



Story development suggestions

This activity can either be held in your classroom or in your school garden.

What props can I prepare for the story ?

1. Character Puppets or Plush Toys

- **Lily the Ladybird:** A red ladybird puppet or plush toy with black spots.
- **Buzz the Bee:** A yellow and black bee puppet or toy.
- **Spinny the Spider:** A small brown spider puppet or soft toy with delicate legs.
- **Sylvia the Sardinian Warbler:** A plush bird with dark grey plumage, a white throat, and red eyes.

2. Insect and Animal Figures

- Small plastic figures of ladybirds, bees, spiders, and birds.
- These figures can be placed around the classroom or garden to represent the characters' roles in nature.

3. Garden Scene Setup

- **Paper Flowers and Plants:** Use paper or fabric flowers and plants that the children can help "plant" and "pollinate," mimicking what Buzz the Bee does.
- **Leaf Cutouts:** Provide cutouts of green leaves where Lily the Ladybird can sit or pretend to eat tiny bugs.
- **Branches and Twigs:** Use small branches or twigs to represent the fallen branch that traps the characters in the story. You can use lightweight foam or paper cutouts for safety

4. Web Spinning Activity

- **Yarn or String:** Provide a ball of yarn or string for kids to spin a "web" like Spinny the Spider. Teachers can help children weave a web between two chairs or objects in the room.
- **Paper Bugs:** Have paper bugs that children can catch in the "web" to simulate Spinny catching insects.



5. Sunlight Reflection

- **Reflective Cloth or Sequins:** Use reflective fabric or small sequins to represent the sunlight shining off Lily the Ladybird's coat, signaling to other ladybirds for help.

6. Sound Effects and Instruments

- **Bee Buzzing:** Provide small rattles, tambourines, or kazoo-like instruments that children can use to imitate the buzzing sound of bees when they're flying around.
- **Birdsong:** Use small musical instruments, such as a flute or wind chime, to represent Sylvia's beautiful singing.

You can also opt to play audio from Youtube

- Sardinian Warbler call: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtlDZ0cugCk>
- Spanish Sparrow call: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnoLOztfp3s>
- Bee sound: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-d3ABrrlkl5>

7. Themed Mats or Posters

- **Garden Floor Mat:** Create a garden-themed floor mat with flowers, plants, and small creatures printed on it. This could be the "stage" for the story as the characters move through the garden.
- **Background Posters:** Use posters of a sunny garden with flowers, trees, and insects to set the scene in the classroom.



8. Activity Ideas & extended activities

- **Colouring Pages:** Provide colouring pages – face masks templates from the Resource File of Lily, Buzz, Spinny, Sylvia.
- **Puzzles:** Create simple puzzles where children match insects to their roles in the garden (e.g., ladybird to eating bugs, bee to pollination).
- **Gardening Kits:** Small toy gardening tools or kits where children can pretend to care for the garden.

9. Costumes

- **Simple Capes and Hats:** Provide small capes in red for Lily, yellow/black stripes for Buzz, brown for Spinny, and grey/white for Sylvia. Children can wear these while acting out the story.
- **Bug Headbands:** Make insect headbands with antennae for the ladybird, bee, and spider, and a small bird-like crown for Sylvia.