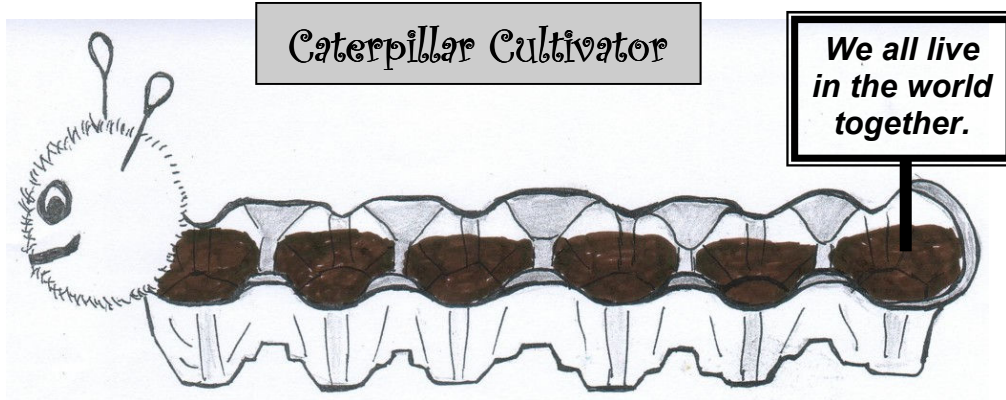


Seeds and Weeds Together...

Date: 20 July, 2008 Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43: wheat and weeds together



Caterpillar Cultivator

*We all live
in the world
together.*

You will need:

- ♦ egg cartons
- ♦ cotton wool balls
- ♦ potting soil/seed raising mix
- ♦ bird seed or grass seed, plus a variety of other small seeds e.g. linaria, alyssum, marigolds, basil, dill, chives, parsley
- ♦ water
- ♦ 3-4cm coloured pompoms for head
- ♦ craft eyes
- ♦ craft stamens for feelers
- ♦ strip of wool or thin cord for mouth
- ♦ toothpick, small card and sticky tape for sign

What to do:

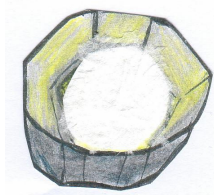
- ♦ Cut the egg carton in half down the centre, lengthwise. Use one half (one strip of 6 egg cups) for the caterpillar. Trim sides to neaten if desired.
- ♦ Dip cotton wool balls in water first then place one in the bottom of each egg cup.
- ♦ Cover the cotton wool balls with potting soil/seed raising mix till the egg cup is nearly full.
- ♦ Sprinkle a few seeds on the top of each egg cup, cover with a sprinkling of soil and water well.

To finish:

- ♦ Make a sign on a small card that says:

We all live in the world together.

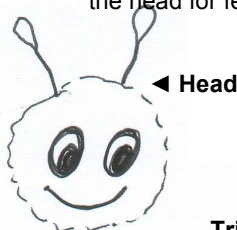
- ♦ Fasten the toothpick onto the back with sticky tape.
- ♦ Stick the sign into the soil in the tail end cup of the caterpillar.
- ♦ Children take the caterpillar home and water their seeds and weeds together. When the plants are big enough, they can be carefully transplanted into a pot or the garden.



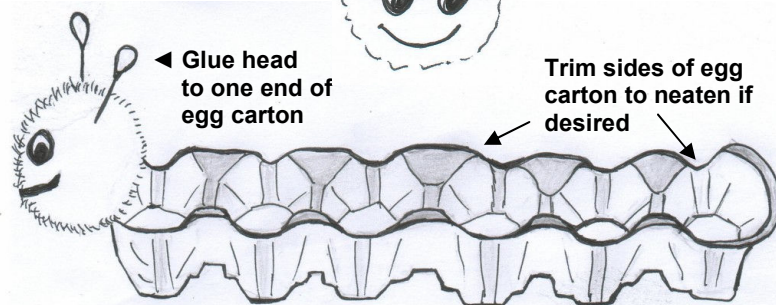
◀ Place a cotton wool ball in each egg carton cup

To make caterpillar head:

- ♦ Glue pompom to one end of the egg carton. Glue eyes and mouth in place.
- ♦ Cut two stamens to the length required and glue onto the top of the head for feelers.



◀ Head



◀ Glue head to one end of egg carton

Trim sides of egg carton to neaten if desired

Because the message of today's lesson is that we are all in the world together — we are not separated out into good people in one place and bad people in another — ideally each of the "good" seeds (flowers, herbs) should have a few grass or bird seeds sprinkled in the same egg cup, so they all grow up together.

Discuss with the children how they think the seeds should be mixed up.

However, don't put too many seeds in one egg cup.

[Too many seedlings too close together will be hard to transplant.]

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