

# In the Field with Bees

## and How to Safely Watch Them

### You can learn a lot about bees by watching them!

A great way to start is to find a patch of blooming flowers. Then, take a few minutes to watch the flowers to see if any bees appear. If they do, observe what they are doing and:

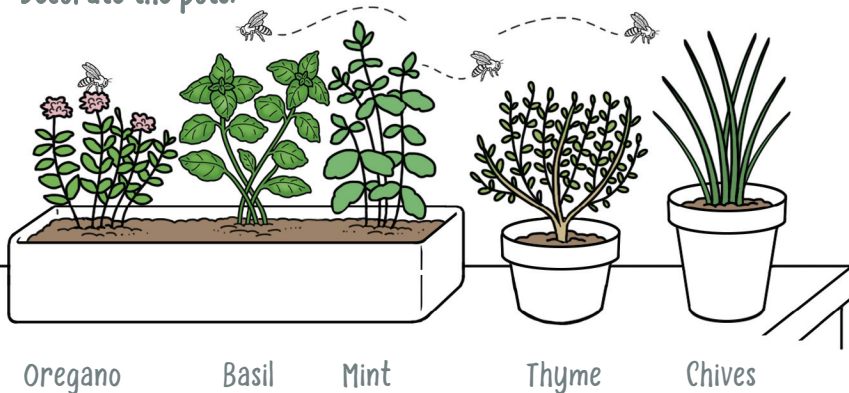
### Follow these tips to keep you and the bees safe!

- ✓ Move slowly and watch what's going on around you so you avoid crushing or stepping on the bees.
- ✓ Do not pick bees up! If one lands on you, wait for it to leave on its own or gently brush it away.
- ✓ Do not run away from bees or swat them.
- ✓ Stay at least 10 feet away from bees if you see them coming in and out of a hole in the ground, a hole in a tree or a hole in a building.



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Decorate the pots!



You can harvest the leaves of an herb for a longer period of time if you cut the older, outermost leaves and not the leaves in the center of the plant. Once the flowers bloom, less leaves grow and the plant will go to seed. You can also pinch off flowers to prolong the harvest.



**Hi! Welcome back!** Thanks for helping with our math last week. The food truck is closed today, but I'd 19 like to share a story about Jocelyn and bees! 28

Yesterday we went to the farmers' market. So many bees were flying around! Jocelyn got super scared 45 when some of them swarmed around her. She started trying to swat them and shouted, "I don't like bees!" 64 My friend Eli and I told her not to do that. We told her that bees usually don't sting unless they think 86 they're in danger. She didn't believe us. A few minutes later, we saw her teacher, Mrs. Moran, buying 104 flowers. Mrs. Moran backed us up. "Jocelyn," she said, "because of bees we have beautiful flowers to enjoy, 122 and all kinds of tasty fruits to eat, like peaches and berries. Bees also give us honey. I use honey in my 144 cooking." She even told Jocelyn that without bees, we wouldn't have pumpkins. Last school year, everybody 160 in Jocelyn's class got a pumpkin. They pulled the seeds out, counted them, and then roasted them to eat. 179 Plus, I read to Jocelyn some pages in my favorite bee book about being scared of bees. They said what to 200 do so you won't get stung! 206

Jocelyn REALLY likes peaches and berries and honey and pumpkins! So now she has become a big fan of 225 bees. In fact, now she loves bees so much, she's been coloring in pictures of them from my favorite bee 245 book, and looking for them all over. You can color the pictures in your book, too, and just like Jocelyn, 265 you can see how many different kinds of bees you can find. Now Jocelyn is trying to get Mom and Dad 286 to start our own beehive so the bees can pollinate our garden and she can harvest their honey. 304

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