



### The Idea Hoarder

For the Activity Collector in You



**Group Game:** Have one child put a blindfold on. The other children will take turns guiding the child across the room. They will experience what it might be like to walk with out sight. After the first one, add another blindfolded child. When they take the blind fold off, talk to them about what a difference it makes to be able to see.



#### Handprint Caterpillar

Paint the palm of the child's hand with green paint and his fingers with blue paint.  
Place the child's hands on the paper 4 times in a row with the fingers pointing down. This is the body of the caterpillar.

For the head of the caterpillar, paint the palm green and the first and third fingers blue. This time the fingers will point up. This is the head. Glue on some wiggle eyes and add a mouth. The thumb can be the tail.



Discuss how the caterpillar changes into a butterfly.

**Painting tip:** Put the art work in a microwave for a VERY short time and it will speed up the drying process!



#### Footprint Butterfly

Paint the feet of the children at least 2 colors. You can do top half one color and bottom another.

Place the feet prints on the paper but with the left foot on the right and the right foot on the left. (The big toes are on the outside)

Draw the body of the butterfly with a black marker. Do the same for the head and the antennas. (see picture)

You can use a finger print or a toe print for the dots at the end of the antennas.

Again you can discuss how the caterpillar changed.



#### Teaching Picture Puzzle

Take a teaching picture and attach it to foam board then cut it into a puzzle.

Place magnetic strips on the back of each piece.

Place the puzzle on your oil pan or a cookie sheet. Have the children try and put the puzzle together with a blindfold on. They can work together by having a partner giving instructions or they can work alone. Tell them to study the shapes first and then put the blindfold on before they work the puzzle together.

You may want to have several puzzles with different numbers of pieces for them to try



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Dear Miss Idea Hoarder!

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