

Spiders And Bats

Blind As A Bat

“Bat-tle” the misconception that bats are blind. In fact, all species of bats can see almost as well as humans. Explain to your children that bats rely on their senses of sight and smell to help them find food at night. Then challenge your little ones to find food as bats do. Darken the room and set out a tray of fragrant snacks, such as fresh orange slices or peanut-butter crackers. Place the tray at a distance from your students. Can your youngsters see or trace the smell of food in the semidarkness? Once the children have identified where and what the food is, invite them to relax and snack like bats!

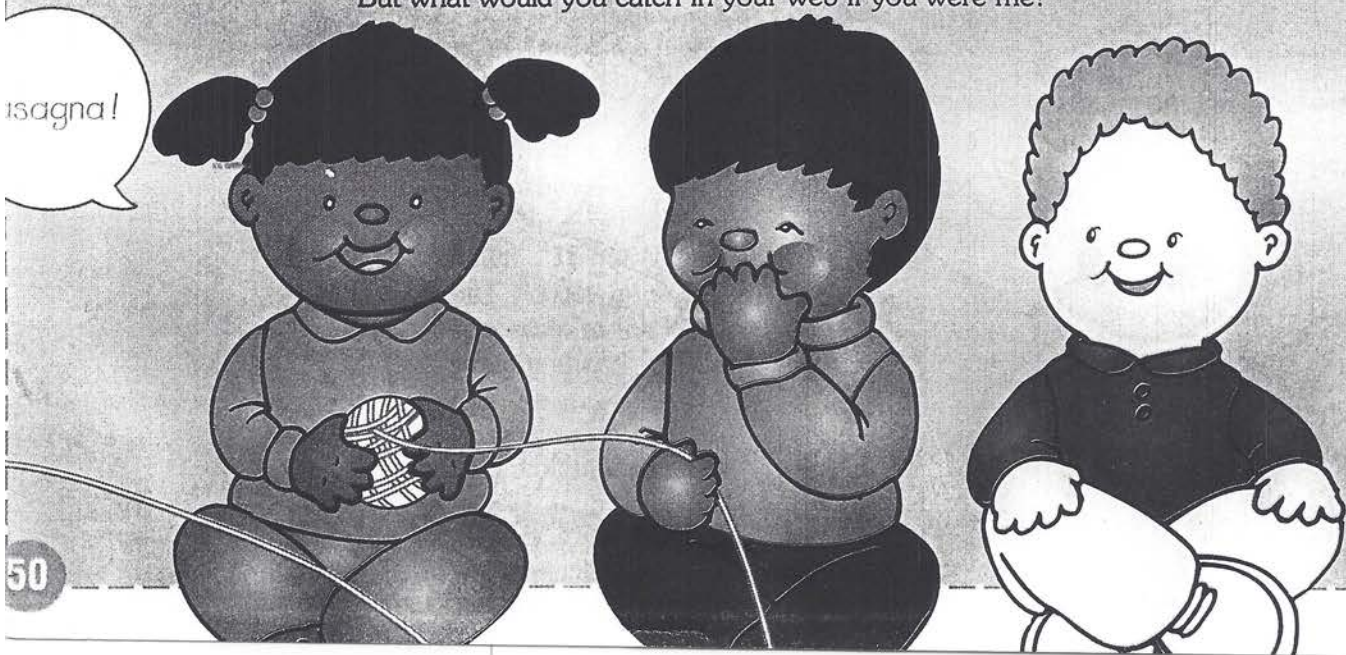
Spider Diet

Help your little ones learn about a spider’s diet with this silly song that will have a web spinning and children grinning! To begin, discuss with youngsters the types of foods that spiders like to eat, such as grasshoppers, bees, and ants. Then ask them to pretend that they are spiders, spinning a web to catch a tasty meal. What would *they* like to catch for lunch? Begin the web spinning by passing a ball of yarn around a circle of seated youngsters. Have each child hold on to the free section of the yarn with one hand and pass the ball with the other hand. Sing the song below, inviting the child holding the ball of yarn at the end of the verse to name a sensible or silly spider food. Continue spinning the web until everyone has had a turn to name a spider food.

I’m A Hungry Spider

(sung to the tune of “The Itsy Bitsy Spider”)

I am a hungry spider, ready for my lunch.
I’ll spin a web and catch something to munch!
I’ll catch a beetle or a bumblebee.
But what would you catch in your web if you were me?



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