

Ages: 4 years +

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Puppet Show

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, is a popular story that many children are familiar with. Have fun encouraging children to practice memorize and act out this story – in any language they wish!

Purpose: To help your child activate their prior knowledge and exercise their literacy/comprehension skills of recalling and retelling elements of and events in a story, sequencing events, and using their language and vocabulary to communicate their thinking. Children will also work on their fine motor skills and use their creativity



Materials:

- Construction paper (multiple colors)
- Glue or tape
- Markers
- Scissors
- Googly eyes (optional)



Directions:

1. Have your child create their own hungry caterpillar by cutting two sheets of green construction paper into strips that are two inches thick.
2. Then have your child cut out a two-inch thick strip out of red construction paper. The green strips will be the body of the caterpillar and the red strip will be the caterpillar's head.

3. Start creating a paper chain out of the green strips: Tape or glue the far ends of one paper strip together into a ring. Once you have one sturdy ring, thread another strip of paper through the center of the loop. Now, join the ends of this second strip together with tape or glue. Continue doing this until you feel your caterpillar's body is long enough.

4. Add the red strip to your caterpillar to make the head.

5. Take a marker and draw on the eyes and mouth of the caterpillar. (Feel free to use googly eyes if you have them and cut out antennas for your caterpillar too)

6. Once your caterpillar is complete, you can use your other construction paper to create the foods the very hungry caterpillar eats.

Monday he eats one apple

Tuesday he eats two pears

Wednesday he eats three plums,

Thursday he eats four strawberries

Friday he eats five oranges,

Saturday he eats chocolate cake, ice cream, a pickle, swiss cheese, salami, a lollipop, cherry pie, sausage, a cupcake, watermelon

Sunday he ate a leaf

7. After you have made the food, it is time to create your butterfly. Draw the shape of a butterfly and decorate it the way you wish. An idea: You can fold a construction paper in half, draw the shape of half a butterfly on one side of the folded paper, making sure that the folded part is where you draw the body of the butterfly.

8. Once your child has completed all the props, read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* book together (Use this link to read the book online if you don't have the book at home <https://www.slideshare.net/samanthamorris211/the-very-hungry-caterpillar-7574597>).

9. After you have read the book, have your child try to act out *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* story and see if they can remember the order of what the caterpillar eats. This time, it is their job to tell the story.

