MISSOURI BUILDING BLOCK PICTURE BOOK AWARD

A Bear, a Bee, and a Honey Tree
By Daniel Bernstrom
Illustrated by Brandon James Scott

Related Books:
Polly Bee Makes Honey by Deborah Chancellor, illustrated by Julia Groves
Mine! By Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohmann
Bears are Best by Joan Holub, illustrated by Laurie Keller
Beehive by Jorey Hurley
Please Please the Bees by Gerald Kelley
Frank and Bert by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros
One Fox: A Counting Book Thriller by Kate Read
Bear and Bee: too busy by Sergio Ruzzier
Honey by David Ezra Stein
Duck, Duck, Moose by Mary Sullivan

Rhymes:
“Here is a Beehive”
Here is a beehive. Where are the bees?
Hidden away where nobody sees.
Soon they come creeping out of the hive
1-2-3-4-5! BUZZ!

Source: King County Library System: https://kcls.org/content/here-is-a-beehive/

“Bears Eat Honey”
A bear eats honey
He thinks it’s yummy
In his tummy
But the bees don’t think it’s funny!
Buzzzzzzzzzzzzz!

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“Five Bees” (flannel rhyme)
One little bee flew and flew.
He met a friend, and that made two.
Two little bees, busy as could be.
Along came another and that made three.
Three little bees wanted one more.
Found one soon and that made four.
Four little bees going to the hive.
Spied their little brother and that made five.
Five little bees working every hour.
Busy away, bees and find a flower.

“Little Brown Bear”
A little brown bear
Went in search of honey
Isn’t a funny? A bear looking for honey?
He sniffed at the breeze
And he listened for bees
And, would you believe it,
He even climbed trees!

Songs:
“Bear is Sleeping”
Bear is sleeping. Bear is sleeping.
Wake him up! Wake him up!
Come and say hello, bear. Come and say hello, bear.
Time to eat, time to eat.

“Dancing with Bears”
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3 Dancing with bears
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3 Dancing round chairs
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3 that’s what we’ll do
1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3 Dancing with you.
“Bumblebee (Buzz Buzz)” from *Buzz Buzz* by Laurie Berkner

**Activities:**

**Bee Dancing** - Bees communicate with each other through dancing! Choose an idea and encourage your students to express it through dancing. Choose an emotion, story, or activity to get them started.

**Coffee Filter Bumble Bee Craft** - Using a clothespin for the body, coffee filter for the wings, and a fuzzy stick for the antennae help your students craft a bee by painting black and yellow stripes on the clothespin and attaching googly eyes.

Source: Darcy and Brian: [https://www.darcyandbrian.com/coffee-filter-bumble-bee-craft/](https://www.darcyandbrian.com/coffee-filter-bumble-bee-craft/)

Little bear, little bear, are you hiding under there? - Using construction paper or felt cut out different shapes in various colors. Then create a bear small enough to fit under each of your shapes. Have your students close their eyes while you hide the bear under one of the shapes. Have your group pick a shape to look under and repeat the line “Little bear, little bear, are you hiding under there?” before each guess. Once you find the bear, have them close their eyes and hide the bear again!

Source: with kiddos @ the library blog: [https://fvrlcs.blogspot.com/](https://fvrlcs.blogspot.com/)