Did you know the honeybee is the state insect of Missouri?

SUPPLIES IN KIT:
- Yellow Paper
- White Paper
- Googly Eyes
- Fuzzy Sticks

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Hole punch (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS:
(Visit youtube.com/MCPLMO for video instructions)

1. Cut a large circle and a medium circle. The larger circle will be the body and the medium circle will be the head.
2. Cut two wing shapes with the white paper. Be creative!
3. Use markers to draw lines on the large circle. What color are bees? What color do you want to make them? Why might they be that color?
4. Use a hole punch or scissors to make two circles at the bottom of the large circle. This is where you will place your fingers.
5. Glue the medium circle to the top of the large circle and the wings to the back.
6. Place the googly eyes and draw a face. You can also use fuzzy sticks to make antennae.
7. Use your bee puppet to create a play of your own imagination.

WHAT OTHER PUPPETS CAN YOU MAKE?
Check out these books!

Take a trip outside and talk with your grownups about what you see out in nature. What insects? Birds? Flowers?

1. **The Pebble First Guide to Songbirds**  
   by Katy R. Kudela

2. **Flower Talk**  
   by Sara Levine

3. **Beehive**  
   by Jorey Hurley

4. **Honeybee**  
   by Candace Fleming

5. **I Am George Washington Carver**  
   by Brad Meltzer

6. **The Big Book of Bugs**  
   by Yuval Zommer

7. **If You Plant a Seed**  
   by Kadir Nelson

8. **Hiking Day**  
   by Anne F. Rockwell

9. **Over and Under the Pond**  
   by Kate Messner

10. **Water Is Water**  
    by Miranda Paul

The State Bird of Missouri is the Eastern bluebird. The State Flower is the hawthorn. Can you find out the State Tree? What about the State Animal? What more can you find out about our state?

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