The ANTh and GRASSHOPPER

A Two Character Story

Once upon a time there was a small ant who knew it was time to plant her garden. The little ant worked the ground with her tiny little feet and planted some seeds in the warm, soft, soil. She covered the seeds. The sun and the rain helped the plants grow.

While the little ant was working so hard, the grasshopper was spending his days singing, playing and watching the ant work. The grasshopper jumped around and around singing his song.

“DANCE AND PLAY ALL DAY LONG, DANCE AND PLAY, THIS IS MY SONG,” said the little grasshopper.

He invited the ant to join him but the ant knew how much work needed to be done.

The ant told the grasshopper he should be thinking about doing some work because time was wasting. The grasshopper just laughed and said, “It is spring and time to dance and sing.”

“WORK, WORK ALL DAY LONG, WORK, WORK, WORK, WORK, THIS IS MY SONG,” said the little ant.

“DANCE AND PLAY ALL DAY LONG, DANCE AND PLAY ALL DAY LONG, DANCE AND PLAY, THIS IS MY SONG,” said the little grasshopper.

Ant again told the grasshopper he should be thinking about doing some work because time was wasting. Grasshopper told ant it was summer and he did not want to think about work. Summer was too much fun for

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The children clapped their hands.
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Oh what a day to play, the children clapped their hands.

We shared a day at the zoo!
We shared a day at the zoo!
Oh what a day to play, we shared a day at the zoo!

HOOOOORAY! HOOOOORAY!

EXTENSION ACTIVITY
1. Identify and name the animals in the zoo.
2. Act out the sounds and motions of the animals.
3. Add more animals to the song.

BOOK CONNECTIONS
Zoo! – 2007
Who Pooped in the Zoo? - -2007
Good Night Gorilla – 1996
Giraffes Can’t Dance 2001
Dear Zoo - 2007

VOCABULARY BOOST
zoo keeper, shared, play, trunk, leaves, stripes, jaw, trees

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On a brisk fall day the ant was busy working in her garden. She was pulling weeds and loosening the soil around her plants. The wind was blowing and a storm was coming. Grasshopper was fooling around and resting in the shade of the big tree. He said, “Ant you do not have to work so hard; come and join me in the shade.”

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said the little ant.

“DANCE AND PLAY ALL DAY LONG DANCE AND PLAY ALL DAY LONG, DANCE AND PLAY, THIS IS MY SONG”
said the little grasshopper.

Winter arrived and brought cold winds and icy rain. The grasshopper could only find little bits of grass and he shivered from the cold. Then it snowed and grasshopper could not find any grass to eat. He was so hungry and cold. He went to ant’s house and knocked on the door.

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The ant said, “Why aren’t you dancing and singing now? In the spring you made fun of me, in the summer you slept under the big shade tree and in the fall you spent your time dancing and singing in the fallen leaves while I worked in my garden.”

“You are right ant. I was foolish and should have been concerned about winter. I promise to help you next spring if you will just let me come in and stay with you.”

The ant invited the grasshopper in to share her warm house and to eat her food for the rest of the winter.

When spring came the following year, grasshopper was right beside the ant. He helped her work the ground and plant the seeds for the next winter. At the end of the day the grasshopper would dance and sing. He had learned an important lesson; it is always better to work and then play.

“WORK, WORK ALL DAY LONG, WORK, WORK ALL DAY LONG WORK, WORK, THIS IS MY SONG” said the little ant.

“WORK, THEN PLAY ALL DAY LONG, WORK, THEN PLAY ALL DAY LONG WORK, THEN PLAY, THIS IS MY SONG” said the little grasshopper.

It is always better to WORK and then PLAY!

EXTENSION ACTIVITY
1. Tell the story
2. Identify work and play
3. Invite children to sing the characters songs
4. Identify each season

BOOK CONNECTIONS
Hey Little Ant – 1998
The Ant Hill DIASTER – 2014
Are You a Grasshopper? – 2004
Grasshopper Green – 2001
The Three Grasshoppers - 2006

VOCABULARY BOOST
Ant, grasshopper, play, work,

WIGGLE WORM

Lyrics
Do you know the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm?
Do you know the wiggle worm?
Who lives under the ground?
Who has no eyes to see?

Do you know the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm?
Do you know the wiggle worm?
Who has two ends alike?
Who has no arm or legs.

Do you know the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm?
Do you know the wiggle worm?
Who breathes through his skin.
Who is segmented from tip to tip?

Do you know the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm?
Do you know the wiggle worm?
Who hibernates when it gets cold.
Who wiggles when it’s wet.

Do you know the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm, the wiggle worm?
Do you know the wiggle worm?
Who has some powerful poop.
Who helps the garden grow.

WIGGLE, WIGGLE, WIGGLE LITTLE WORM.

EXTENSION ACTIVITY
1. Invite children to draw and cut a worm from a paper plate and color.
2. Create a worm using pom, poms glued together and attach a skinny craft stick to each end to help it wiggle.
3. Talk and show the science and nature connections to worms who live under the ground.

BOOK CONNECTIONS
The Great Worm Escape – 2015
Wiggling Worms at Work – 2003
Diary of a Worm – 2003
Snail and Worm – 3 Stories about 2 Friends – 2016
IT – Squiggly Wiggly’s Surprise - 1980

VOCABULARY BOOST
worm, under the ground, alike, segmented, Poop,