

Welcome to Toddlers Service

If you are new please fill in a card (table by the door).

This weekly session helps young ones learn about God in a Christian service. Please encourage them to be fully engaged. Feel free to sit on the mat with your child. Please save chatting until later.

The Easter message of death and resurrection is difficult for a young child to understand, so today we hear the story of the first Easter in an adapted story of the Hungry Caterpillar.

It was a lovely sunny day. **Let's sing the sun has got his hat on.** A beautiful butterfly flew into a garden. It landed on a big green leaf and laid an egg. Inside the egg something was growing. A tiny creature grew bigger and bigger until the egg cracked and out popped a hairy, stripy caterpillar. 'I feel hungry' said the caterpillar and he began to eat the leaf. 'I'm still hungry,' he said and he wriggled onto another leaf and began to munch.

Very soon the little caterpillar grew into a great big caterpillar. He was a good friend to all the other caterpillars in the garden. He showed them where to find the best leaves to eat. He told them how to wave their tails in the air to frighten away the hungry birds. All the other caterpillars loved him very much. They were all very happy. **Let's sing if you're happy and you know it.**

One day the caterpillar told his friends he had to go away. They were very sad. 'Don't worry, I will come back,' said the caterpillar. He made himself a silky sleeping bag called a cocoon. He snuggled down inside and went to sleep. While he was in there, he wriggled out of his stripy hairy body. He grew long legs and silky wings. He burst out of the cocoon as a beautiful colourful butterfly.

As he was drying his wings in the sun, his caterpillar friends found the empty cocoon. They started to cry. 'The birds must have eaten him, now we'll never see him again.' 'Why are you crying?' asked the new butterfly. The caterpillars didn't recognise him now he was a butterfly. 'Are you looking for me?' The caterpillars took a good look at him. 'It's you!' they said. 'You've come back. Now you are a beautiful butterfly.' 'A good friend always keeps his promise,' laughed the butterfly. 'Don't forget, I'll always be your friend.

They were all very happy. **Let's sing God is good to me.**

We put our hands together and sit very still for our prayers.

Jesus is my best friend, best friend best friend
Jesus is my best friend, he hears me when I pray

We pray

Dear God thank you for spring time, for the blossom on the trees, for nesting birds, for the bright colours of spring flowers and butterfly wings, **Amen.**

Thank you for our friends. Most of all thank you for Jesus who promised to be our friend forever. **Amen.**

Our Father who art in heaven HBTN
Thy kingdom come thy will be done HBTN
On earth as it is in heaven HBTN
Give us this day our daily bread HBTN
Forgive us all our trespasses HBTN
As we forgive those who trespass against us HBTN
And lead us not into temptation HBTN
But deliver us from all that is evil HBTN
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory
HBTN
For ever and for ever and ever HBTN

We bless the money given for the work of Christ Church

Thank you Lord for all your gifts x3 Right where we are.
Alleluia praise the Lord x3 right where we are

The blessing

Bless all caterpillars and butterflies. Bless all both near and far away. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

We share the peace

We have a drink and a biscuit with our friends

Words of the songs

The sun has got his hat on hip hip hip hooray, the sun has got his hat on and he's coming out to play.

If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands (2x), if you're happy and you know it and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it clap your hands (stamp your feet; nod your head; say 'I am')

God is good to me x2 He gives me eyes to see the sky,
God is good to me. Nose... smell a rose/ Lips...eat my chips/ Feet...walk the street

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The Easter Story

(Adapted Hungry Caterpillar story).

Please take this sheet home with you