



# Lesson #16 – Not So Spooky STEM



## Video

**Watch:** [Halloween Party](#)



## Activity



### Baby Bat Matching Game

#### Materials:

- Strong Smelling Objects
- 2 cups for each smelling object
- Blindfold (optional)

Did you know that mother bats find their babies by using a combination of special sounds *and* by recognizing their baby's unique scent? Have your child test his "mama bat sense" by creating a scent-matching game.

- Find three or four objects with strong smells, such as pickles, your child's shampoo, orange peel, bananas, or coffee grounds.
- For each smell, place small amounts in two separate cups or jars (two of pickles, two of shampoo, etc.) Place the jars in two rows. Have your child close his eyes or blindfold and try to match up "baby" and "mama."

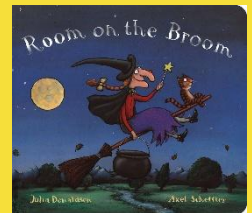
## Caregiver Tips

Teaching kids about bats can be both fun and educational. Explain that bats are the only mammals that can truly fly and that most eat insects, fruit, or nectar—not blood. Highlight their role in controlling pests and pollinating plants. Clear up misconceptions and share fascinating facts, like echolocation—bats use sound like a flashlight,

## Book

**Read:** *Room on the Broom*

**Author:** Julia Donaldson



## Play:



## Game

\*Download the **PBS KIDS Games App** to play offline.

## Extended Activities

**Play and create with ghost painting.** Spray "ghost paint" – foamy shaving cream – onto a plate. Using a paintbrush (or little fingers), create spooky pictures on a window or a large piece of black paper.