

The Very Hungry Caterpillar **A sapling activity to do with a Honey Locust Tree**



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Tree Number :

Tree Location:

Did you know ...

That the Honey Locust tree is sometimes called the “shade master”? It is called that because there are so many leaves on the tree that it is a great protector from the sun. The leaves on a honey locust tree are “compound”. Meaning that there are many leaflets on one actual leaf. With all of these little leaflets very little sun can come through the canopy of the tree, making a great umbrella from the sun.

Materials:

The book “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” by Eric Carle

Activity:

First read the book “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” beneath the shade of the tree.

After you have finished the book look and find 4 or 5 different sized leaves.

Once you have all of your leaves gathered, hold the leaf horizontal to the ground.

One leaf at a time, remove the bottom row of leaves.

Once you have done that for every leaf arrange them in order of size.

Using your imagination pretend the different sizes of the leaves are “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” at each size he was in the book.

You can re-read the book using your own “caterpillars” along with the book.