Coffee Shop Storytime

Week 1

Belonging

Theme Story

The Very Lonely Firefly by Eric Carle

Secondary Story:

The Foot Book by Dr. Suess

Supplies:

- Books (listed above)
- Firefly stick puppets
- Four light sources (tiny flashlight, large flashlight, lamp, light stick, stuffed animal's eyes)
- Activity take home papers
- Parent take home papers

Welcome

Welcome all the children. Have them tell you their names as they arrive.

The Foot Book

Ask everyone to show you their feet.

Today, we are going to read a book about feet. This book has all kinds of feet in it. See if you can find your kind of feet in the book.

Read The Foot Book

Did you find your kind of feet in The Foot Book? On your feet, you have shoes. Raise your hand if you have sandals on your feet. Raise your hand if you have boots on your feet. Raise your hand if you have tennis shoes on your feet. Raise your hand if you have dress shoes on your feet. (Name any other types of shoes the children may have.) A**ll of you have shoes that belong to one of the groups. We are going to read another book about a firefly that did not belong to any group.**

The Very Lonely Firefly

Read The Very Lonely Firefly

The firefly was not lonely when he found his group. He belonged to the group of fireflies. We all belong to a group called a family. Do we belong to a bird family? Do we belong to a dog family? Do we belong to a shark family? Do we belong to a frog family? No, we belong to a people family.

Firefly Poem

Read the poem while holding the firefly puppet. Show the feelings and the motions as the poem is read.

I'm a little firefly
Look at me!
I'm as happy as can be.
See my light flicker and shine so bright
Now watch me as I fly into the night.

*The poem can also be sung to "I'm a Little Teapot."

Finger Play

Have the children hold up both hands and wiggle their fingers. Then, have them do the finger play with you.

Ten little fireflies (Hold up 10 fingers.)
Fly around at night (Move the fingers through the air)
Ten little fireflies (Hold up 10 fingers)
Flashing their lights (Wiggle fingers)

Ten little fireflies (Hold up 10 fingers.)
Look at me and wink (Wink with one eye and then the other.)
Ten little fireflies (Hold up 10 fingers.)
Blink Blink Blink (Open and close hands three times.)

Puppet Play

The story of The Very Lonely Firefly will be told using puppets and objects. Use whatever light sources are readily available whether in the story or not. We recommend not using the candle due to a flame being close to small children.

Hold up one firefly. **This firefly is lonely. Can he find where he belongs? Look, there is a light.** (Have someone hold up the light stick.) **Does he belong with that light?** (Fly him over to the light.) **No, he does not belong with this light. It is a light stick.**

(Have someone start blinking a small flashlight.) **Oh, here is another light. Does the firefly belong with this light?** (Fly him over to the light.) **No, this is a flashlight. He does not belong.**

(Have someone hold up a stuffed animal.) **What is that shining in the night?** (Fly the firefly over.) **It is only animal eyes shining. No, the firefly does not belong with it.**

(Have someone hold up the large flashlight.) **What is that big light?** (Fly the firefly over to the flashlight.) **It is a large flashlight. Does the firefly belong? No, he does not belong.**

(Have someone hold up the other three fireflies.) **What are those lights?** (Fly the firefly over to the other fireflies.) **What did the firefly find? Other fireflies! He is no longer lonely. He belongs with them.** (Have the fireflies dance about.)

Let me introduce you to the fireflies. (Show each firefly and comment on the type of firefly.) **Which firefly do you like the best? When I hold up the firefly, raise your hand if you like that one the best.** (Hold up each firefly and allow the children to vote.)

Take Home Activities

Hand out the activity papers and the parent papers.

Optional: Purchase light sticks or bracelets to hand out as a reminder of the firefly.

God Moments

God made each one of us. He is always with us.

Firefly Puppets

Instructions: Make four fireflies

Supplies:

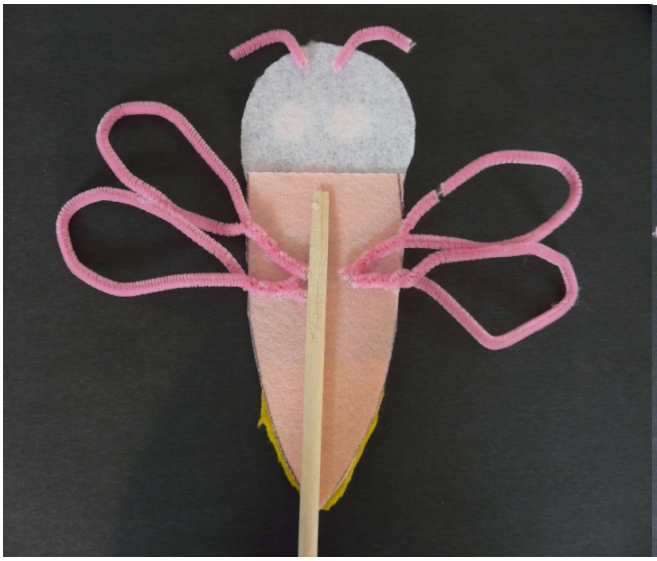
- Four dowel rods
- Large google eyes
- Different colors stiff felt
- Pipe cleaners
- Glue gun

For each firefly:

Cut out a circle from the felt with a 4” diameter. Cut out a body from felt approximately six inches long and 3 1/2” inches wide. Glue the circle (face) to the body. Cut circles from felt 1/4” larger than the eyes. Glue the eyes to the circles. For girls, cut a piece of black pipe cleaner and glue above each eye for eyelashes. Glue these to the face. Cut out a mouth from red felt.

For the light, trace the bottom part of the body onto yellow felt and cut out. Glue the tail on the body. Using pipe cleaners, make antennas and wings. Glue to the back of the firefly.

Add any embellishments. The fireflies in the picture include a princess, a ballerina, a black belt karate and a Minnesota Viking. Use your imagination and your particular region to make fireflies that children will recognize. Glue finished fireflies to the dowel rod.



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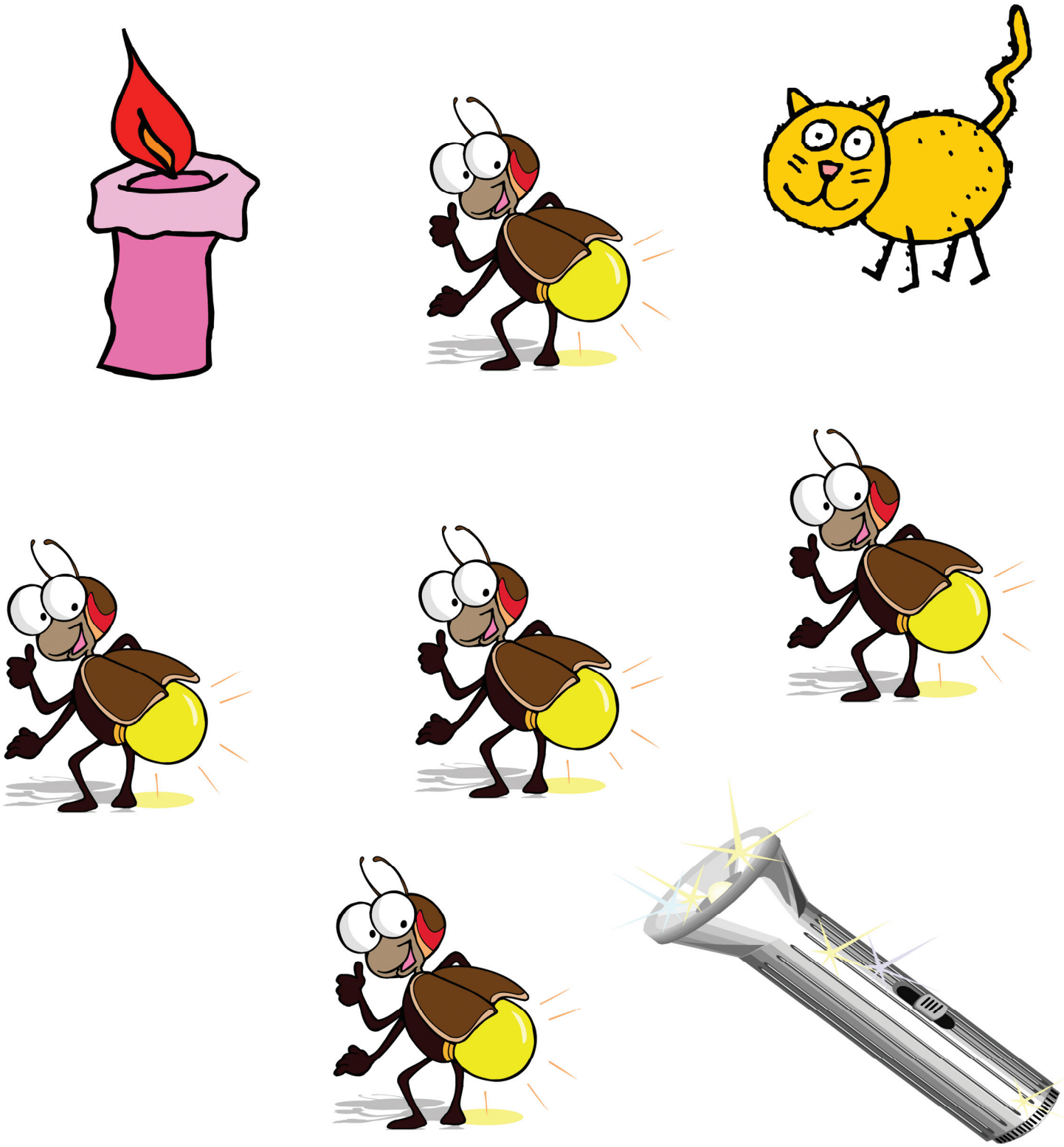

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