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Books For Toddlers:

Big Rig Bugs by Kurt Cyrus, 2010.
Owly & Wormy Friends All Aflutter! by Andy Runton, 2011.
The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, 1969.

Books For Preschoolers:

Beetle McGrady Eats Bugs! by Megan McDonald, 2005.
Diary of a Worm by Doreen Cronin, 2003.
The Eensy Weensy Spider Freaks Out! (Big Time) by Troy Cummings, 2010.
I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly by Nadine Bernard Westcott, 1980.
Ladybug Girl and Bumblebee Boy by David Soman and Jacky Davis, 2009.
Little Miss Spider by David Kirk, 1999.
The Spider and the Fly by Tony DiTerlizzi, 2002.
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Fingerplays & Songs:

Here Is the Beehive
(From: DLTK Kids)
Here is the beehive. Where are the bees?
(hold up fist)
Hidden away where nobody sees.
(move other hand around fist)
Watch and you'll see them come out of the hive
(bend head close to fist)
One, two, three, four, five.
(hold fingers up one at a time)
Bzzzzzzzz... all fly away!
(wave fingers)

Bug Fingerplay
(From: Preschool Education)
1, 2, 3 (hold up fingers)
There is a bug on me (point to shoulder)
Where did it go? (brush it off)
I don't know (shrug shoulders)

Fuzzy Wuzzy Caterpillar
(From: Preschool Education)
Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar in the garden creeps

He spins himself a blanket and soon falls fast asleep.
Fuzzy wuzzy caterpillar wakes up by and by
To find he has wings of beauty, changed to a butterfly.
Pretty little butterfly, what do you do all day?
I fly around the flowerpots, nothing' to do but play.
Nothing' to do but play, darling', nothing' to do but play.
So fly butterfly, fly butterfly, don't waste your time away.

Itsy Bitsy Spider
(Traditional)
The itsy, bitsy spider, climbed 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.

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Do You Like to Buzz?
(From: Can Teach)
Tune: Do Your Ears Hang Low?
Do you like to buzz?
Are you covered all in fuzz?
Do you call a hive a home,
In the garden where you roam?
Do you know how to make honey?
Are your stripes a little funny?
Do you like to buzz?

Freddy Flea
(From: Preschool Education)
On my toe is Freddy flea (touch toe)
Now he’s climbing up on me (climb fingers upward)
Past my tummy
Past my nose
On my head where my hair grows
(wiggle fingers in hair)

On my head is Freddy flea
Now he’s climbing down on me
(climb fingers back down body)
Past my tummy
Past my knee
On the floor (stomp foot!)
Take that you flea!

Ants Go Marching
(From: Kiddiddles)
The ants came marching two by two,
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants came marching two by two,
Hurrah! Hurrah!
The ants came marching two by two,
The little one stopped to tie his shoe.
They all go marching down to the ground,
to get out of the rain.
Boom, Boom, Boom.
The ants came marching three by three...
The little one stopped to climb a tree.
The ants came marching four by four....
The little one stopped to shut the door.
The ants came marching five by five...
The little one stopped to take a dive.
The ants came marching six by six....
The little one stopped to pick up sticks.
The ants came marching seven by seven....
The little one stopped to go to heaven.
The ants came marching eight by eight...
The little one stopped to shut the gate.
The ants came marching nine by nine...
The little one stopped to scratch his spine.
The ants came marching ten by ten
The little one stopped to say THE END!

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Baby Bumblebee Song
(From: Kiddiddles)
I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee,
Won't my mommy be so proud of me,
I'm bringing home a baby bumblebee,
Ouch! It stung me!
I'm squishing up the baby bumblebee,
Won't my mommy be so proud of me,
I'm squishing up a baby bumblebee,
Ooh! It's yucky!
I'm wiping off the baby bumblebee,
Won't my mommy be so proud of me,
I'm wiping off the baby bumblebee,
Now my mommy won't be mad at me!

Baby Bumblebee Song
The kinder, gentler version by
Shawn Brommer
I caught myself a baby bumblebee. Won't my mommy be so proud of me?
I caught myself a baby bumblebee. Ouch!
She stung me!
I'm talking to my baby bumblebee. Won't my mommy be so proud of me?
I'm talking to my baby bumblebee. "Oh," she says, "I'm sorry!"
I'm letting go my baby bumblebee. Won't my mommy be so proud of me?
I'm letting go my baby bumblebee. Look!
She's happy to be free!

Playing with Literacy: Let's Play Bug Safari

Directions:
1. Place pictures of bugs around the room.
2. Get everyone ready to take their pretend safari. Show them a list of all of the bugs hidden around the room and tell them how they should check off the bugs as they find them. Note the bugs' names underneath each picture. Then, grab your binoculars (real or fake) and let them loose on their safari.