

# Helping Folks “Catch the Buzz”

## The Gathering Pollen Bucket Game

Honeybees (and bumblebees) store pollen in “baskets” on their hind legs and fly home to put away their groceries.



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Adult bees do not eat the pollen. Instead, they mix it with nectar before storing it in the honeycomb. This mixture is called “bee bread” and is used to feed baby bees in the larval stage. Because pollen comes in so many colors, so does bee bread.

The basic game requires two 5-gallon buckets and a bunch of “dead” tennis balls. Send students out to gather pollen from the flower, then return and put it in the honeycomb. This game is also great when paired with the Waggle Dance Mat.

