

# Honey Bees



## Group Effort!

A colony of bees swarm their hive.

## Clean Freak

Bees use the *combs* on their legs to brush pollen off of their bodies and into the *pollen basket*.



**D**o you know someone who's a *busy bee*, a person who is always busy doing something? The expression busy bee comes from the fact that honey bees are always working. In fact, they are some of the busiest and most productive workers in nature!

Think about this: to make one pound of honey, the bees from one hive have to visit two million flowers and fly over 55,000 miles—something that would take approximately 768 bees their entire lifetime to accomplish. That means that a single honey bee has to visit 50–100 flowers every time it flies out of the hive. At each flower, the bee collects pollen and stores it in the special *pollen basket* behind its back legs. Then, when it gets back to the hive, the bee empties the pollen into a honeycomb, where it's turned into honey.

## May 20th is World Bee Day!

You can help bees by providing a pollinator habitat by not mowing in May.

In addition to being hard workers, bees can also solve math problems! A bee doesn't just fly out of the hive and randomly go from flower to flower. No! Bees have an internal GPS and can figure out the shortest distance between flowers so they don't waste any time flying around. With a life span of only six short weeks, their goal is to make as much honey as possible while they can.

## Help A Bee Out

Navigate the bee from the center of the hive to the outside.



## Bible Lesson



God has given us a wonderful gift called . . . time. We only have a certain amount of time on this earth, and we need to spend it using our talents to share Jesus with others. Don't get distracted by the world and all the things the devil uses to take our minds away from our real goal . . . being a "busy bee" for Jesus.

**"Making the best use of the time,  
because the days are evil. Therefore do not  
be foolish, but understand what the will of the  
Lord is."**

*Ephesians 5:16-17 (ESV)*