

SCENE 1

Teacher's Copy



(The play opens with all of the cast singing "The Itsy Bitsy Spider" a cappella.) *lights come on*

The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the waterspout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
And the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again.

(As they are singing, one cast member playing the Itsy Bitsy Spider walks across the stage or pretends to climb a waterspout. He stumbles back as the rain washes him out. The wash-out happens out of view of the audience. He might stumble back with wet hair the first time. As the cast sings the song again, Itsy Bitsy Spider tries again, but he is again "washed out".)

The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the waterspout.
Down came the rain And washed the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
And the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again.

(The spider decides to take a rest.)

Itsy Bitsy Spider: I'm exhausted!
Little Miss Muffet: What is that creature on the waterspout?
Child 1: Leo Miss Muffet, that isn't hard to figure out.
Itsy Bitsy Spider: I think I'll have a seat right here beside her.
Child 2: Mahina You see, Miss Muffet, it's a little spider.
Little Miss Muffet: A spider! (*jumps and screams*) Ahhhh!
Child 3: Kayson And over there, there slithers a snake.
Child 4: Leela And the bats in the belfry will soon be awake.
Little Miss Muffet: Goodness! Next thing I know, you'll show me a worm!
Child 5: Sanders That's because this show is about ... what makes you SQUIRM!!
All: Ewwwwww!

SONG 1: Squirm!



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Song 1. Squirm! & Reprise

By John Jacobson and John Higgins

What are the things that make you squirm...
A snake, or a bat, or a mouse or a worm?
We have 'em all here, so we'd like to confirm
That today's the day, we're gonna make you SQUIRM!
We said today's the day, we're gonna make you SQUIRM!



Some things 'll seem like they're too gross!
You don't want to let them get anywhere close,
Any maybe you'd like just to say "Adios!"
But today's the day, we celebrate things GROSS!
Come on, today's the day, we sing a song about GROSS!

Squirm like a worm; wiggle 'til you giggle.
Something gross might be good for you...
Slimy and grimy, squiggles with a jiggle.
It might be good, but we still go EWWWW!

What are the things that make you squirm...
A snake, or a bat, or a mouse or a worm?
We have 'em all here, so we'd like to confirm
That today's the day, we're gonna make you SQUIRM!
We said today's the day, we're gonna make you SQUIRM!

- (spoken solos)
- #1. Your socks are wet! Kayson
 - #2. You forgot you had a test! Mahina
 - #3. There's gum on your shoe! Alex
 - #4. You're under arrest! Sophie
 - #5. Your buddy ate a worm! Sanders
 - #6. You have to give a speech! ~~Lee~~

(all sung) You've got a little itch that's just out of reach! Arrgh! (all)

What are the things that make you squirm...
A snake, or a bat, or a mouse or a worm?
We have 'em all here, so we'd like to confirm
That today's the day, we're gonna make you SQUIRM!
We said today's the day, we're gonna make you SQUIRM!
EWWWW!

lights out - everyone leaves except the worms



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SCENE 2

Worms move up to one line

Earthworm 1: (to the audience) I know what you're thinking.

Xander

I see it in your eyes.
We're used to it by now,
so it's no big surprise.



Earthworm 2:

Fernando

You're thinking, "My goodness, they look rather grimy!
Oh my, aren't they slippery, slithery and slimy."

Flatworm:

Leo

And you would be right with most of those terms.
You see, ladies and gentlemen, we are the worms!

Hookworm:

Sasha?

But before you faint or even say "Ew,"
Give us a chance. Let us all sing for you.

Bristle worm:

Emily

We do lots of good, believe it or not
So let us remind you, in case you
forgot.

SONG 2: Cool to be a Worm

WORMS!



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Squirm! - Dialog

Song 2. Cool to be a Worm

By John Jacobson and John Higgins

It's so cool! It's so cool to be a worm.
Pick me up, tickle me, and just watch me squirm.
I can wiggle way down low, but I think I'm a cut above.
A worm is a critter that ev'rybody can love.
A worm is a critter that ev'rybody can love.

I've got no eyes, and no legs, and no arms,
But it's all a part of my many charms.
If dirt in your garden is hard in the ground,
I'll just spend my days mixin' it 'round and around and around!

It's so cool! It's so cool to be a worm.
Pick me up, tickle me, and just watch me squirm.
I can wiggle way down low, but I think I'm a cut above.
A worm is a critter that ev'rybody can love.
A worm is a critter that ev'rybody can love.

I've got no nose, and no hint of a chin,
So it's good that I can breathe through my skin.
I always say bein' a worm is so great.
If I break in two, I just regenerate.

Worm 1: Let's kick it up a notch!
Worm 2: Hey, worms don't *kick*, remember?
Worm 1: Right ... OK, let's just sing it up a step!

It's so cool! It's so cool to be a worm.
Pick me up, tickle me, and just watch me squirm.
I can wiggle way down low, but I think I'm a cut above.
A worm is a critter that ev'rybody can love.
A worm is a critter that ev'rybody can love. AHH ...



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SCENE 3

Little Miss Muffet:

Okay! Okay! Worms are okay.
It's spiders that give me the creeps, anyway!



On, you can't get rid of them, but you can't
Spiders are the scariest things I've ever seen!

Some are big and some are small
As for me, I'm afraid of them all!

How can I get rid of them? Can somebody hide me?
Whenever a spider, spider, spider, comes down beside me!

Itsy :

You better keep moving. That's all I can say,
'Cause a web full of spiders is on their way!

(spiders enter)

SONG 3: A Spider Song



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Squirm! - Dialog

ong 3. A Spider Song

John Jacobson and John Higgins

Welcome to my web! I hope that you can stay.
Hang" around for a little while, and you will make my day!

Spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning,
We're spinning ev'ry day, and we're spinning ev'ry night!
Spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning,
We're working on a web 'til it comes out right!



Dancing on eight legs is better by far than two.
Watch as I do a little dance, and spin a web 'round you!

Spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning,
We're spinning ev'ry day, and we're spinning ev'ry night!
Spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning,
We're working on a web 'til it comes out right!

(rap)

The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the waterspout.
Down came the rain and washed the spider out!
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain.
And the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again!

Speaker 1: Oh, no!

Speaker 2: Looks like he'll never make it!

Spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning,
We're spinning ev'ry day, and we're spinning ev'ry night!
Spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning,
We're finishing the web, and it looks JUST RIGHT!
Yeah!

lights out - everyone leave except spiders & Muffet



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CENE 4

Muffet :

Wow! That's the most beautiful spider web I've ever seen.
For being spiders, you're remarkably clean.

~~These spiders can do a lot of good.~~
~~It's good to have us in your neighborhood.~~

Daddy Longlegs:

We eat lots of bugs in order to grow.
I'm a Daddy Longlegs, so I ought to know.

Alex



~~Boo hoo hoo! Oh Boo hoo hoo!~~

~~What's this monkey with it?~~

~~It's not a monkey!~~

~~It's a Spider!~~

~~It's a Spider!~~

~~It's a Spider! Can't you tell?~~

(A brown spider runs across the stage.)

Evelyn

This is Brown Recluse. She is very shy but wants to say hi.

Daddy Longlegs:

Alex



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Squirm! - Dialog

Garden Spider:

Ari

You see, we spiders are really quite handy.
Nasty bugs to us are like cotton candy.

Muffet :

Well, I guess you spiders might as well stay.
I just hope a snake doesn't come our way.



Black Widow :

Avery m

Ew! No kidding! Squirmy snakes are the worst.
If one comes this way, you'll see me run first!

(The snake enters. This creature is made up of a group of kids, each holding the waist of the person in front of them and slithering onto the stage in an undulating line. The head of the snake talks with lots of "S". The last in the line could shake a maraca like a rattle.)

Snakes enter

All:

SSSSSSSSSS!

All Spiders :

Ahh! A snake! Run for your lives.

Snake:

Elliot

Don't be sssssilly. I wouldn't hurt you.
I'm a friendly ssssssnake and a good friend to you.

Child 16 :

Alex

A friend? I don't think so. You sneak all around.
You're up in a tree or low on the ground.

Avery → Snake : Through the grass I slither and slide.

Jozef → Snake : In a stump I like to hide.

Leela → Snake : If I'm mad . I'm ready for battle

JoJo → Snake : You see my tail is made up of a rattle.

(The "tail" shakes the maraca.)

Snake:

Sophia

It's true! It's true! It's what ssssssnakes do.
But we do a lot of good, sssssssso let me ssssssing it to you.

SONG 4: A Snake in the Grass

Song 4. A Snake in the Grass

By John Jacobson and John Higgins

A snake in the grass...sss can be sensational,
Inspirational, even educational.
And if you come by me, stand back and let me pass...sss.
There are many things taller, but no better crawler
Than thee sensational sss...snake in the grass...sss.

So don't run. We'll have some fun.
A snake can be friends with almost anyone.
We all have a place in the sun.
If we can be friends, the fun has just begun.

A snake in the grass...sss can be mysterious...sss,
Oh, so serious...sss, even "Will Shakespearious...sss."
Look down and you will see;
We're low, but we're not crass...sss.
Call us "one in a million, truly reptilian,"
Thee sensational sss...snake in the grass...sss,
Thee sensational sss...snake in the grass...sss.
SSS.



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SCENE 5

Muffet:

So, I guess, snakes are good, cause they eat mice and rats.
But look out, everybody! Here come the bats!

Bats enter and snakes leave

(All the bats enter, flapping their wings and darting around.)

(Suddenly the bats stop.)

Bat 1: *Kayson* Whoa! Who turned on the lights?
Don't you know I only work nights?

~~When the sun comes up, I sleep in the gutter,
or sometimes behind your window shutters.~~

~~Bats like us can really go far,
Especially when we use our best sonar!~~



Bat 4: *Sophie* Look guys, I'm starving, and losing my power.
I've got to eat, like, 300 bugs an hour!

Bat 5: *Mahina* Yeah, let's get flying. It's almost morning.
The sun will come up without any warning.

Bat 6: *Taylor* We make people squirm but a bat's a good thing.

Bat 7: *Sanders* Especially a bat who is willing to sing.

All Bats: Sing?

Bat 7: *Sanders* It's a musical, remember?

All Bats: *(ad libs)* Oh yeah. That's right, etc.

Bat 7: *Sanders* Hit it, Maestro!

SONG 5: Give a Bat a Call



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Song 5. Give a Bat a Call

By John Jacobson and John Higgins

Bats are so beautiful, we're even colorful ...
Black or grey or red or brown.
And bats are a lot like any old animal,
'Cept we choose to snooze upside down!

Bats have a built-in mosquito detector.
We eat up your bugs, but we don't gain weight!
When feeding on seeds and when slurping up nectar,
We're lookin' for more plants to pollinate!

Bats! Bats! Put out the call!
The bat is a friend to us all.
Bats! Bats! No time for long chats,
But if you need a friend, give a bat a call!
Yes, if you need a friend, give a bat a call!

(jokes)

Bat 1: (*calls out*) Okay! Batter up!

Bat 2: Batter up??

Bat 1: Yeah, we're bats! ... BAT-ter up ... Get it?

(*Bat 2 just shrugs*)

Bat 1: (*very disappointed*) . . . Whatever!

Bat 3 (girl): Hey Buster Bat, what's the first thing that bats learn in school?

Bat 4 (boy): Okay, Beulah Bat, what IS the first thing that bats learn in school?

Bat 3: The Alpha-BAT!!

(*all sing*)

A bat is a mammal, the same as a camel.

But bats are still diff'rent, we testify!

A bat-'ll grow hair like a new little lamb-'ll,

But a camel 'r lamb-'ll never ever FLY!

Bats! Bats! Put out the call!
The bat is a friend to us all.
Bats! Bats! No time for long chats,
But if you need a friend, give a bat a call!
Yes, if you need a friend, give a bat a call!



lights out - everyone goes to their squirm starting place



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SCENE 6

Child 19: So things that make us squirm are sometimes good.
I'm glad there are bats in my neighborhood.

Xander

Child 20: Snakes and spiders, worms and bats,
We need them all! Now, how about that?

Sophie

Little Miss Muffet: Next time I take a rest here on my tuffett,
I'll say, "Come little spider, sit with Miss Muffet!"

Itsy: Thank you, Ma'am. That's very nice of you.
But I've got something I've got to do.



Child 21: ^{she's} Fernando Look! ~~He's~~ going to try again.

Sophia: Go Itsy! Go Itsy!

(The Itsy Bitsy Spider enters wearing a raincoat, boots, carrying an umbrella, a football helmet, etc.)

All: (sigh, then sing without much enthusiasm) The itsy bitsy spider
climbed up the waterspout.
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out.

Child 22: ^{she's} Taylor Look! I think ~~he's~~ going to make it this time!

Child 23: ^{she's} Avery M. Come on, Itsy. You can do it!

Emily - We believe in you.

Child 24: Avery C. He did! He did! He made it to the top!

All: (ad lib) Hooray!!

Child 25: JoJo Things that make us squirm can be okay!

Child 26: Elliot So let's wiggle and giggle and squirm all day!!

REPRISE: Squirm!



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