

Insect Pets

Our choice for NUMBER ONE PET in America
Because they are affordable, not messy, and very very interesting.

A yard of nylon net cut into 4 inch squares is enough
To turn 81 plastic peanut butter jars into bug
collecting jars. All you need is 81 rubber bands to
keep the bugs in the bottles.

Personally my favorite even though they are not
actually insects is any of the 4000 species of Jumping
spider. They are brilliantly colored, and by most
reports non poisonous to humans...and they jump.
What could possibly be more entertaining to a child.



I do not know if there is a scientific basis but all my life I have found them on lilac bushes.
*Very young children should of course be kept away from all spiders, you never know what a
young child might be allergic too.* The question of course is how do you know if it is a
jumping spider. The answer is scare it with a leaf and if it jumps 20-70 times it's length it is
a jumping spider. If you are not sure leave the spider alone. One great excuse to get
interested in jumping spiders is that you have to learn about poisonous spiders too which is a
very good thing to know. Parents who don't care for spiders have millions of alternatives.
God's world is full of bugs.

Making your child a bug bottle. Our choice is plastic peanut butter jars. They don't
break and are easy to find. Place the square of nylon net on the top, secure with a rubber
band and suggest to your child that they NOT capture bees, wasps, spiders or millipedes
unless they know what they are doing.

Bug bottle rules: You can't keep it longer than overnight unless you find out what it is and
what it eats...unless it is an egg case or chrysalis and then you have to keep it in the garage
until it hatches. Rules for single mom's can be adjusted to fit personal tastes.

**The Bible Lesson is that bugs stimulate a child's curiosity...almost always... and so
should the Bible.** Asking a child questions about the Bible and God engages the most
active part of his brain and encourages thinking and seeking. The most solid loving
Christians I have met are those who have learned that God wants relationship. He is
ALWAYS ready to be found. The parents task is most often to encourage their children to
be seekers...wanting to find out for themselves if God is ready to be personal with them.

Hebrews 11:6 anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that he exists [and] that
he cares enough to respond to those who seek him.