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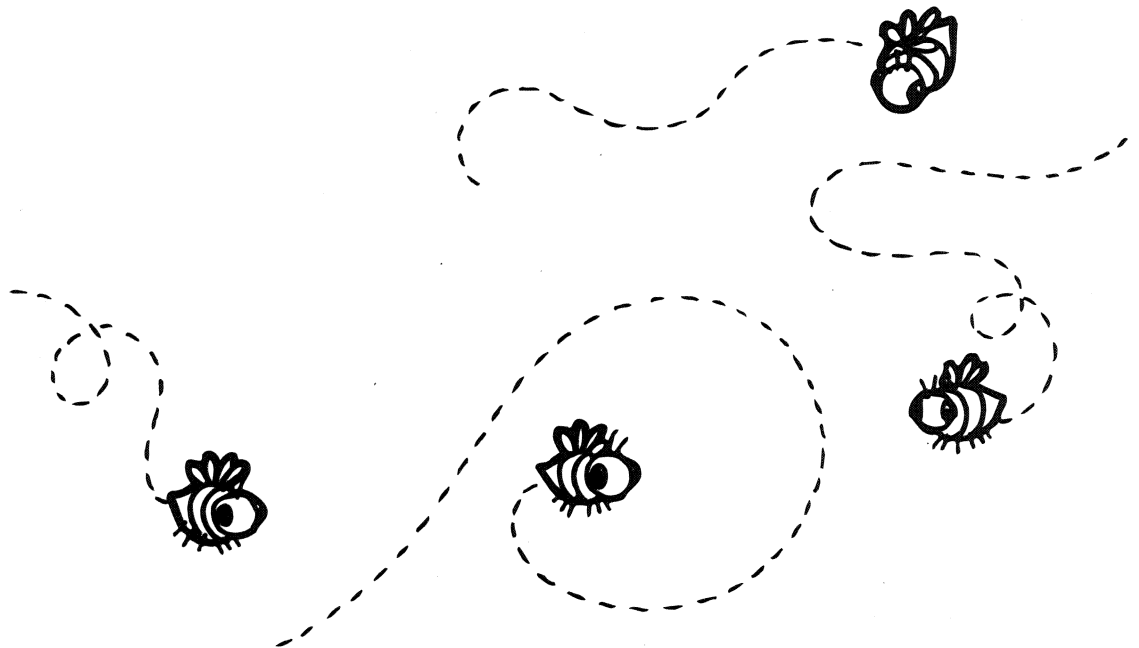
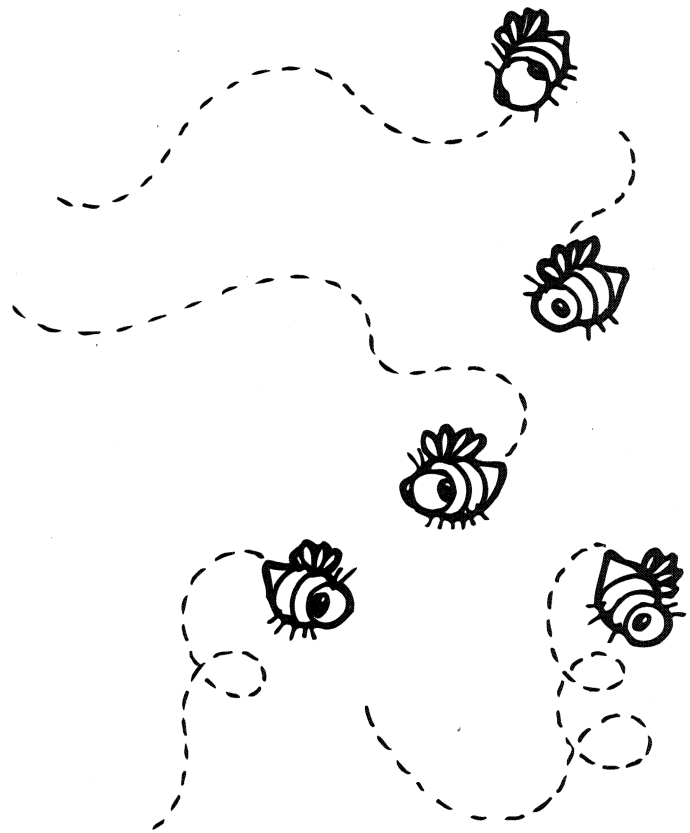
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# INTRODUCTION

**Ladybird, Ladybird** is composed of eight chapters, each a complete unit dedicated to a specific insect (except for the spider chapter, which can be used to demonstrate the *differences* between spiders and insects). This book is intended to help children develop a hands-on understanding of science while developing language skills. Children will learn to relate to the insect world in a personal way: learning through games, observations, literature, and art.

**Let's Read** features a popular children's book, such as *The Grouchy Ladybug* by Eric Carle, and is accompanied by a detailed plot description. **Let's Talk** helps children link the featured book with familiar feelings, thoughts, or ideas in their own lives. For example, in the "Bee" chapter, the "Let's Talk" discussion focuses on feeling shy. This page also includes a pattern that can be photocopied and used as a bookmark.

**Let's Learn** is filled with facts about each insect (or spider). For example, common ladybirds have seven spots and are considered friendly by farmers. Choose facts that you think will interest your children. Read a fact a day during the unit.

The **Let's Create** activities in each chapter allow children to use their imaginations. They will make their own insects from craft materials, draw pictures, design flowers, eat snacks, and so on.

Children make a hands-on science connection in the **Let's Find Out** activities. These projects focus on exploration, leading children through moments of discovery as they *find out* what it's like to be on the inside of a cocoon or what fireflies look like as they blink in the night sky.

