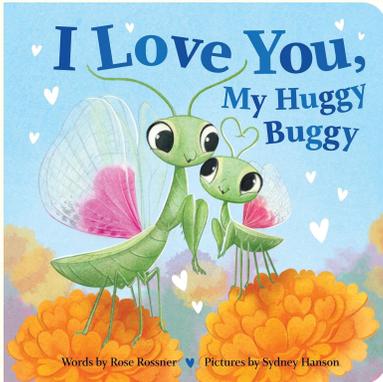


Bugs Bugs Bugs

Book to add to your child's library: *I Love You, My Huggy Buggy* by Rose Rossner



BABY GAMES & LANGUAGE

Crawl Like a Bug

During tummy time, say:

- "You're crawling like a caterpillar!"
- "Buzz like a bee!"
- "Can you wiggle?"

Even if baby isn't crawling yet, the playful comparison builds understanding.

Sound Play

Make exaggerated sounds:

- "Bzzzzz"
- "Crawl crawl"
- "Flap flap"
- "Hop!"

Pause and let baby attempt to imitate.

Sound imitation strengthens early speech pathways.

EXPLORATION

Sensory Bin – "Bug Garden"

Fill a shallow bin with:

- Fake grass or green shredded paper
- Plastic bugs
- Large leaves
- Small cups
- Let baby:
 - Grab
 - Explore
 - Transfer objects

Narrate:

"You found the bee!"
"Bug in the grass!"

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

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,
And the itsy bitsy spider
Climbed up the spout again.

(Use fingers to climb up baby's arm for gentle sensory input.)

Little Miss Muffet

Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet,
Eating her curds and whey.
Along came a spider,
Who sat down beside her,
And frightened Miss Muffet
away.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING / BONDING

Tickle Crawl

Use your fingers like tiny bugs crawling slowly up baby's legs or arms.

Say:
"Here comes a little bug..."
Pause dramatically...
"Tickle tickle!"

Watch baby's cues – keep it playful and gentle.

"You're My Little Love Bug"

Hold baby close and say:

"You're my little love bug."
"I love watching you grow."
"You're learning something new every day."

Make warm eye contact and smile slowly.