

## Itsy Bitsy May I? (variation of Mother May I?)

### What You Need:

- A team of kids
- A large open area to play in like the backyard

### What You Do:

1. For the first game you will be Itsy Bitsy to model the example. Itsy Bitsy will be the spider. You should stand on the opposite side of the yard. Itsy Bitsy stays still until they reply no to a request.

2. Choose a base location that is opposite of Itsy Bitsy and on a flat surface. This is the starting location for the players and a base to run to in order to be “safe”.

3. Itsy Bitsy will say phrases like, “jump six times towards me”. All players ask “Itsy Bitsy may I?” If Itsy Bitsy says “yes” the children move forward.

4. Itsy Bitsy continues to give commands like: run in place, skip, hop, gallop forward or slide. As they get closer and Itsy Bitsy replies “no” that will be the signal for children to run back to “safe base” before Itsy Bitsy tags them and they sit out until next game starts.