



## Theme: Easter message

### Book: The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

#### Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

**What** was last week's action?

**How** did that make you feel?

**Why** did that make a difference?



#### Prayer time

May God bless you this Eastertide,  
and the whole year through.  
May the story of the empty tomb,  
fill you with hope and joy. Amen.

#### Inspiration ...

##### Biblical References:

**John 20:11-18**

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene

**Luke 24:13-35**

On the road to Emmaus

##### • SNACK TIME

Jam ring biscuits, party rings  
or mini doughnuts – could  
look like the empty tomb

##### • SONGS

Use musical instruments

Hop little bunnies

##### Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

[https://youtu.be/eXHScpo\\_Vv8](https://youtu.be/eXHScpo_Vv8)

Further activities can be found at  
[https://www.weareteachers.com/  
very-hungry-caterpillar-activities/](https://www.weareteachers.com/very-hungry-caterpillar-activities/)

#### Theme Introduction:

The Easter story can be difficult to share with toddlers, but as the story is the foundation of faith in a risen Lord Jesus, we should try and tell the story in a child friendly way.

'The Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle allows us to talk about how Jesus appeared after he had died and looked different. The fact that Jesus rose again is a powerful reminder as to who Jesus the man who walked the earth truly was – the son of God.

This book links well, as the caterpillar who appeared out of the cocoon looked different, as he was now a butterfly. Jesus also appeared different after he rose from death.

#### Theme exploration:

Do you know the Easter story? Jesus died and His body was placed in a tomb and three days later He rose again, but he looked different. His friend Mary didn't recognise Him. That's just like in this book the very full caterpillar built himself a cocoon and when he came out, he looked different. Now the caterpillar was a beautiful butterfly.

#### Free play suggestion:

##### Link with book:

- Green pasta threading to create a caterpillar.

Print cut and laminate the matching word sheets provided by Playdough to Plato.



I wonder how long you will make your caterpillar.  
I wonder what kind of butterfly it may change into.

#### Craft ideas:

##### Link with book:

- Create a butterfly picture using paint on one half of a sheet of paper and folding in half.

##### Link to theme:

- Create an empty tomb edible craft, on biscuit using icing stick ½ mini doughnut as the tomb and a marshmallow as the stone. Examples on internet.



I wonder if you have seen an Easter egg, could half of the shell look like an empty tomb.

**Faith in action:** What can you think of that changes as it gets older? E.g. a bulb into a flower.