



Theme: A new creation



The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle.

This lovely classic story tells of how a tiny caterpillar, who munches and munches through a really big feast, starting with one small leaf.

Biblical Reference:

Ephesians 3:20

"God has made you for so much more."

Next month's book is:

Miss Dose the doctor's daughter by Allan Ahlberg

Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

 https://youtu.be/eXHScpo_Vv8

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Theme exploration:

This story has a wonderful link with the Easter story. Just like the caterpillar, Jesus enjoyed eating - especially with his friends! After Jesus was killed they put his body in a cave. Three days later he emerged completely changed rather like the caterpillar, after he came out of the cocoon as a beautiful butterfly.

After Jesus had risen from death, there are a few times when he isn't recognised, the first was when he was seen by his friend Mary in the garden (*John 20:11-18*). She thought he was a gardener and asked him "Where have they put my Lord's body?" Jesus was transformed and Mary didn't recognise him. The same thing happened when Jesus walked along from one town to another with two of his disciples, they didn't recognise him until he broke bread at the meal table (*Luke 24:13-35*). Christians believe that just like when the caterpillar came out of his cocoon, it wasn't an improved caterpillar, it was a totally new creation – a butterfly! That's the way it is when we let Jesus come into our heart. God doesn't just make us a better person – he makes us a new creation!

What you could do as a family this month:

- Read through the book using a piece of string as the caterpillar going through each item of food.
- When you share Easter eggs help your children understand the link between new life and eggs.
- Connect with a church either your local one, an online service or the BBC Easter service.
- Make a caterpillar out of a cardboard tube you could also make a butterfly to hide inside the empty tube.
- You could watch the Easter story online



We believe in the power of prayer

A prayer to pray for your little one(s):

Lord God, thank You for each precious day, help us to love our children and You in every way. Amen.

A prayer we commit to pray for you as parents:

Lord, You have given these parents a new creation through their child, help them share the love and hope of the Easter story with their child/ren. Amen.