

Theme: Caterpillars

Week 2

This document contains all of the activities for the theme “for the age group “Big Littles.”

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

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Book Suggestion

(We highly recommend checking your local library for this book, however if you cannot find it-please see link on our “Theme extras” web page to purchase if desired or find another book that showcases caterpillars)! -We suggest using the same book for two weeks as this really helps children gain reading comprehension of the book!



Song Suggestion

The very Hungry Song

Written by: unknown

Today is Monday, Today is Monday
Monday one apple
Hungry caterpillar, come and eat it up



Today is Tuesday, Today is Tuesday
Tuesday two pears
Hungry caterpillar, come and eat it up



Today is Wednesday, Today is Wednesday
Wednesday three plums
Hungry caterpillar, come and eat it up!



Today is Thursday, Today is Thursday
Thursday four strawberries
Hungry caterpillar, come and eat it up!



Today is Friday, Today is Friday
Friday five oranges
Hungry caterpillar, come and eat it up!



Today is Saturday, Today is Saturday
Saturday too much food
Hungry caterpillar, come and eat it up!

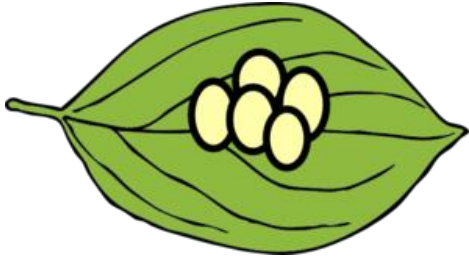


Today is Sunday, Today is Sunday
Sunday one green leaf
Hungry caterpillar, come and eat it up!



Simple Vocabulary Words

These are optional vocabulary cards to show your child before reading the story to help with understanding. It is also a great idea to point out the words while reading the book!



EGGS



CATERPILLAR



**COCOON
CHRYSALIS**



BUTTERFLY

Art Project: Butterfly

What you need for this activity:

- *Popsicle stick
- *Pom Poms
- *Googly eyes
- *Tissue Paper-various colors
- *Non-toxic glue

Directions:

* Make the butterfly. To do this, have your child glue pom poms onto the popsicle sticks, placing googly eyes onto one of the pom poms. (Wait for it to dry before moving on).

Then pinch the tissue paper (to create two side) and glue on the tissue paper to form the butterfly's "wings."



Fine Motor Activity:

Caterpillar Food Scissor Skills

What you need for this activity:

- *Empty tissue box (optional)
- *Construction paper: Red, Purple, Green, Orange
- *Child-safe scissors

Directions:

- *Scissor skills help build fine motor development!
- *For this activity your child(ren) will cut out the different fruits that the caterpillar ate. Optionally, they can “feed the caterpillar” a.k.a tissue box-options for this at the end.

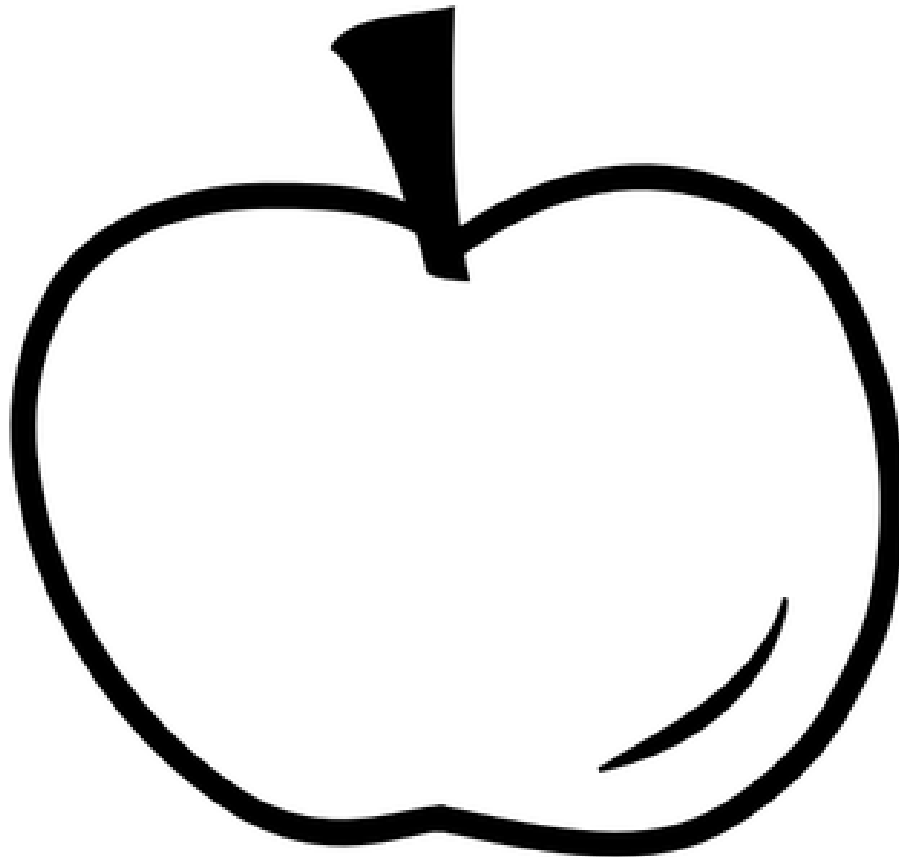
**One way to do this activity is to simply have your child(ren) cut shapes into the construction paper to represent the fruits-they don't need to be the exact form of that fruit just general:

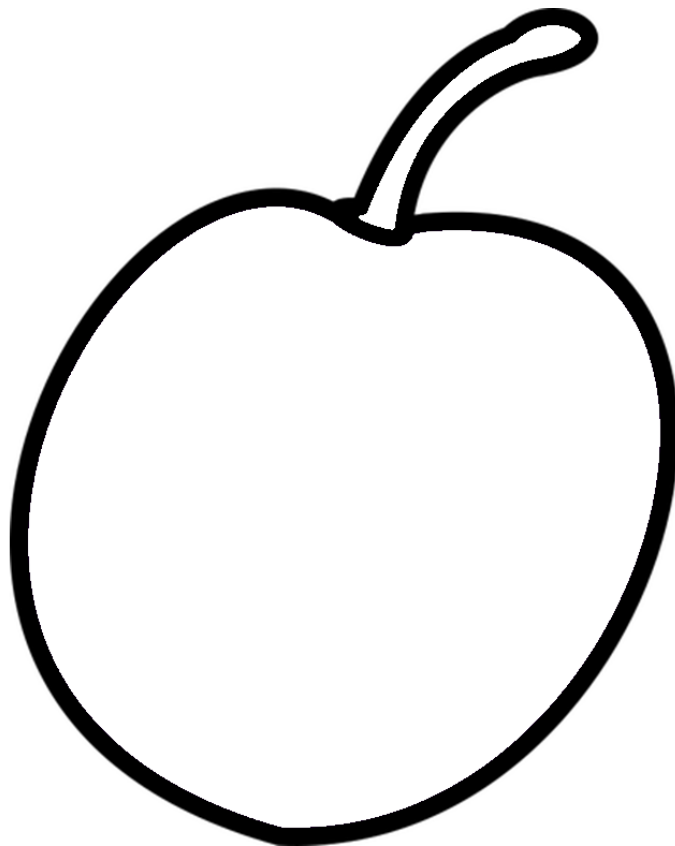
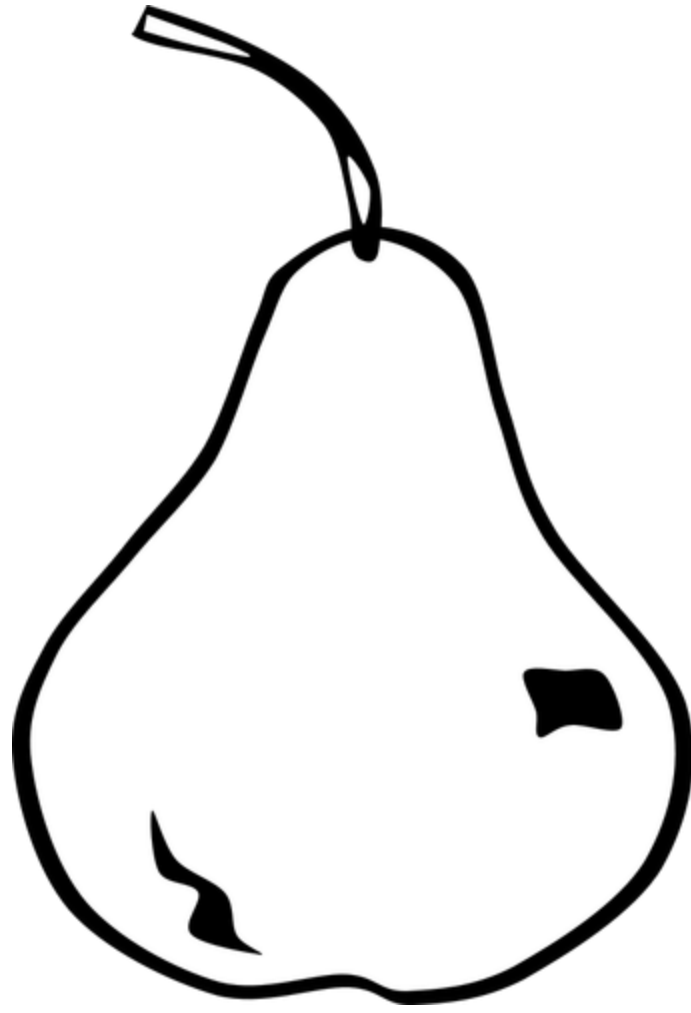
Apple (red paper), Plum (purple paper), Pear (green paper), Strawberry (red paper) and Orange (orange paper)

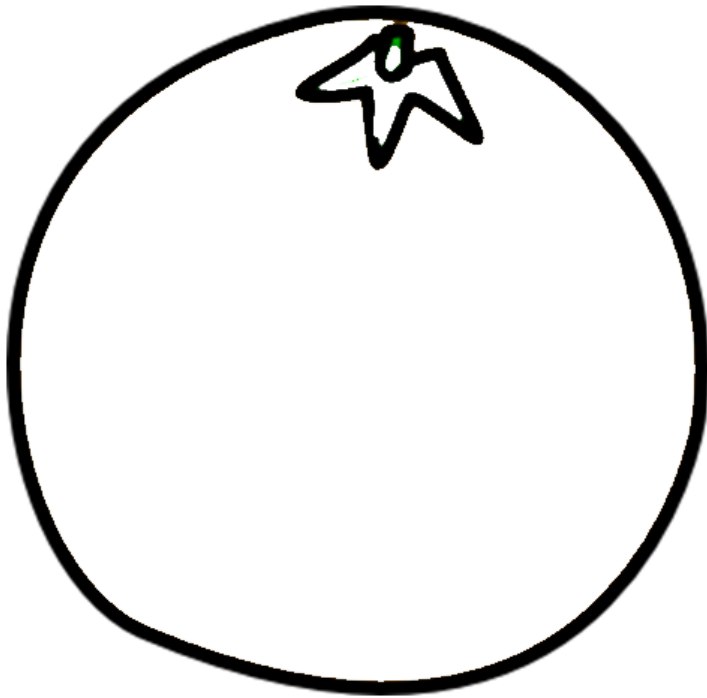
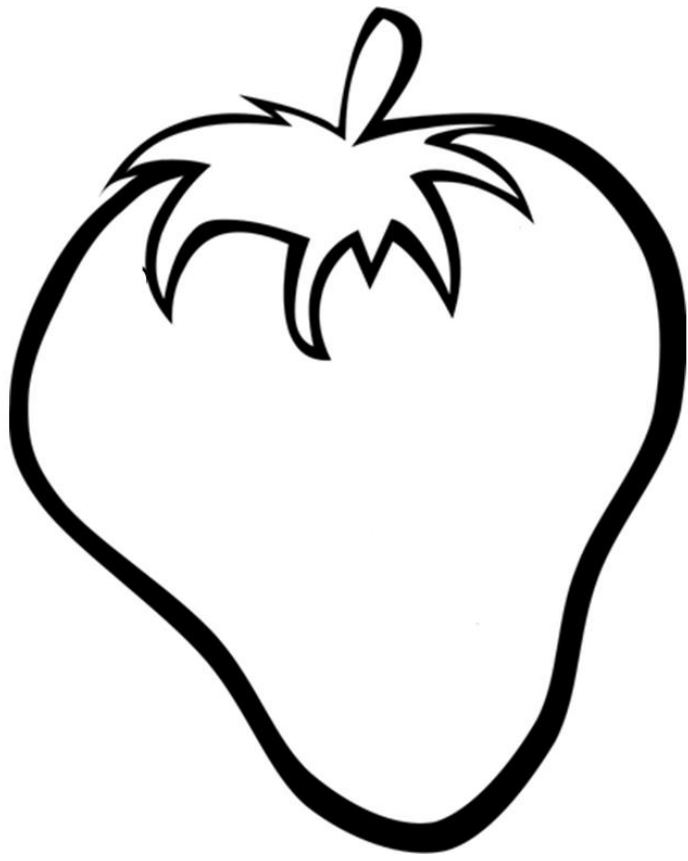
Another way is to print the images of the fruits below and have them trace them onto the paper and then cut them out.

****Feed the caterpillar option:** Have your child(ren) decorate the tissue box to look like a caterpillar-whatever is in their imagination is perfect! Then they can feed their caterpillar which can be used as:

- A game-who can feed their caterpillar all the fruit first (answer a question and they feed one of their fruits-could be reading comprehension questions, math etc.).
- A reward system- “you cleaned your room; you can feed the caterpillar one fruit”-once all of the fruit has been fed, they get ...







Math Activity:

Breaking down numbers with the caterpillar

What you need for this activity:

*Breaking down numbers page

*Writing utensil

Directions:

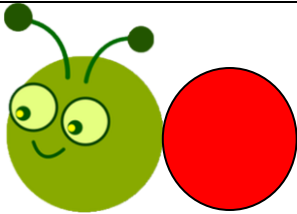
This activity allows your child(ren) to work on breaking down number to 4. Breaking down numbers is one of the first steps in a child's learning and understanding of addition.

While helping your child complete this activity be sure to remind them that + means add. Adding means to make a number get bigger!

Help the caterpillar!

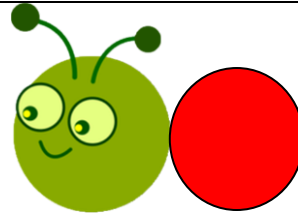
The caterpillars below are missing some segments, can you complete them?!

Then finish the addition statements!



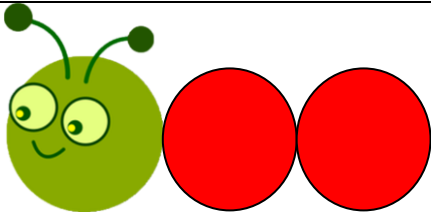
I have 1 segment, I need to have 2, can you help me?!

$$1 + \underline{\quad} = 2$$



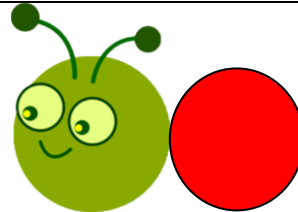
I have 1 segment, I need to have 3, can you help me?!

$$1 + \underline{\quad} = 3$$



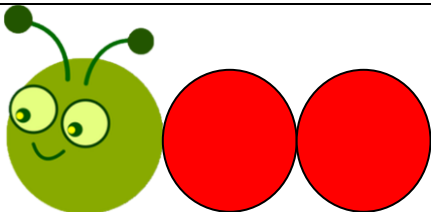
I have 2 segments, I need to have 3, can you help me?!

$$2 + \underline{\quad} = 3$$



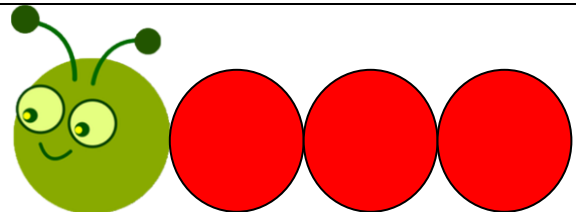
I have 1 segment, I need to have 4, can you help me?!

$$1 + \underline{\quad} = 4$$



I have 2 segments, I need to have 4, can you help me?!

$$2 + \underline{\quad} = 4$$



I have 3 segments, I need to have 4, can you help me?!

$$3 + \underline{\quad} = 4$$

Language Activity:

Very Hungry Reading Comprehension

What you need for this activity:

Option one:

*Reading Comprehension Page

*Child-safe scissors

*Non-toxic glue

Option two:

Real or fake food the caterpillar ate:

Apple, Pear, Plum, Strawberry, Orange

Directions:

Option one: Use the work page and have your child place the images of what the caterpillar ate in the correct order.

Option two:

Tactile method-Using real or fake fruits to check reading comprehension. Place the food items the caterpillar ate in front of your child(ren). Have them place the items in the correct order. If more than one child is doing this activity, have them go one at a time to place the first, second etc. food in order.

To lengthen the activity, add in the “junk food” that the caterpillar also ate.

Science Activity:

Caterpillar Life Cycle Search

What you need for this activity:

- *Group of children
- *The great outdoors
- *Some creativity!
- *Caterpillar scavenger hunt page

Optional:

- *Life cycle of a caterpillar work page
- *Child-safe scissors
- *Non-toxic glue

Directions:

*If you are using the life cycle page, have your children cut and paste the stages in the correct order. If they are unsure, flip through the book with them to see what order the caterpillar's life goes in!

*Then go on your caterpillar scavenger hunt! Ideas for this are listed below, however feel free to add in anything you can think of! Let your children be creative (if they are really struggling though, some ideas for caterpillar-like things are listed in the scavenger hunt as well).

Caterpillar Scavenger Hunt

Check off the boxes as you find items!

Bonus: Take pictures of the items you find!

Item	I found it!
An egg or something that looks like one Example: a small pebble	
A caterpillar or something that looks like one Example: a small, bumpy stick	
A nice green leaf	
A cocoon or something that looks like one Example: a pinecone	
A butterfly or something that looks like one Example: Flowers	