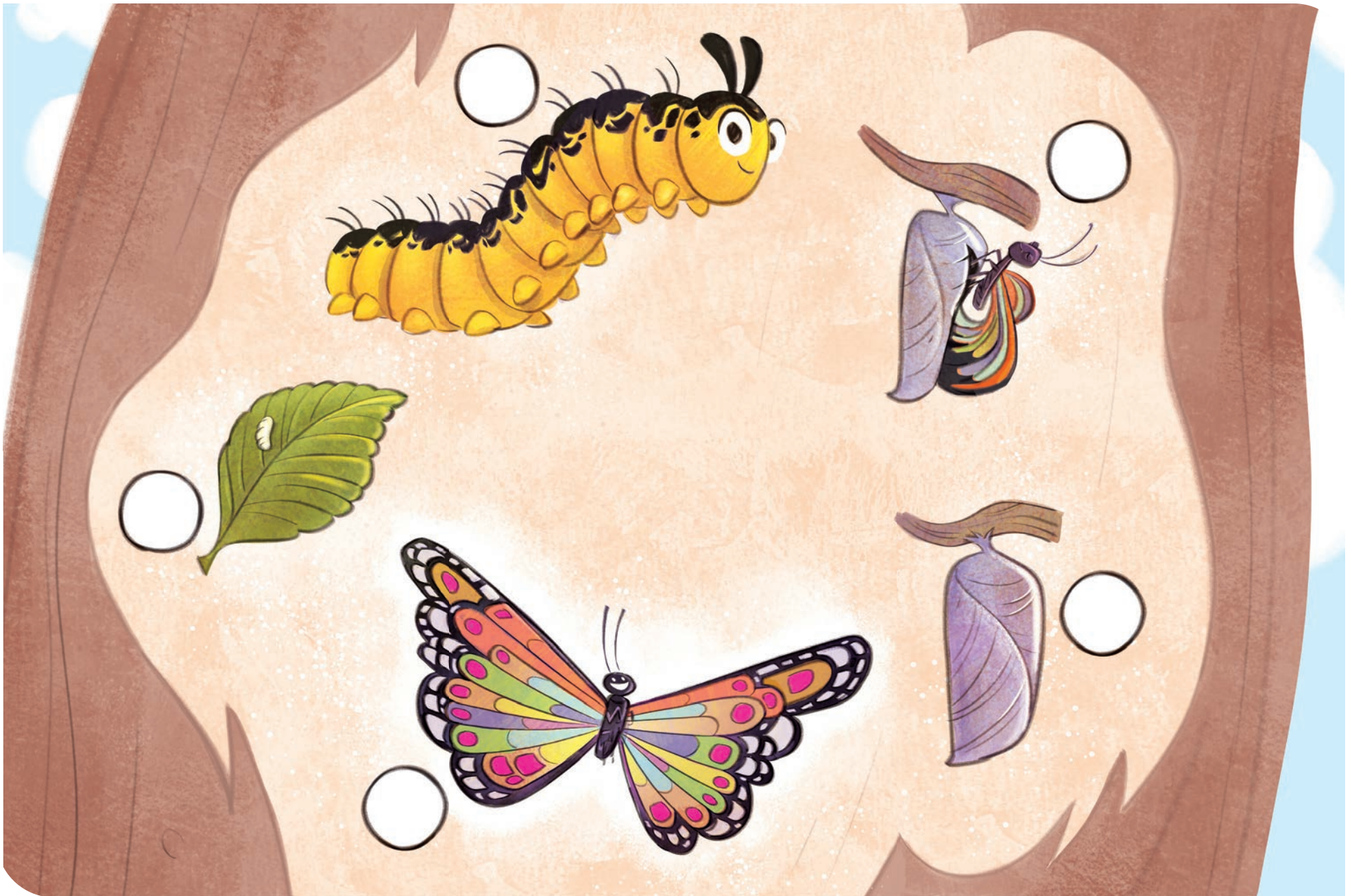


The Cycle of Life

INSTRUCTIONS: Number the stages of a butterfly's life cycle from 1 to 5.



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the **GOSPEL** PROJECT

The People Kept Sinning

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- God's people did not teach their children about God.
- When they grew up, they forgot about God and worshiped false gods.
- God allowed them to be conquered by enemies who treated them badly.
- The Israelites called out to God for help, so God sent judges to rescue them and lead them.
- When a judge died, the people would turn away from God, so the cycle would repeat.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The judges saved the people from the consequences of their sin, but not the cause of it. God's plan was to one day send a true Deliverer—Jesus, His own Son—to be the King of His people. Jesus saves people from sin forever.

KEY PASSAGE: Romans 6:23

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is the fair payment for sin? The fair payment for sin is death.



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Judges 2

Family Discussion Starters:

- Why do you think the next generation of Israelites forgot about God?
- Why did God keep rescuing the Israelites again and again?

Family Activity:

Work with your family to plan and build a large, chain reaction machine that accomplishes a simple task.

Discuss the nature of cause and effect, and talk about the causes of Israel's rebellion, its effects on their lives, and the way Jesus helps us break cycles of sin in our lives.