

Spiders, God's Creations

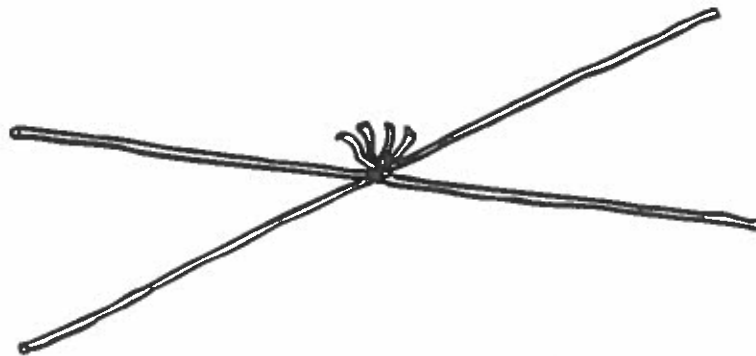
EXPLORATION ELEMENT: Kids will explore the amazing way spiders catch their food as they learn more about God's wonderful creatures.

BIBLE BENCHMARK: "And God said, 'Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:24-25).

SUPPLIES: You'll need a Bible, thread, and scissors.

OPTIONAL SUPPLIES: You may want black construction paper and white crayons or glue.

PREPARATION: Cut four one-yard pieces of thread. Form a large X by tying the pieces together (see the diagram below). Set the X on the floor.



Ask:

- How many of you have ever seen a spider?
- Why do you think some people are afraid of spiders?

Say: Spiders are an amazing part of God's creation. We're going to learn a bit more about spiders today. Ask:

- What can you tell me about spiders?

If you have time, let kids design their own spider webs on black construction paper using white crayons or glue.
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● **Where do spiders live?**

Say: Spiders spend much of their lives spinning webs to catch food. If you ever take a walk in the morning when there's still dew on the grass, you can see some spectacular spider webs. Today we're going to discover just how amazing a spider is by experiencing the same sensation a spider feels when something lands on its web.

I need four volunteers to hold the four ends of thread. I also need the volunteers to close their eyes. No peeking, please. I am going to be a tiny insect and land on your web. See if you can tell when I am landing on the web. If you feel me land on the web, raise your hand.

"Land" on one part of the web by tapping it with one finger. After kids raise their hands to indicate they felt it, say: **If you think I landed on your side of the web, keep your hand raised.**

Have kids take turns holding the ends of the web until they tire of the game. Then ask:

● **Was it easy to feel the insect when it landed on the spider web?**

● **Why do you think spiders build webs?**

Read aloud Genesis 1:24-25, and then say: **God created many amazing and wonderful things in our world. Spiders are beautiful creatures designed by God. He did not create them to scare us. Spiders won't hurt us if we don't bother them because they're very afraid of humans. Also, there are very few spiders that are poisonous to humans. The next time you see a spider, take the time to watch it and see where it's going and what it's doing. If you're lucky, you just might get the opportunity to watch it weave a web. As you're watching, remember to thank God for all the amazing creatures he created.**

