

## Honeybee Award

### Honeybee Award Lapbook Lesson Plan: Buzzing into Learning!

This lapbook lesson plan provides a fun and engaging way for children to learn about honeybees, their unique roles, and their importance in the world. Remember, the key is to keep it bee-riliant and let their curiosity take flight!

#### Requirements for the Honeybee Award:

1. Find in the Bible several verses that speak about bees.
2. Draw the honeybee and tell how it is different from other bees and other insects. Color your picture.
3. Within a colony, name the three types of bees and their responsibilities.
4. Explain and draw the life cycle of the honeybee.
5. What is the purpose of the scout bee's dance?
6. Make two bee crafts.
7. Observe bees, if possible.

#### Materials:

- Multiple colored file folders
- Multiple colored copy paper
- Cardstock paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Eyelets
- Crop-a-dile
- Other Materials: Pipe cleaners, pom-poms, buttons, Bible, Magnifying glasses, and Access to flowers or a bee observation area (if possible)

#### Sample Lesson Plan:

##### The Buzz on Bees!

1. Hi Bee-lieve in the Bible: Gather children and read aloud several verses about bees from the Bible (e.g., Psalm 118:12, Deuteronomy 33:28). Discuss how bees are symbols of hard work, community, and the sweetness of life.
2. Draw a Dazzling Drone: Guide children through drawing a honeybee, highlighting its unique features like fuzzy bodies, striped wings, and pollen baskets. Discuss how they differ from other bees and insects. Let them color their creations proudly!
3. Queen Bee's Busy Brigade: Introduce the three types of bees in a colony: queen (leader and egg-layer), worker bees (builders, cleaners, and foragers), and drones (males responsible for mating). Create flaps or mini-pockets on the lapbook to represent each bee and write their responsibilities below.

##### From Egg to Egglet:

1. The Magical Metamorphosis: Explain the honeybee's life cycle with simple illustrations. Draw an egg, larva, pupa, and adult bee on separate paper strips. Attach them in order onto the lapbook with arrows, depicting the transformation process. Discuss how each stage plays a crucial role in the colony's life.
2. Waggle Dance Wonders: Teach children about the scout bee's dance. Have them wiggle their hips and point in different directions to mimic the waggle dance, explaining how it helps other bees

find flowers and pollen sources. Create a small bee puppet on a string for a more interactive performance.

3. **Craft Crafty Creations:** Choose two bee-themed crafts to let children's creativity flow. Ideas include making pipe cleaner antennae, pom-pom bees, colorful paper flowers, or beehive dioramas. Decorate the lapbook pockets with their masterpieces.

**Other Activity:**

**Bee-lieve in Observation:** If possible, take children to observe bees in action near a flower bed or a safe distance from a beehive. Encourage them to use magnifying glasses to study their behaviors and appreciate their intricate work. Let them share their observations and discoveries with the group.

**Wrap-Up:**

Celebrate children's hard work and learning with a "Honeybee Award" ceremony. Discuss how they can help protect bees and their vital role in the ecosystem. Encourage them to share their lapbooks with family and friends, spreading the buzz about these amazing creatures!

**Additional Tips:**

- Add interactive elements like pop-up bees, beehive doors, or flip-flopping flaps for a more engaging experience.
- Play bee-themed music or read aloud children's books about bees during the activities.
- Integrate cross-curricular learning by exploring bee-related math problems, science experiments, or art projects.
- Modify the complexity of activities and explanations based on the children's age and understanding.

