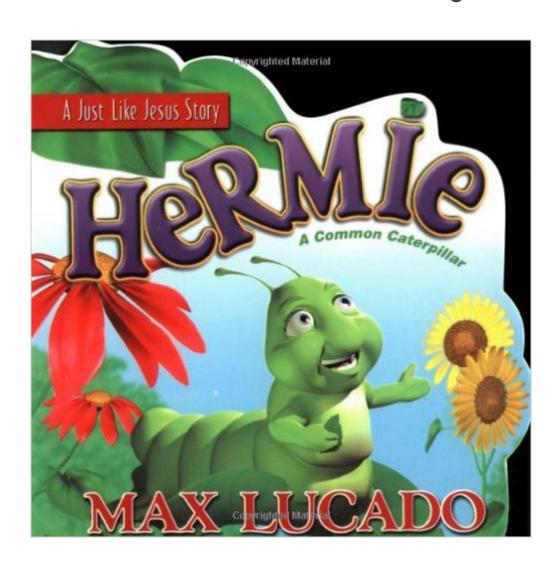
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# Hermie: A Common Caterpillar (A Just Like Jesus Story)





## **Synopsis**

Hermie doesn't have stripes. He doesn't have spots. In fact, he doesn't have anything special like everyone else. But together with his friend, Wormie, they talk to God about their troubles. Why do they have to be so plain? Will they ever be special? Master storyteller Max Lucado conveys deep truths of God's love - how he makes each one unique - with simple, straightforward style that even the youngest child can understand. With vivid and heart-warming illustrations, it's the perfect way to engage young minds with a spellbinding story and the message of God's special purpose for each of His children.

#### **Book Information**

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Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

### Customer Reviews

Hermie is a caterpillar. A plain, no spots or stripes, nothing out of the ordinary, common caterpillar. Except for one extraordinary thing Hermie does - he talks to God. And when Hermie and his friend Wormie are feeling particularly common and ordinary that is exactly what they do, they talk to God. They ask God why they are not strong like Antonio the Ant, or why they do not have a home on their backs like the snail...why are they just so ordinary? And God patiently answers them and lets them know they he isn't finished with them yet.Positives: A good story to help teach contentment, thankfulness and patience. Kids (and adults) often wonder why God created them the way He did. Why did God give me freckles? Or why didn't he give me legs that can run faster? This is a good story to help teach us to trust and wait patiently on God.Negatives: I thought the story was too

predictable and little boring. I know kids often like predictable, in this case, I didn't care for it. I would also exercise caution with this story as it might seem like we just need to be patient and God will make us into or give us exactly what we want. Teach your child that God created them uniquely and while your looks or abilities might never change, you can still become the person God wants you to be. Talking Points: Psalm 139 teaches us that God created each of us and has intimate knowledge of us from before we were even born. Continue to emphasize to your child that they are one of God's beautiful, unique and special creations - that He created them exactly as He designed and willed, no mistakes! Ecc. 3:11 tells us that God makes everything beautiful in His time. Teach your child patience and that God sees beauty differently than we do.

Even though it's been over a week since I read this book, I've been kind of procrastinating writing a review. I enjoy writing positive reviews for books, and don't mind writing negative reviews (when there's a good reason for the negative review). However, I just can't get excited about this book. Granted, it is cute; the illustrations are nice. The story is ok, but it simply did not "Wow" me. My little daughter was not impressed, either. I knew she wouldn't be able to sit for the story, even if I edited it to fit her level, but I hoped she would at least be interested in the illustrations, but she totally didn't care. Maybe when she is older, she will enjoy it more (but that doesn't help this review!). Hermie: A Common Caterpillar is about a little green caterpillar who thinks he is guite ordinary with nothing special about him. He sees other beautiful creatures and wishes he could fly like them or have beautiful markings like them. The book says that one special thing about Hermie is that he talks to God and that God talks to him in his heart. He shared his feelings about being "common" to God and to his friend Wormie, another common caterpillar. God will tell them, "Don't worry, I'm not finished with you yet." In the story, Hermie and Wormy meet several other creatures who have admirable characteristics: a snail who carries his home with him everywhere, an ant with great strength, and a ladybug with beautiful black spots. Both the ant and the ladybug reminded the two friends that God had made them that way. One night, Hermie felt especially dreary and weary. His friend Wormie helped him find a leaf to lay on and he settled down for a long nap. While sleeping, he dreamed that he was something special -- "He had strength like the ant.

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