



Unit 3: Awesome Animals

Week 5: I'm A Caterpillar!



LENGTH OF AT-HOME ACTIVITY: 10 to 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED: The book *Ten Little Caterpillars* by Bill Martin, Jr. and a pencil or crayon

ACTIVITY STEPS:

START by reminding your preschooler you are reading *Ten Little Caterpillars*. Can your preschooler remember what the story was about?

SING with your preschooler! Sing this song to the tune of "If You're Happy And You Know It."

I'm a tiny caterpillar just for you - munch, munch!

I'm a tiny caterpillar just for you - munch, munch!

I am tiny, and I'm small, watch me crawl on the wall!

I'm a tiny caterpillar just for you - munch, munch!

I'm a big caterpillar just for you - munch, munch!

I'm a big caterpillar just for you - munch, munch!

I ate too much food, now I have to make a cocoon!

I'm a big caterpillar just for you - munch, munch!

I'm a medium caterpillar just for you - munch, munch!

I'm a medium caterpillar just for you - munch, munch!

I'm not too big and I'm not too small,

I'm a medium caterpillar just for you - munch, munch!

READ *Ten Little Caterpillars* with your preschooler! See if your preschooler can remember any of the story from last time to help you read. Have fun and make up silly sound effects or hand motions to accompany the story!

COUNT with your preschooler! You can count the caterpillars, leaves, or even the words on a page. See if your preschooler can count backwards, too!

EXPLORE the concepts of *more* and *less*. Use numbers between 1 and 5 and ask your child questions like, "Are 5 caterpillars more than 2 caterpillars?"

CLAP out syllables to help your preschooler learn about the sounds that make up words. For example, *caterpillar* has four syllables, and *hen* has one syllable.

QUIZ your preschooler on beginning word sounds. Example questions:

Does *caterpillar* have the same first sound as the word *head*, or the word *cabbage*?

Can you think of a word that has the same beginning sound as *ten*?

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY: If your preschooler is really enjoying this caterpillar book, try another one! Check out *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle from your local library.

WRITING EXTENSION: On the back of this page, help your preschooler write a few sentences about his or her favorite animal. Let your him or her illustrate the sentences.