Things to do together

- Engage your child in a conversation about the differences between spiders (arachnids) and insects.
- Look for spiders in the house or yard and examine them together. Use a magnifying glass if possible. Try to add descriptive words to your child's observations. Highlight the many positive aspects of spiders in our world (keeping the fly population at bay!)
- Write or type one of the spider rhymes on a large piece of paper and encourage your child to illustrate it.
- Sing the "Itsy Bitsy Spider" but change the words to "Great, big, giant spider" and "teeny -weeny spider" etc. Change your voice to fit the size of the spider.

Rhymes And Fingerplays

Spider
There's a spider on the wall
If he's careful he won't fall
He moves slowly down the wall
I can watch him crawl and crawl
I wonder if he minds my stare
Or does he know and just not care?

Itsy Bitsy Spider
The itsy bitsy spider
Went up the water spout
Down came the rain
And washed the spider out
Out came the sun
And dried up all the rain
And the itsy bitsy spider
Went up the spout again.

Cobweb Ride
Little spider likes to climb
Up a flower hill
Up and up and up he goes
Up and up until
He stands upon the very top
Then quickly down he slides
I think it must be lots of fun
To go on cobweb rides.

Little Miss Muffet
Little Miss Muffet
Sat on a tuffet
Eating her curds and whey
Along came a spider
And sat down beside her
And frightened Miss Muffet away!

There's A Spider On the Floor
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor.
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor.
Who could ask for any more
Than a spider on the floor?
There's a spider on the floor, on the floor.
There's a spider on my leg, on my leg.
There's a spider on my leg, on my leg.
Oh it's really, really big
This old spider on my leg.
There's a spider on my leg, on my leg.
There's a spider's on my stomach, on my stomach.
There's a spider's on my stomach, on my stomach.
Oh he's just a dumb old lummock
This old spider on my stomach.
There's a spider's on my stomach, on my stomach.
Now the spider's on my head, on my head.
Now the spider's on my head, on my head.
Oh I wish that I were dead,
I've got a spider on my head!
Now the spider's on my head, on my head.
And he jumps off! .... Whew!

Other Resources
All Pupa’ed Out (Children's DVD)