

Spitfires



Vicki screamed in fright. Her favourite climbing tree was covered in a mass of repulsive looking creepy crawlies. Mum came running. "They're sawfly larvae," she explained. "Don't get too close." Vicki had **no** intention of getting close to them! "We call them spitfires. Although they look like caterpillars, they are really related to bees and wasps," continued mum. "If you disturb them they will rear up together and "spit" or vomit blobs of yellow oily liquid at you. If it gets into your eyes, it really stings. That's why they're called spitfires.

They cluster together during the day for protection. At night they will spread out on the tree to feed on gum leaves. The name sawfly comes from the saw-like part females have for cutting a slit in leaves to lay their eggs in."



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Listen to God!

Mark 8:22-25

We think being spat on is disgusting. Vicki certainly didn't want to be spat on by the spitfires. BUT Jesus sometimes spat on people when he healed them of blindness or deafness. We don't really know why. We **do** know that a man who was blind could now see.

How well can you see? Pick the differences in the spitfires. There are ten.

Talk to God!

Lord Jesus, sometimes we are surprised at the things you do. We are glad you gave the blind man sight. Help us to see what you are doing in our lives today.

