



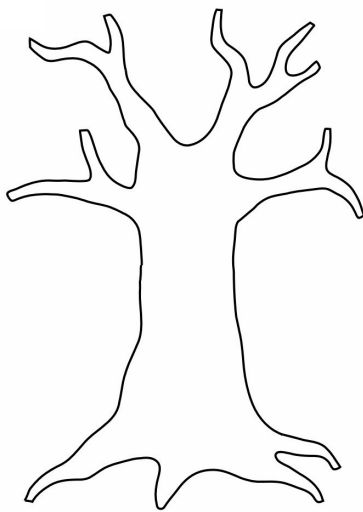
FUN WITH THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR



Look for *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* book by Eric Carle the next time you visit the library!

TREE COLLAGE: Use the provided tree trunk illustration to make your own collage! First color in the trunk. Then collect objects, such as newspaper or magazines, to use as the leaves. You can even choose to collect real leaves and flowers to paste onto your collage.

FOR CAREGIVERS: This project encourages fine-motor skills and creativity. You can also choose to research the plants your child used in their collage with them. This collage can act as a visual aid for oral storytelling. Tell your child a story about the tree they made, or ask them to tell you one!



WATER BEADS: These are great for sensory play and have many uses. You can bounce them, squish them, and scoop them. Water beads also model expansion!

To turn the small beads into bigger beads, simply place in water and they will absorb it like a sponge! You may need to wait up to 6 hours for them to grow to their full size.

When disposing of water beads, either leave them to dry out or put them in the garbage. Do not put them down the drain as they can clog plumbing.

FOR CAREGIVERS: If your child puts small objects in their mouth please supervise them at all times! You can also place the water beads in a zip-lock bag or plastic water bottle bag and make a sensory bag or bottle. You can ask your child to count the water beads and identify what color they are.

MAKE A VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR:

INCLUDED MATERIALS

- 4 green puff-balls
- 1 red puff-ball
- Green leaf
- 3 Beans

MATERIALS NOT INCLUDED

- Scissors
- Tape or glue

1. Cut out the leaf
2. Glue the puff balls in a line onto the leaf
3. Glue the beans onto the leaf
4. Use a scrap from cutting-out the leaf to make antennae for the caterpillar
5. You can draw more food onto the leaf if your caterpillar is VERY hungry! (Or cut-out the fruits printed on this sheet and glue)



FOR CAREGIVERS: This craft encourages fine motor-skills. You can have your child count the puff-balls and beans. You can ask them what colors the materials are. Ask them to tell you a story about the caterpillar. What is its favorite foods? Where does it live? What is its name?



VERY HUNGRY CATAPILLAR SCAVENGER HUNT:

This activity can span over a few days. Can you find the foods the Very Hungry Caterpillar ate? Use the provided coloring sheet as your guide. You can color the foods in as you find them.

Look for the foods when you go to the grocery store and walk outdoors. *Do you eat any of these foods too?*

What color are the foods the Very Hungry Caterpillar ate? How many of each food did the caterpillar eat?

The Very Hungry Caterpillar needs food to grow into a butterfly. *What foods do you eat that make you feel healthy and strong?*

