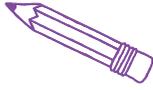


ACTIVITY TIME

Featured Stories Program

books
for
toddlers



Book title: MILLIE LOVES ANTS

By Jackie French and Sue deGennaro

Have you ever seen a curious echidna? If you have, chances are they were searching for some ants to gobble up to eat! This story is about a hungry echidna named Millie who absolutely loves ants. A quiet friend watches Millie from afar as she wanders about the garden, finding all of the places that ants might be hiding.

Activity: Millie the Echidna

You will need:

- Template
- Crayons or textas
- Glue
- Natural objects such as twigs, leaves or grass.

Instructions:

1. Collect natural objects from the garden
2. Colour and decorate template
3. Glue natural objects to represent the quills echidnas have all over their backs.

After sharing the story *Millie Loves Ants*, you might like to:

- Explore different kinds of Australian animals. Talk about what you can see and what they might feel like. Are they fluffy, scaly, spikey or feathery?
- Make a playdough echidna. Mould a body out of playdough – don't forget a long, pointy ant eating snout! Press small twigs into the playdough to represent echidna quills.
- In your garden you might find ants, bees, ladybugs or butterflies. These creatures are called insects because they have six legs, a pair of antennae and three body parts (head, thorax and abdomen). Did you find any other creatures in your garden? Millipedes have many legs and are a part of the Diplopod family. Spiders have eight legs and are a part of the Arachnid family.

Songs

Cuddly Koala, The Ants Go Marching or Incy Wincy Spider.

Key message

Children learn being engaged and doing.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

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