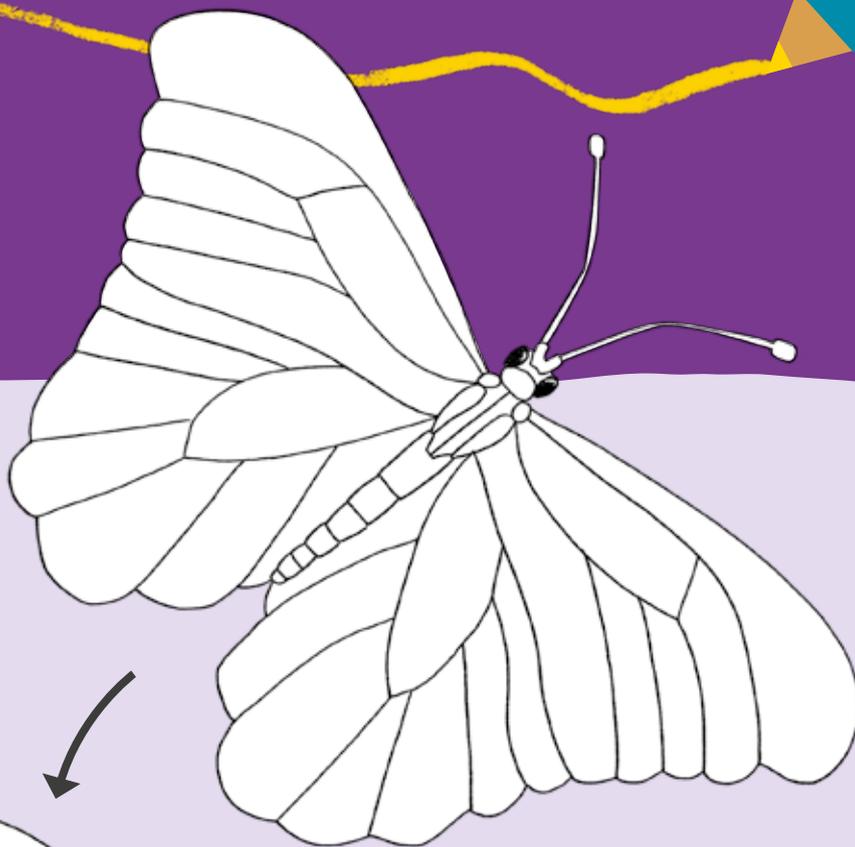


Children's zone

Beautiful butterflies

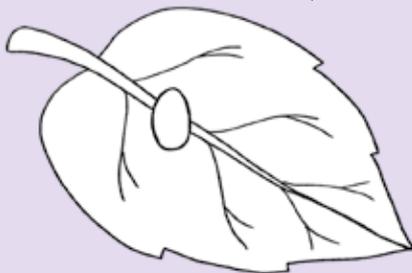
Butterflies are found all over the world and many have beautiful colours and patterns. What do the butterflies look like where you live?

Butterflies have four life stages: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis and butterfly.



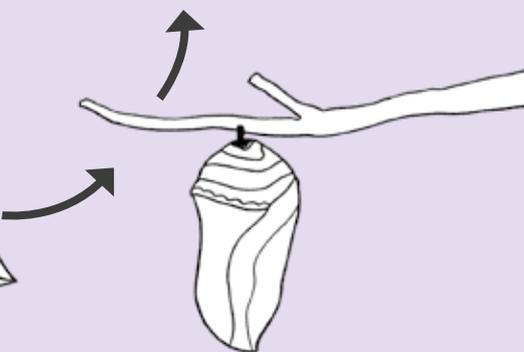
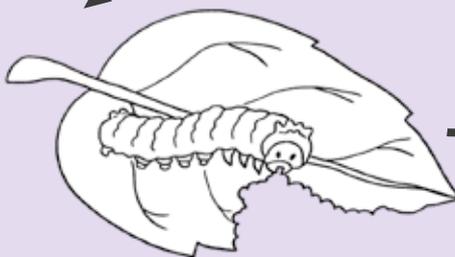
Stage 1: egg

The female butterfly lays her eggs on the leaves or stems of plants. Inside each tiny egg, a caterpillar grows.



Stage 2: caterpillar

Once it is big enough, the caterpillar eats its way out of the egg and then starts to eat the leaves of the plant. As it grows, its skin splits open, revealing a new, larger skin underneath. This happens several times.



Stage 4: butterfly

After a few weeks the shell splits open and a beautiful butterfly comes out! The butterfly waits for its wings to dry and then it flies off to find a mate, and to drink the sweet nectar that is found in flowers.

Stage 3: chrysalis

Eventually, the caterpillar uses silk to attach itself to a leaf or twig. It then sheds its skin one last time to become a chrysalis. The outer surface of the chrysalis hardens into a protective shell. Inside, the caterpillar changes into its adult form.

Bible verse memory challenge!

Can you learn this Bible verse?

'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!'

2 Corinthians 5:17

The caterpillar is very different from the butterfly, and the butterfly never goes back to being a caterpillar. Trusting in Jesus is a bit like this. We become new people when we decide to follow Jesus.

Use crayons or pens to colour in this picture.