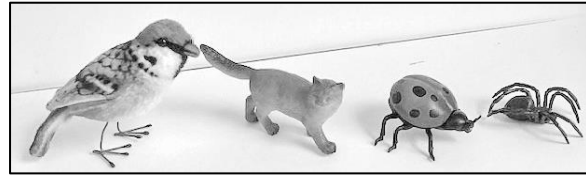




2, 4, 6, 8
WHO DO WE
APPRECIATE?



Characters: Teddy

Bird

Cat

Ladybug

Spider

Setting: outdoors

Teddy meets Bird, Rabbit, Spider and Ladybug outside.

Teddy (*cheers*): Two, four, six, eight. Who do we appreciate?

Bird: Two.

Cat: Four.

Ladybug: Six.

Spider: Eight.

Teddy (*cheers*): Two legs, two legs, two legs, two. We appreciate two-legged birds like you. Two legs, two legs, two legs, rah, rah, rah!

Bird: Thank you, thank you, thank you, too!

Teddy (*cheers*): Four legs, four legs, four legs, four. We appreciate four-legged rabbits more. Four legs, four legs, four legs, rah, rah, rah!

Cat: I thank you for that, rah, rah, too!

Teddy (*cheers*): Six legs, six legs. Six legs, six. We appreciate six-legged ladybug insects. Six legs, six legs. six legs, rah, rah, rah!

Ladybug: Thank you, Teddy, I thank you!

Teddy (*cheers*): Eight legs, eight legs, eight legs, eight. Eight-legged spiders we appreciate. Eight legs, eight legs, eight legs, rah, rah, rah!

Spider: Teddy, many thanks to you.

Teddy: It's sunny today. Let's have a contest.

Spider: I have eight legs, so I will win.

Ladybug: I have six legs and two wings, so I will win.

Cat: I have four legs and a tail, so I will win.

Bird: I have two legs, two wings and a tail, so I will win.

Teddy: Here's the contest. It's sunny, so find your shadow. Show me your shadow. Show me all your shadow legs.

Spider: I'm good at making webs, but not at finding shadow legs.

Ladybug: I'm good at flying in my spotted, red coat, but not at finding shadow legs.

Cat: I'm good at running and pouncing, but not at finding shadow legs.

Bird: I'm good at flying and getting around, but not at finding shadow legs.

Teddy: So we cannot have a shadow contest. You each have an excuse why you can't find your shadow. I wonder if you are afraid of your shadow. (*Teddy moves to a sunny spot*) I have four legs and two good eyes for observing and I CAN find my shadow legs. Look!

Spider: I can see your four shadow legs, Teddy. (*moves to a sunny spot*) Look at my shadow. There are my eight legs.

Ladybug: I can see your shadow legs, Teddy. (*moves to a sunny spot*) Look at my shadow! I have six shadow legs now.

Cat: I can see your shadow legs, Teddy. (*moves to a sunny spot*) Look at my four shadow legs!

Bird: I can see your shadow legs, Teddy. (*moves to a sunny spot*) Look at my shadow. I have two shadow legs.

Teddy: You are all the best! You all won the shadow contest! In the sun, the shadows come. Two, four, six, eight! Who do we appreciate? Two-legged Bird, four-legged Cat, six-legged Ladybug, eight-legged Spider! Rah, rah rah!

Spider, Ladybug, Cat, Bird: Two, four, six, eight! Who do we appreciate? Teddy, Teddy, rah, rah, rah!



Can I do something that seems hard at first? Is it better to give up or try? Is a shadow the darker side of me? Does a shadow represent experiences or behavior I want to forget or ignore?

Name _____

Date _____

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Directions: Answer the questions about this fable-play.

1. Who are the characters? _____

2. What is the setting? _____

3. What are the rhyming words for two, four, six, eight? _____

4. What contest does Teddy propose? _____

5. What is each animal good at? _____

6. What can't they do? _____

7. What helps them see their shadow legs? _____

8. Writing. Text-to-self. Have you had a similar experience?

9. Writing. Stop and Think! Can I do something that seems hard at first? Is it better to give up or try? Is a shadow the darker side of me? Does a shadow represent experiences or behavior I want to forget or ignore? _____

