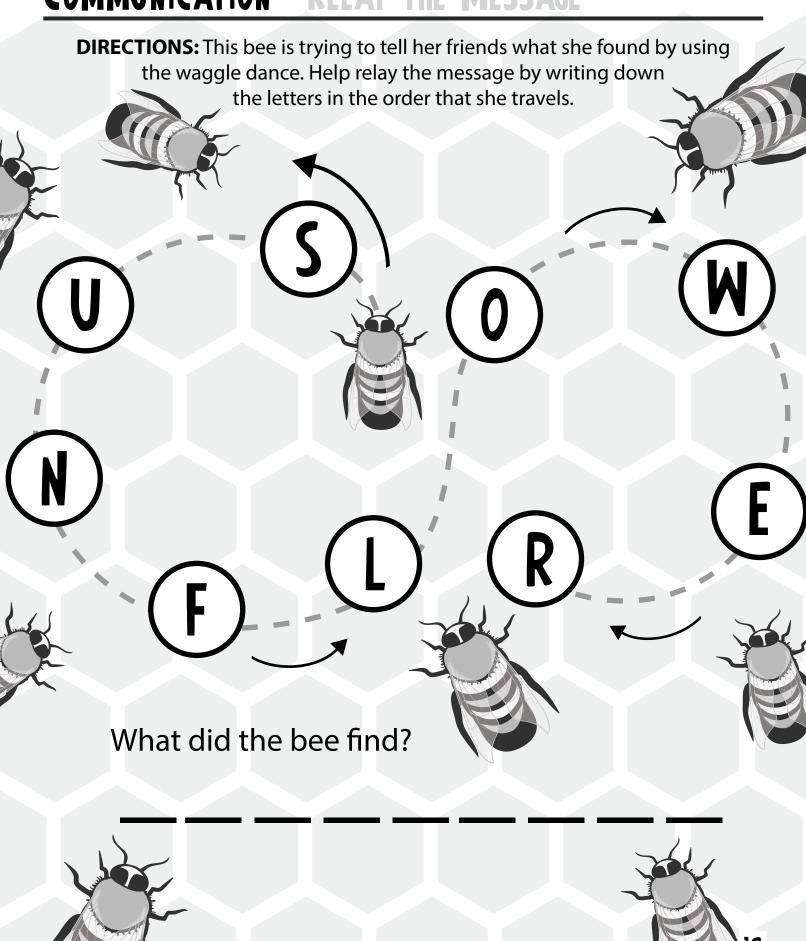
DANCE DANCE WAGGLE

DID YOU KNOW?: Bees use dance to communicate. The waggle dance is for food sources further away. The roundtail dance is for food sources close by.



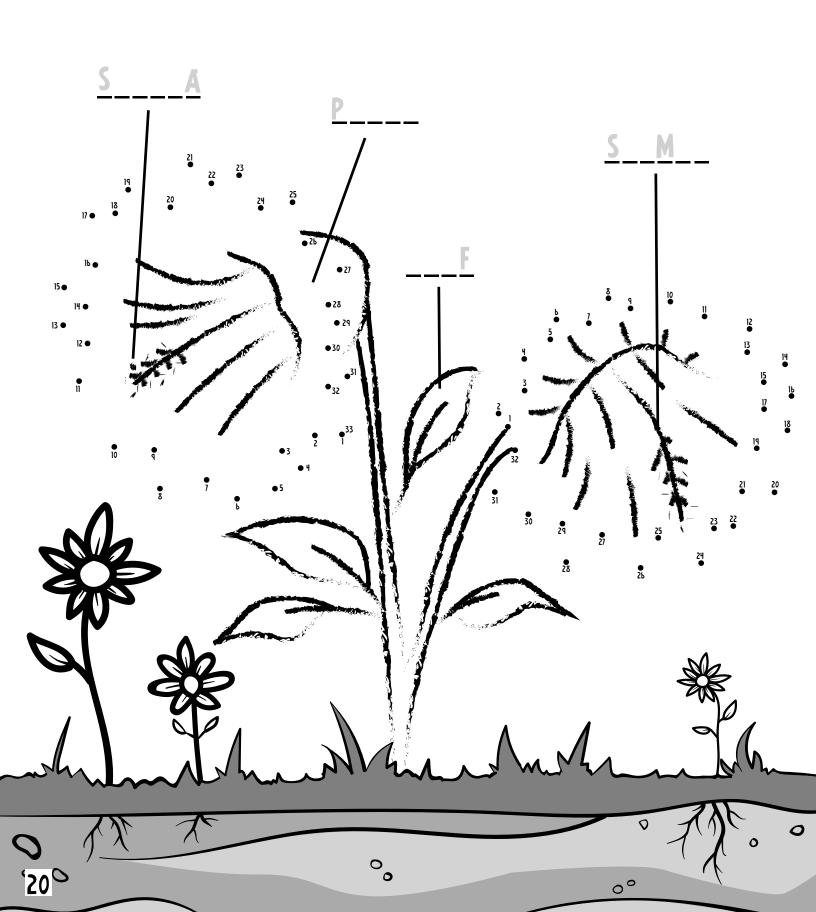


COMMUNICATION RELAY THE MESSAGE



CONNECT THE DOTS FLOWER POWER

DIRECTIONS: Connect the dots and label the flower parts.



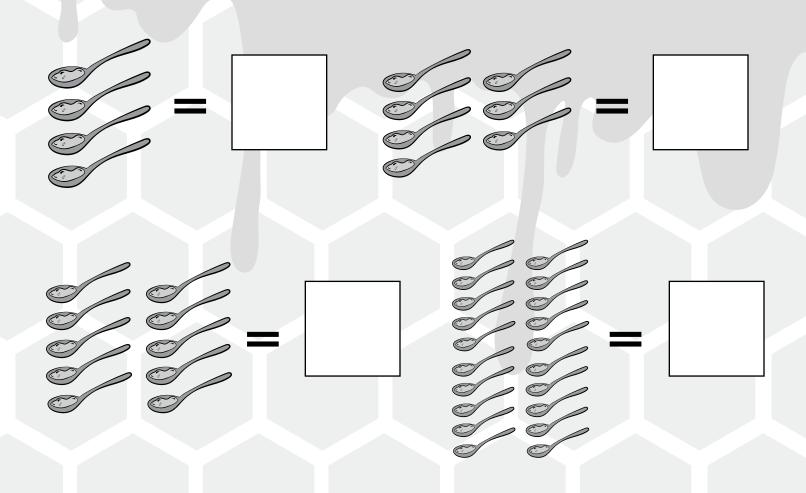
BUSY BEES

DIRECTIONS: Vitamin Bee is trying to figure out how many bees it takes to produce honey. Each spoon equals 1 teaspoon of honey. In the box, write how many bees it takes to make each amount of honey.

A SINGLE HIVE CONTAINS 40,000 TO 60,000 BEES

TO MAKE 1LB OF HONEY, BEES MUST COLLECT NECTAR FROM OVER 2 MILLION FLOWERS

ON AVERAGE, 1 HIVE CAN PRODUCE 100LBS OF HONEY A YEAR



DID YOU KNOW?

It takes 64 teaspoons of honey to make 1lb of honey

UNSCRAMBLE MIXED FRUITS/VEGGIES

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble each word to match the fruit or the vegetable on the right.

MENLO

TEONMALWER



RUMUCEBC



TROCAR



PAELP



MUPKPIN

AERP



RRREABSYTW

DID YOU KNOW?

Bees pollinate many of the fruits, vegetables, and nuts we enjoy. That's over half the food in our daily diet!

WORD SEARCH

BEE THINGS

DIRECTIONS: Use the word bank below to find the words in the letter grid.

Ν	T	0	Н	Υ	Τ	T	Н	0	R	Α	X	Е	Α	J
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P	Υ	L	Е	F	P	0	L	L		Ν	Α	T	0	R
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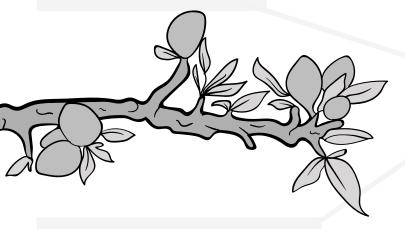
WORD BANK:

ANTENNA	HIVE	POLLINATOR	WAGGLE
BEES	HONEY	PROBOSCIS	WORKER
DRONE	LARVA	PUPA	THORAX
FLOWER	NECTAR	QUEEN	VEGETABLE
FRUIT	POLLEN	ROUNDTAIL	VITAMIN

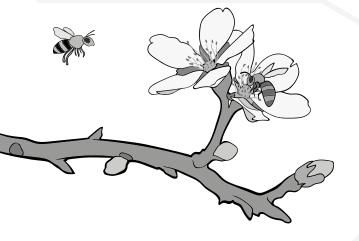
LIFE CYCLE OF ALMONDS

DID YOU KNOW?: Almonds are the #1 food crop pollinated by bees in the U.S.

Almonds grow on trees.

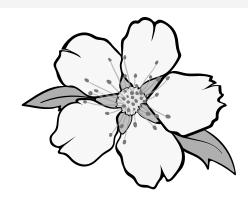


...are pollinated by bees...

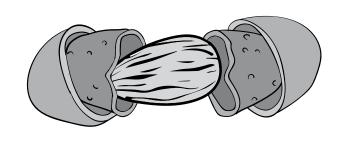


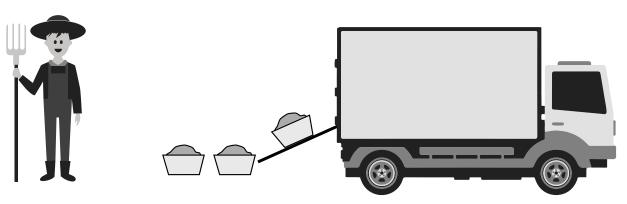
...and are harvested to eat!





...are turned into almonds...





BUTTER MOVE QUICK!

DIRECTIONS: Vitamin Bee is going nuts over this almond butter maze! Help lead him out of this mess and into a butter situation.



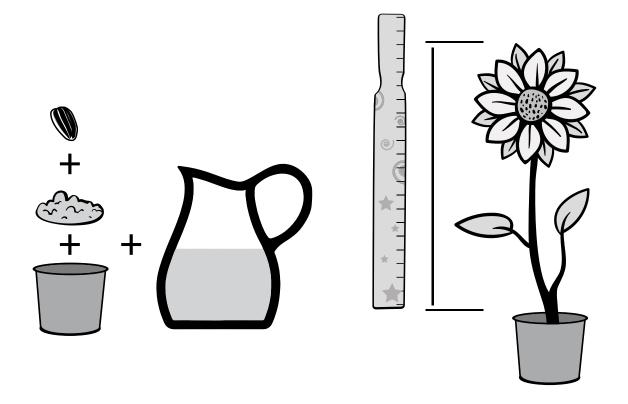
ACTIVITY FEED A BEE WITH A PLANT!

DIRECTIONS:

- You'll need 1 peat pot, potting soil, or garden bed.
- You'll need 1 wildflower or vegetable seed of choice.
- Insert the seed in the middle the soil being sure to cover it with the dirt.
- Fill a water pitcher and water the seed once a day.
- Be aware of new plant emergence from the soil and begin recording plant growth with your measuring stick.

To create your own measuring stick you'll need:

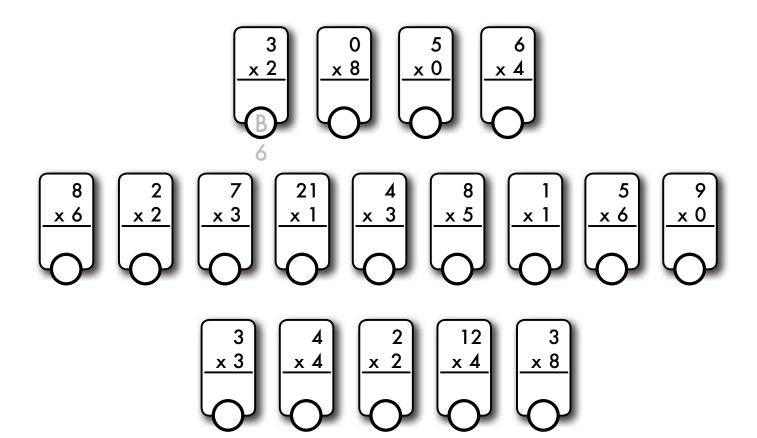
- 1 paint/popsicle stick.
- Markers.
- 1 ruler.
- Place the ruler next to the paint stick and using the markers mark down each inch of your paint stick. Then decorate your new measuring stick to make it unique.
- Now when your plant starts to grow you can use your measuring stick to keep track of how much it grows!
- Make observations and record plant growth with your measuring stick.
- Once your plant is blooming make observations about pollinator visit!



CODE BREAKER

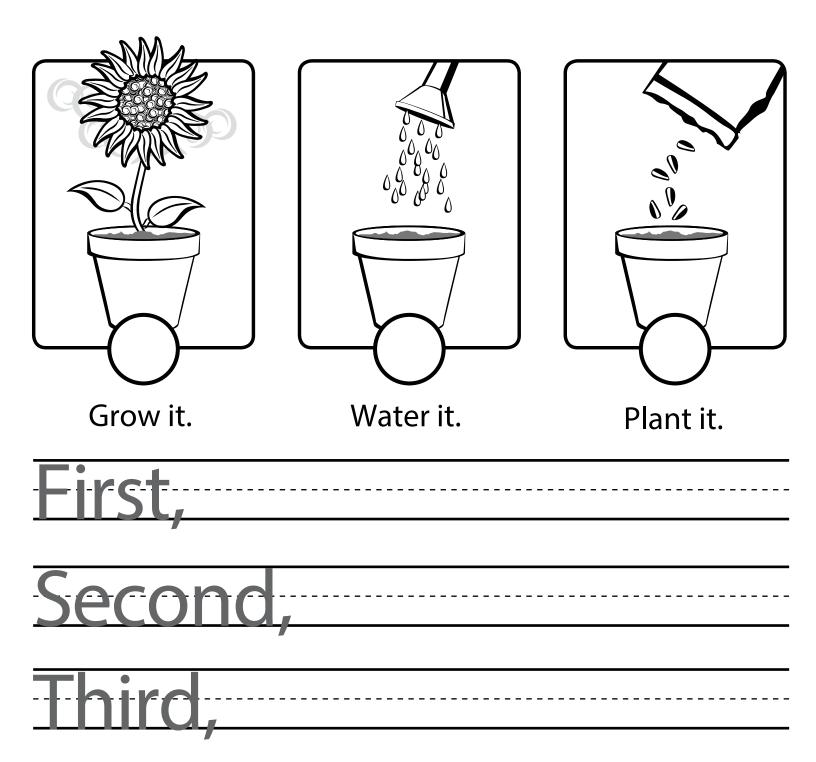
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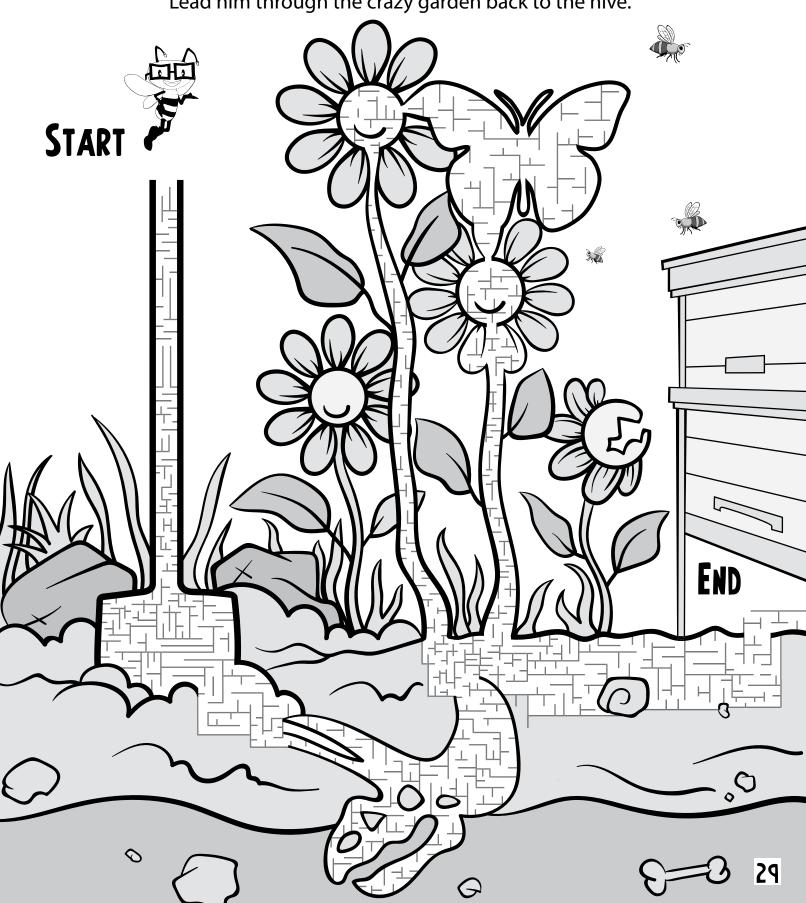


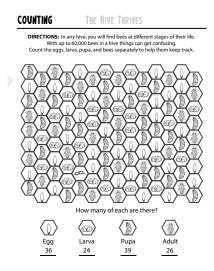
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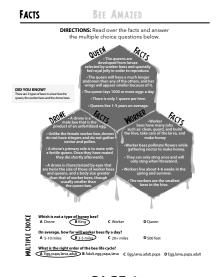


DIRECTIONS: Help Vitamin Bee find his way back home. Lead him through the crazy garden back to the hive.





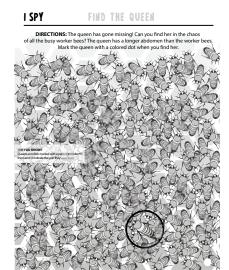
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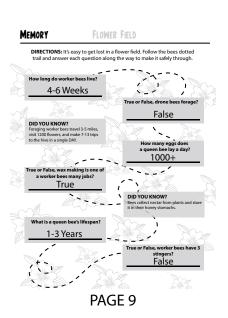
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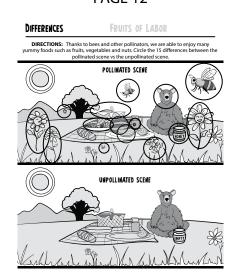
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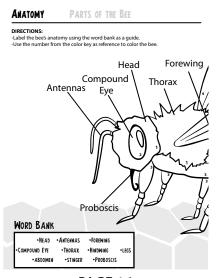


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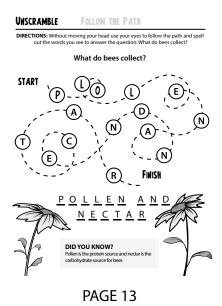
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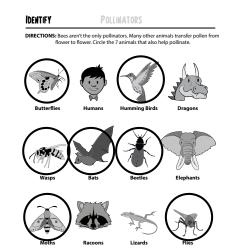


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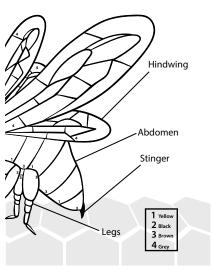


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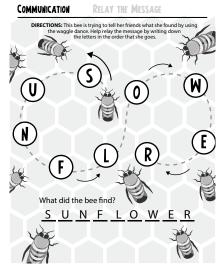




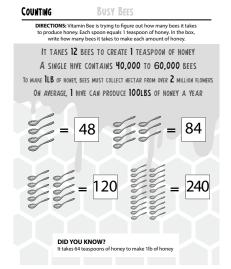
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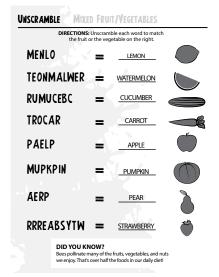


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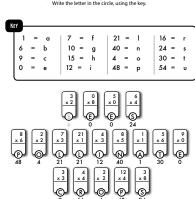


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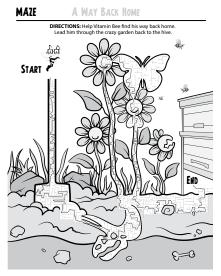


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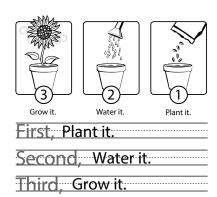
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Vitamin Bee represents a collection of individuals who believe learning about nutritious foods and creating healthy habits are just as essential to young growing minds and bodies as learning the "ABC's and 123's". Our creative family and valued contributors include individuals who have experience with promoting education through television media, a registered dietitian with a Master's in Public Health, and perhaps more importantly, health conscious parents and their young consumers.

It is a well-known fact that people, especially kids, learn more when they are having fun. So Vitamin Bee delivers huge doses of fun and much more with his curious facts about foods and the life of a bee, kid-friendly recipes and tips, all wrapped up in his love of music, art, and silly antics, that will inspire kids to make healthy choices, one episode at a time. Vitamin Bee also encourages kids, families, and schools to learn and work together in order to build the support needed to create a long-lasting healthy environment.

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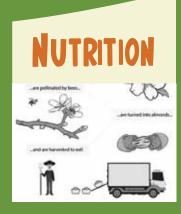






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