

Storytelling Cards: The Spiders Web

CHARACTERS: Pregnant Savannah Spider, Felipe the Fly

SETTING: A potted Lantana plant

MAIN IDEA: Introducing the development of a web and its purpose

BEGINNING: Pregnant Savannah spider is in search of a lovely place for her babies to be born. She finds a bushy Lantana to build her shiny, sticky web across. Savannah uses her spinnerets to create wonderful, circular patterns on the stems of the Lantana plant, gracefully swinging on her silk threads from one stem to the next.

MIDDLE: As Savannah Spider stretches her final silk threads across the Lantana she spots Felipe the Fly. Spiders make webs to help keep them safe from predators, the things that eat them, like birds or lizards. Amazingly though, a spiders web helps it to catch its prey, the food it eats, like Felipe the Fly!

END: Savannah waits very patiently as Felipe the Fly darts around the Lantana. Her hope is that he lands on her sticky web, gets caught, and she can feed her babies. After a few moments, Felipe can't help but take a rest and lands in Scarlett's web getting his legs stuck. Savannah Spider slowly and carefully makes her way to Felipe and prepares her meal so she can eat.



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web



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Lantana



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fly



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