Mission: 44. Caterpillar

Organization:
Music: N/A
Materials: Paper balls or a variety of different little objects, two buckets
Books: The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Set up: A group of children line up with legs and shoulders width apart

Have children line up (in one or multiple lines). Have a bucket with paper balls at the front of the line and an empty bucket at the end of the line. The first child passes the ball to the person behind him/her. The last person puts the ball in the empty bucket. At the end, we count how much food our little caterpillar ate. Passing can be done in different ways (over the head, under the feet, rolling the ball between the feet, by turning to the side).

Variations:
You can have one line with all the children or multiple lines with fewer children. Ask children to name a different fruit for every ball they pass to the bucket. Ask them if they remember what the caterpillar ate.

Extra Tips:
Encourage cooperation and respecting personal space when passing the ball to the peers. This is a good activity for children while they are waiting in line.