

# Awaking Wonder

## Insects



### IDENTIFY:

Insects have 6 legs and their bodies are divided into 3 sections. Some have wings. Insects are invertebrates; they don't have backbones. Insects have an exoskeleton. Their protective skeleton is on the outside of their bodies.

### OBSERVE:

Read a variety of books about insects and help your child find ways to observe different kind of insects. Look at the pictures and name the body parts that help you know a bug is an insect. Go on a nature walk and see how many kinds of insects you can find. Use an app or field guides to help your child identify what is found. If your child has interest and you have space, set up and ant farm or build a bug hotel!



### APPLY:

In *Our 24 Family Ways*, Way 16 teaches children about responsibility to keep their home neat and clean. As you study this with your children, look for examples in insects that demonstrate this behavior. (Ex. Bees, ants, and decomposers)

### READ:



Aesop is a famous Greek storyteller known today for his fables. A fable is a story that has a moral or lesson to share. Many of Aesop's fables feature stories about insects, including grasshoppers, ants, and gnats. Enjoy reading some fables with your children and see what more you can learn from the insects' example.