

Exploring Roly-Polies

Jessica: Yesterday during small group time, we went outside to look for the roly-polies, remember?

Children: Yeah.

Jessica: Where did we go find the roly-polies?

Girl: In the grass, because they like to live where it's so wet.

Jessica: The roly-polies live in the dark, wet, moist areas. How do you know that?

Girl No. 2: Because they live under the dirt.

Jessica: Because it lives under the dirt. Yes, and under — and where it's dark. Today, we're gonna observe our roly-polies. We're gonna use our senses to find something out. We may use our eyes to look at the roly-polies, or we need to touch them to find out what it feels like. Oh, here's one. That's a real roly-poly.

[Children talking indistinctly]

I'm gonna pass them out, yes.

Girl: There's a lot of them. It tickles.

Jessica: Does it tickle when you touch it?

Girl: Yeah.

[Laughter]

Jessica: So, when you pick it up, it tickles?

[Girl talks indistinctly]

Oh, it does tickle. You're right.

Girl No. 3: A baby one! A baby!

Jessica: How do you know that that's the baby one?

Girl No. 3: It's white.

Jessica: It's white. Remember when we talked about during small group time that the roly-polies that are born are white and clear?

Girl No. 4: I dropped it.

Jessica: Are you using your magnifying glass to look at the roly-polies?

Girl No. 5: A worm!

Jessica: Oh! Sometimes we might find some worms inside the — the soil. Does the worm look like the roly-poly?

Girl No. 5: No.

Jessica: No? What does that worm look like?

Girl No. 5: Wiggly.

Jessica: It wiggles. Yours is crawling up your hand.