

# The Honeybee Man

## A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

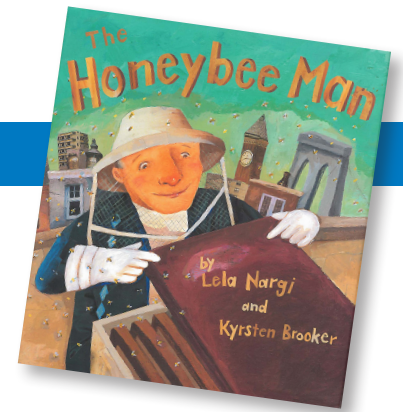
**Themes:** Pollination, Life Cycles, Habitats

**Book Brief:** Fred keeps honeybee hives on the roof of his brownstone. From his rooftop, Fred can see all the places his bees go. At harvest time, he gives jars of honey to all his neighbors so they, too,

can enjoy the sweet taste of their neighborhood.

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## TIME TO READ!

**Before reading:** Ask children what they know about honeybees. Tell them that people who take care of bees are called beekeepers. What makes this story interesting is that Fred, the beekeeper, lives in the city, an unusual place to keep bees.

## RELATED ACTIVITIES

### BEE-UTIFUL FLOWERS! (AGES 7-12)

Materials: 8" squares of colored tissue paper, pipe cleaners

Take five sheets of tissue paper squares and layer them. Fold squares like an accordion so it looks like a thin rectangle. At the center of the rectangle, cut a small v-shaped notch on both sides. Take the end of a pipe cleaner and twist it around the notch. With the stem pointing straight down, gently pull up one layer of tissue into the center. Pull up the other layers, one by one. Repeat for the other side of the flower.

### DANCE OF THE HONEYBEE (AGES 5-12)

Honeybees do a special dance to show their fellow workers where to find the honey. Have children watch a short video on this at [video.pbs.org/video/2300846183](http://video.pbs.org/video/2300846183). Next, divide children into different groups. Give one child



in each group a picture of an object in the room. By moving like a honeybee, that child should give clues to the rest of the group about the location of the object.

### BUSY BEE BANANA POPS (AGES 5-12)

Ingredients per child:  
1/2 banana, 1 popsicle stick, 1 tbsp. honey, 1 graham cracker, 2 paper plates, 1 spoon

Insert popsicle stick into one end of banana half. Set on plate. Crumble graham cracker into pieces and crush into crumbs on other plate. Drizzle 1 tbsp. honey over banana. Hold over the empty plate to catch drips. Smooth out honey with the back of the spoon. Once coated, roll banana in the graham cracker crumbs. Eat and enjoy!



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### OTHER BOOKS ABOUT BEES

**The Beeman**, Laurie Krebs (2009), **The Best Beekeeper of Lalibela: A Tale from Africa**, Cristina Kessler (2006), **What if There Were no Bees?**, Suzanne Slade (2010).

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