

Called to Wonder

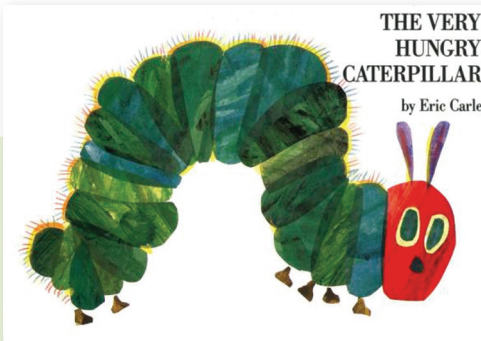
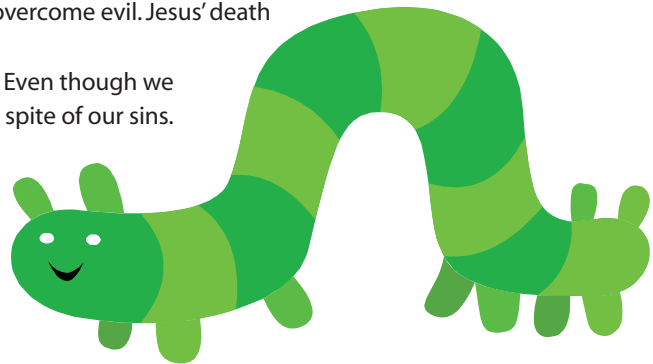
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With the arrival of Lent, we begin to reflect on the life and resurrection of Jesus. During this time, you may be wondering ... why did Jesus have to suffer?

Jesus could see a lot of evil and bad things in the world. He gave himself up to die on a cross because he believed it would show people that love can overcome evil. Jesus' death on the cross is a powerful expression of God's love for people.

Jesus cared deeply for people and cares deeply for us today. Even though we can be sinful, Jesus made the way for us to connect with God in spite of our sins.

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Read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle

(available at most libraries if you don't have a copy)

then think about the following:

1. What happened to the caterpillar?
2. Which life do you think is more exciting, being a caterpillar or a butterfly?
3. The caterpillar did something like what Jesus did. Jesus died on the cross to come to a new, wonderful, risen life. Jesus' new life is so exciting.
4. When we see a caterpillar or butterfly we should remember how we are supposed to change.
5. During Lent we are like a caterpillar. We try to change to live our new life more fully.
6. We try to do things that show we love God. How can we show our love for God?



There are many resources that you and your congregation can use during Lent to help better understand the meaning of Lent. Visit www.presbyterian.ca and click on "Resources" from the home page. Or search using the keyword "Lent".