



Spring Things

Circle: Activity - Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Set-up:

1. Print, laminate and cut *Life Cycle of a Butterfly Cards*.
2. Print, laminate and cut *Life Cycle Frame* (11" x 17" paper)
3. Print, laminate and cut *The Beautiful Butterfly Song Chart*.

Activity Instructions:

1. Show students the *Life Cycle of a Butterfly Cards*.
2. Explain each stage while putting the card on the life cycle frame.
 - a. **Egg Stage** – The adult butterfly lays tiny eggs on leaves.
 - b. **Larva Stage** – A caterpillar hatches from the egg and eats and eats the leaves.
 - c. **Pupa Stage** – The caterpillar will attach itself to a leaf or branch and hang upside down, form a butterfly house and turn itself into a chrysalis (cocoon).
 - d. **Adult Stage** – The cocoon cracks open and a beautiful butterfly comes out.
3. Sing *The Beautiful Butterfly Song* with hand motions, showing the different stages of the life cycle. (Sung to the tune of Brother John or Frere Jacques)

Variations:

- Have students place the cards on the frame.
- Students point to the correct card when asked the question "Where is the egg stage?" Continue asking questions for each stage.

Materials:

- Life cycle of a butterfly picture cards (provided)
- Life cycle frame (provided)
- Beautiful butterfly song chart (provided)

Duration: 10-15 minutes

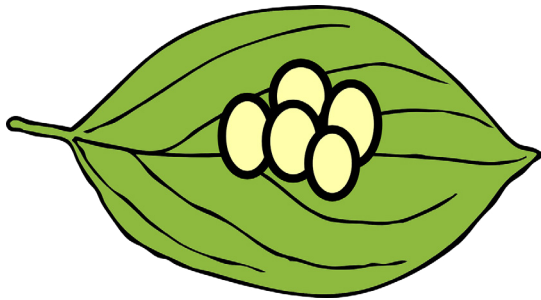


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Life Cycle of a Butterfly cards

Egg Stage



Larva Stage



Pupa Stage





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Adult Stage



Beautiful Butterfly Song Chart

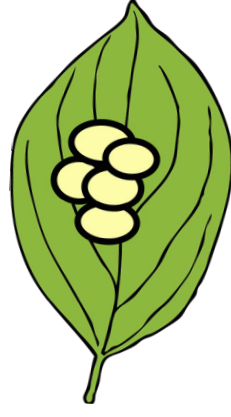
I'm an egg, I'm an egg.

On a big green leaf, on a big green leaf.

Soon I'll be a caterpillar,

Soon I'll be a caterpillar.

Watch me eat, watch me eat.



I'm a caterpillar, I'm a caterpillar.

You are too, you are too.

Soon we will be butterflies,

Soon we will be butterflies.

Something new, something new.



I'm a chrysalis, I'm a chrysalis.

Staying nice and dry, Staying nice and dry.

Changing from the inside,

Changing from the inside.

Into a butterfly! Into a butterfly!



I'm a beautiful butterfly! I'm a beautiful butterfly!

Flying all around, flying all around.

Looking for a flower,

Looking for a flower.

Flying up and down, flying up and down.



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