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Firefly Families: The Secret of Lightning Bug Life

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Fireflies use light signals because they are easy to see in the dark and help them find mates over long distances.
2. Without parental care, firefly larvae must find their own food and avoid predators, which can be difficult for young insects.
3. Because fireflies live as adults for such a short time, they focus on finding mates and laying eggs quickly.
4. The light signals you see in a field might mean fireflies are looking for mates or communicating with others of their species.

