**Maryland Honey Harvest Festival.**

Patuxent Research Refuge National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel, MD.

September 17, 2011.

**Honey & Bees in the Qur’an.**

"And your Lord taught the honey bee to build its cells in hills, on trees, and in (men's) habitations; Then to eat of all the produce (of the earth), and find with skill the spacious paths of its Lord: there issues from within their bodies a drink of varying colors, wherein is healing for men: verily in this is a Sign for those who give thought. **(Surah An-Nahl, 68-69)**

**Honey Bee in the Hadith.**

On the authority of Abdullah ibn ‘Amr, the Prophet said "By Allah in Whose hand is my soul, The believer is like a bee that eats what is wholesome and produces what is wholesome. And when it lands on a (small) branch, it doesn't break it."

Vocabulary

Honey Bee- An-Nahl

Honey- Asal

**Bee Crafts**

**Bug Antenna**

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-Supplies

-plastic headband (find inexpensive ones at dollar stores)

-2 chenille stems

-craft glue

-2 craft foam circles or pompom

-Art supplies such as markers and glitter

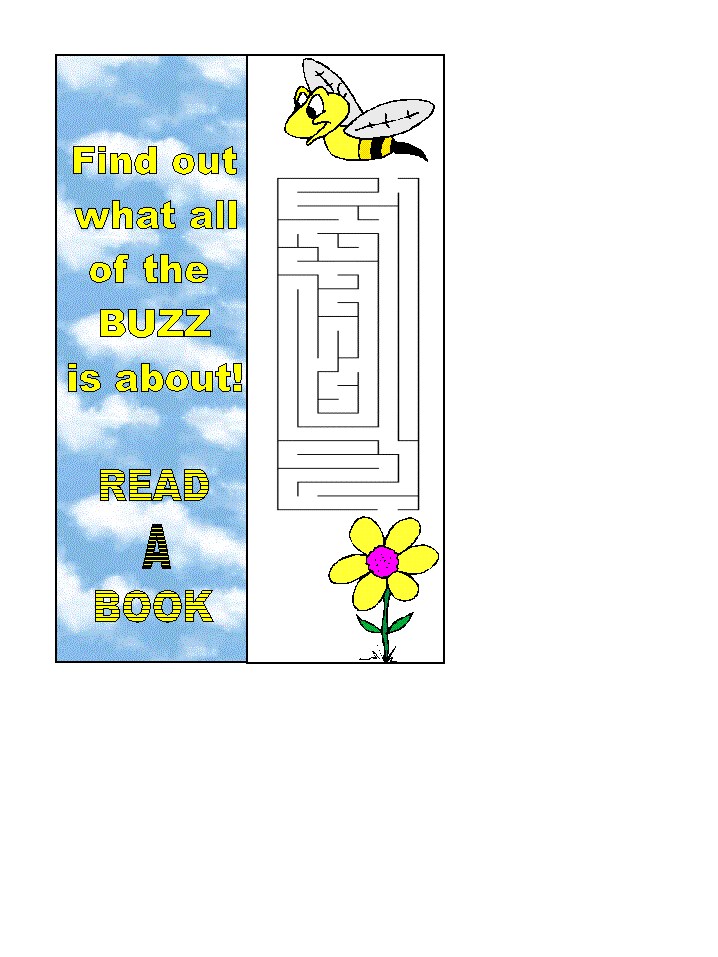
Directions:

-Let kids decorate two craft foam circles using markers, glitter and other art supplies.

-Glue the circles onto one end of each chenille stem.

-Wrap the other end of the chenille stem around the headband at the top. Leave approximately two inches between the chenille stems. If needed, add a dot of glue to hold the stems in place.

**-Bumblebee Maze bookmark (DTLK Kids).**

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Print these "home-made" bookmarks for a special reading companion.

To add that extra bit of motivation, print out a bookmark for your child, your friend or yourself as a reward for reading a certain number of stories. Even if you have a color printer, you may prefer the black and white version which the kids can color in themselves...

**Materials**

* paper
* printer
* scissors
* glue
* crayons or something else to color with (for b&w print version)
* Optional:
  + wool
  + clear contact paper

**Instructions**

* Click on the link of your choice (below) to print the template.  Color as appropriate.
* Cut the bookmark out (one big rectangle) and fold in half (left to right) along the center line.
* Glue so it stays folded together.
* Optional:  cover with clear contact paper so it lasts longer (you could also put a piece of cardboard in the center before gluing for a sturdier bookmark)
* Optional:  Poke a hole in the top of the bookmark and tie a string/wool through as a tassel.

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