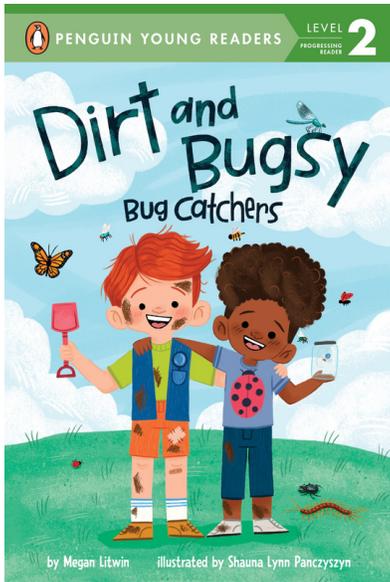


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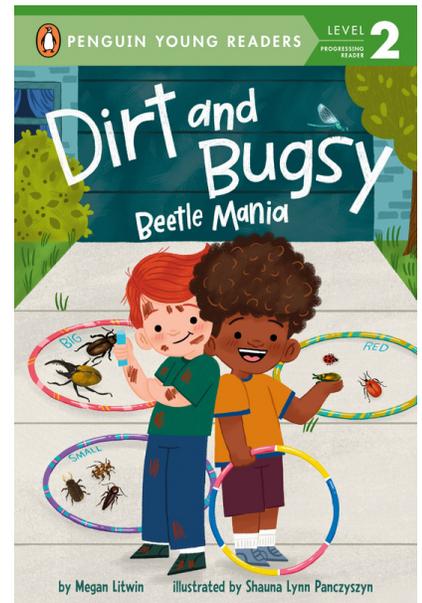
**Meet Dirt & Bugsy -
best buds who catch all kinds of bugs -
in this fun early reader series!**



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Dirt and Bugsy are neighbors, best friends, and bug catchers. They love bugs: Bugs that crawl. Bugs that fly. Bugs that slide. Bugs that hide. When they gather a bunch of beetles, the boys make a plan to sort them into categories. But how will they decide how to sort all those beetles?



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"A fun backyard adventure with a universal emphasis on problem-solving."

-Booklist

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Themes:

- Friendship
- Problem-Solving
- Creativity
- Insect Study
- Outdoor Investigation
- Observation
- Sorting



Activity Kit Contents:

- Discussion Ideas/Curriculum Connections
- "Explore Your World" Scavenger Hunt
- Bug Observation Checklist
- Build-a-Bug STEAM Project
- Bug Jar Fun
- Let's Color!



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DIRT AND BUGGY ACTIVITY KIT

Dirt and Bugsy



Activity Kit

Discussion Ideas:

Before Reading:

(Building background/making connections)

Read the title, author, and illustrator.

Show the front cover and discuss student experiences with bugs and/or outdoor play.

During Reading:

(Making and confirming predictions)

As the bug boys encounter problems in each book, have students make predictions about how the boys might solve those problems.

After Reading:

(Making inferences and making connections)

How are the bug boys "good bug catchers"?

How are the bug boys good friends?

What does this phrase mean: "set them free and let them be"?

Why is it important to let the bugs go?

What are other ways you could explore in your own backyard?

Curriculum Connections:

- Go outside and look for bugs. Observe them in their natural habitat and discuss. Students can use the attached "Bug Observation" sheet to take notes in the field.
- Choose different insects to research (in pairs or groups), and then share that work in creative ways such as posters, slideshows, models, etc.
- Gather plastic bugs (or make cards using pictures of bugs) and sort them into categories, just like Dirt & Bugsy. Try to sort in more than one way. How might a Venn diagram be helpful?
- Write and illustrate poems about insects. You might even share them at a "Poetry Bee" celebration.
- For a quick movement break/transition time, call out various bug movements like "hop like a grasshopper", "flutter like a butterfly", or "march like an ant".



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Explore Your World!



In my backyard, I spy...

Something that flies

Something that hides

Something smooth

Something bumpy

Something special

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Bug Observations



Wings

Antennae

Legs
How Many?

Body Sections
How Many?



DRAW IT!

Dirt and Bugsy Build-a-Bug



Dirt and Bugsy love to study bugs!
They also love using their imaginations...

Can you combine YOUR bug knowledge + YOUR imagination to create a bug the world has never seen before? Think about things like...

- How many legs will it have?
- How many eyes?
- Will it have spots or stripes, or something else?
- How will it move?
- How does it eat?
- What will you name it?

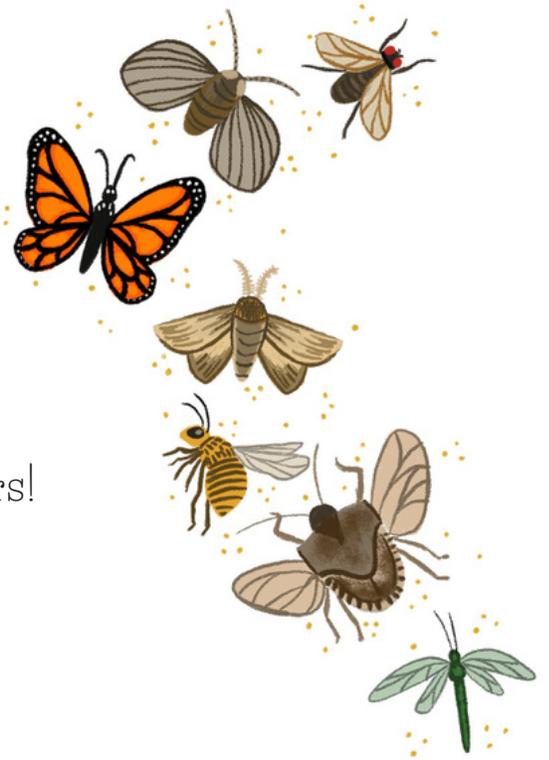
You can build your bug out of all kinds of materials like:

- construction paper
- cardboard
- pipe cleaners
- coffee filters
- craft sticks
- glitter

**Bee
Creative!**



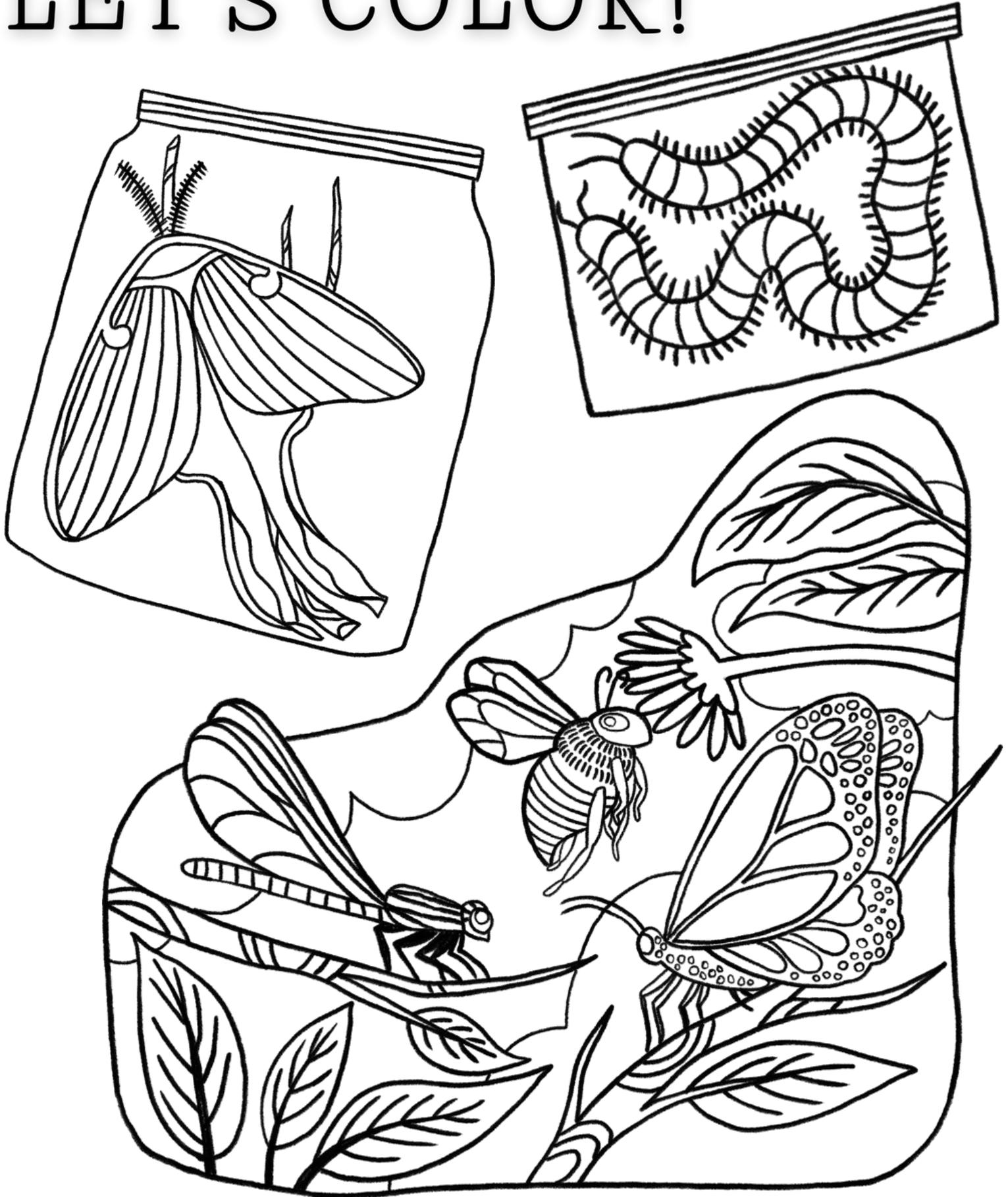
Dirt and Buggy Bug Jar Fun!



Fill the jars with your favorite bugs.
You can draw, color, or even use bug stickers!



LET'S COLOR!



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