

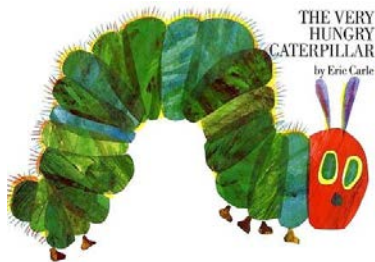
# THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR



Use these two songs in addition to this classic story for a great reading time.

## THINK ABOUT...

The Very Hungry Caterpillar provides wonderful academic opportunities to discuss time, days of the week, numbers, and counting. This book also offers rich opportunities for language and literacy; such as sequencing, conjunctions, modifiers, and adjectives. When put to music, you increase retention and memory. Enjoy singing and dancing to this fun classic.



## ACTIVITY

- 1- The first song with this activity is sung to the tune of "I've Been Working on the Railroad". After you have read through the book, use the props (below) to sing along with the song.
- 2- This song has many different elements you can target with your child including food vocabulary, color recognition, story sequencing and descriptive words! Look at your language goals and pick one of these to focus on. If you are not sure of which goals to target, you may want to talk with your child's teacher to help guide the things that you can work on at home.
- 3- As you sing the song together, 'Acoustically Highlight' the words or phrases you want your child to pay attention to. This will help those phrases stick out to your child and encourage retention.
- 4- The second song is called Hungry Caterpillar by the **Learning Station**. After reading the book together, you can play this song on Youtube and talk about the changes the caterpillar goes through.
- 5- The books and songs provide an excellent language opportunity to ask your child what foods they like to eat to help them grow big and strong. You could even change the words of the song to match your child's favorite foods.
- 6- Keep singing and playing!

## MATERIALS NEEDED:

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- The Very Hungry Caterpillar Song PDF
- Hungry Caterpillar Song PDF
- Caterpillar Food PDF

## PREPARATION

- 1- Print off the two song lyrics so you can sing and help your child learn the song.
- 2- Find a copy of The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- 3- Open the YouTube link for access to the Hungry Caterpillar Song here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gNaNOWdg8>
- 4- Have your child pick out different crayon colors and color the caterpillar
- 5- Print and Cut out the Food PDF

## VOCABULARY:

- Hungry
- Chomp
- Eating
- Beautiful
- Cocoon
- Food items
- Colors

## HELPFUL TIPS

- You can change the language you want to target as you sing the songs over and over again.
- Please visit the authors website for more activities and information: [www.eric-carle.com](http://www.eric-carle.com)
- You can visit the Learning Station website for more music here: <http://www.learningstationmusic.com/>

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\*Sung to the tune of I've Been Working on the Railroad

I'm a very hungry caterpillar, all the live long day.

I'm a very hungry caterpillar, and I like to eat all day.

Look at all my yummy food, lined up in a row.

Would you like to know what I'm eating?

Apples and pears, plums and strawberries, but I'm still hungry.

Oranges and cake, ice cream and pickles, but I'm still hungry.

I'm a very hungry caterpillar, all the live long day.

I'm a very hungry caterpillar, and I like to eat all day.

Look at all my yummy food, lined up in a row.

Would you like to know what I'm eating?

Cheese and salami, lollipops and pie, but I'm still hungry.

Sausage and cupcake, watermelon and ... (uh oh). I don't feel so good.

I'm a very full caterpillar, with a tummy ache

I'm a very full caterpillar; I will eat a green leaf.

Now I'll make a cocoon on this little branch.

I can't wait to see what happens after my nap.

I'm a butterfly. I'm a butterfly. I'm a beautiful butterfly!

I'm a butterfly. I'm a butterfly. Now I need a snack!



## HUNGRY CATERPILLAR BY THE LEARNING STATION

I'm a very hungry caterpillar crawling around eating everything in sight that can be found.

I'm weaving a cocoon on a good size twig and I'm starting to get real big.

I'm eating so much you can hear me chew.

Chomp, chomp, chomp's all I want to do.

So much that I just can't stop. I'm afraid that I might pop! POP!

I'm a butterfly flying about.

I'm beautiful, I want to twist and shout. YEA!

A butterfly, it's a brand new day and still hear my little friends say I'm eating so much you can hear me chew.

Chomp, chomp, chomp's all I want to do.

So much that I just can't stop. I'm afraid that I might pop! POP!

I'm a butterfly flying about.

I'm a very hungry caterpillar crawling around, I'm a butterfly.





