







June | Nature Explorers: Curiosity & the World Around Us

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You will discover ways to play and learn with children using hands-on activities and free digital content featuring their favorite PBS KIDS characters.



Topic	Select	Talk	Explore	Play	More ways to play and learn	For Grown-ups
Collection Quest 	Watch Carl the Collector in The Butterfly Collection episode to explore how Carl feels as his caterpillars become butterflies.	Talk with your child about how Carl's caterpillars changed to butterflies and the big decisions he had to make.	Go on a nature walk and collect interesting items like leaves or rocks.	Borrow one of Carl's jars here to sort the collected items by color, shape, or size.	Game: Carl the Collector Games Printable Activity: Which Swallowtail Will You Create?	Recipe: Carl's Butterfly Snacks Video: Connecting with Carl: Understanding Neurodivergence
Wander in the Wild 	Join Elinor on her exciting adventures and see what she discovers in Elinor Wonders Why!	Ask your child what Elinor wondered about and if they've ever had similar questions about nature and the outdoors.	Go outside and observe bugs, birds, or plants. Ask questions and record your child's observations.	Use a magnifying glass or make pretend binoculars to act like scientists on a discovery walk.	Game: Nature Sights & Sounds Printable Activity: Let's Observe Place Mat	Article: Welcoming Wonder (And Endless Questions!) With Kids Classroom resource: Wonder Wall
World of Water 	Take an adventure with Nature Cat and explore the wonders of water and natural habitats.	Talk together about how water moves and changes. Ask what animals live in or near water and why they might choose those places.	Try simple experiments with floating and sinking using cups, toys, and other household items.	Build a toy boat from recycled materials and float it in a sink, tub, or pool.	Printable Activity: Craft a Nature Sailboat	Activity List: Learn and Play with Water at Home Teaching Strategies: Explore Water
Bug Bonanza 	Join the Wild Kratts as they explore the amazing world of insects.	Ask what kind of bugs your child noticed. How do they help the environment?	Go on a bug hunt in your backyard or a park. Look under rocks, near trees, or in the grass.	Pretend to be different insects and act out how they move or sound.	Game: Wild Kratts Games Printable Activity: Flatt Kratt	Activity List: Ways to Nurture Your Young Wild Kratt Lesson Plan: Bugs Discovery Science



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