

# The Magical Life Cycle of a Butterfly



A fun, interactive learning activity for young explorers.

# What is a Butterfly?



They are flying insects with four colorful wings.

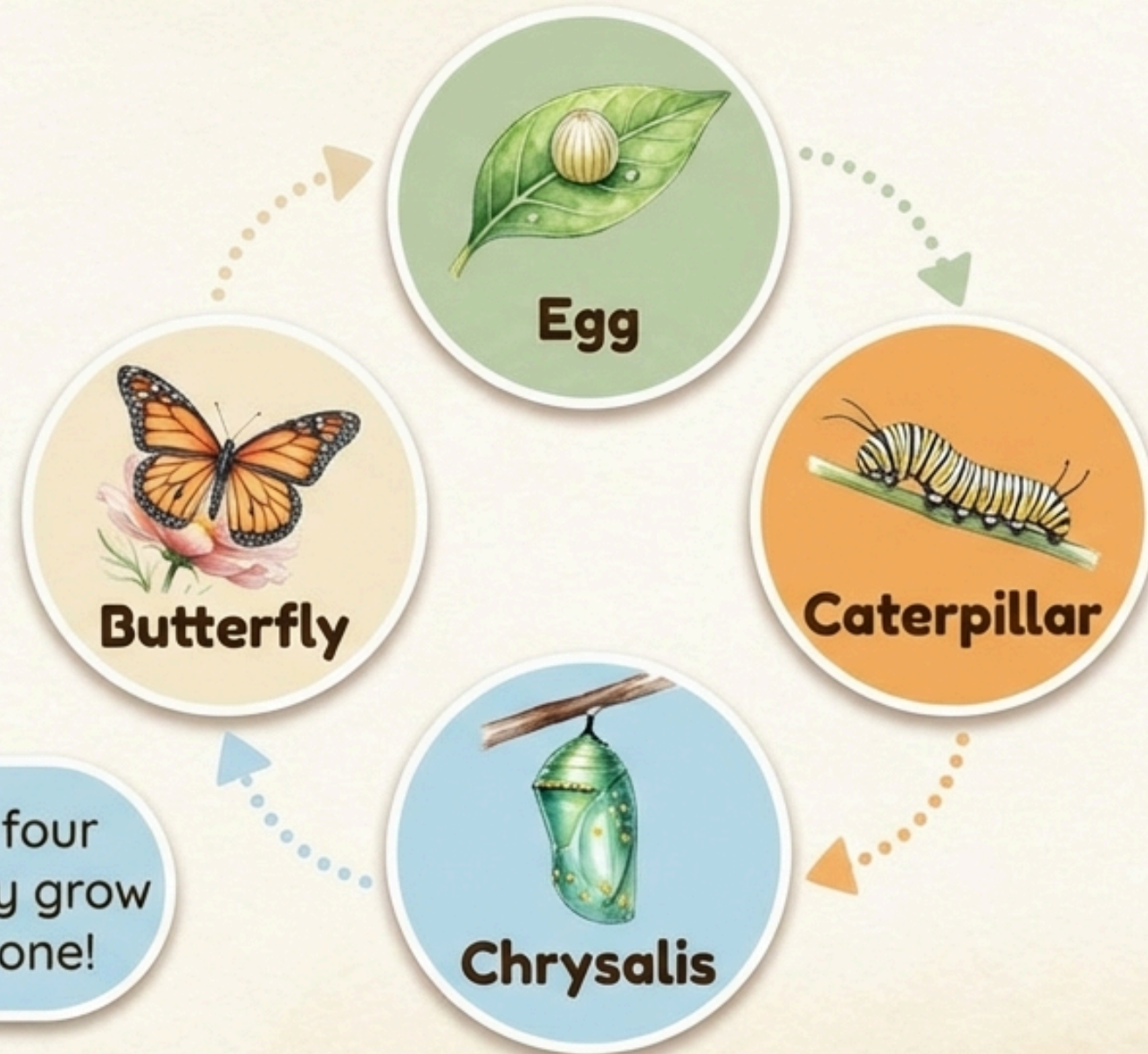


They actually taste their food using their tiny feet!



They don't start out with wings; they begin as little crawlers.

# The Endless Circle of Life



Butterflies go through four amazing changes as they grow up. Let's explore each one!

# Stage 1 - The Tiny Egg



- The mother butterfly lays her eggs on a safe leaf.
- The eggs are very, very tiny.
- The baby bug grows safely inside the round shell.

**Did You Know?**  
Some butterfly eggs hatch  
in just a few days!

## Stage 2 - The Hungry Caterpillar



- A caterpillar hatches out of the tiny egg.
- Its only job is to eat lots and lots of leaves.
- It grows incredibly fast and gets very plump!

### **Did You Know?**

Caterpillars grow so fast that they actually outgrow and shed their own skin!

## Stage 3 - The Resting Chrysalis



- The caterpillar makes a hard, safe shell.
- It rests quietly inside the shell for a long time.
- Its body is doing magic and completely changing.

### Did You Know?

Even though it looks perfectly still on the outside, a whole new body is forming inside!

## Stage 4 – The Beautiful Butterfly



- It comes out of the shell with wet, folded wings.
- It waits for the sun to dry its wings, then it flies!
- It drinks sweet nectar from colorful flowers.

### **Did You Know?**

Adult butterflies lay new tiny eggs, and the wonderful cycle starts all over again!

# Match the Life Stages

Butterfly

Egg

Chrysalis

Caterpillar



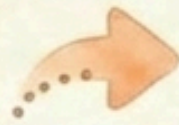
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# Put the Story in Order

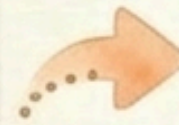
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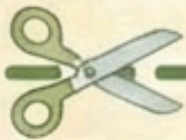
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Carefully cut out the pictures below and paste them into the correct order 1 through 4.



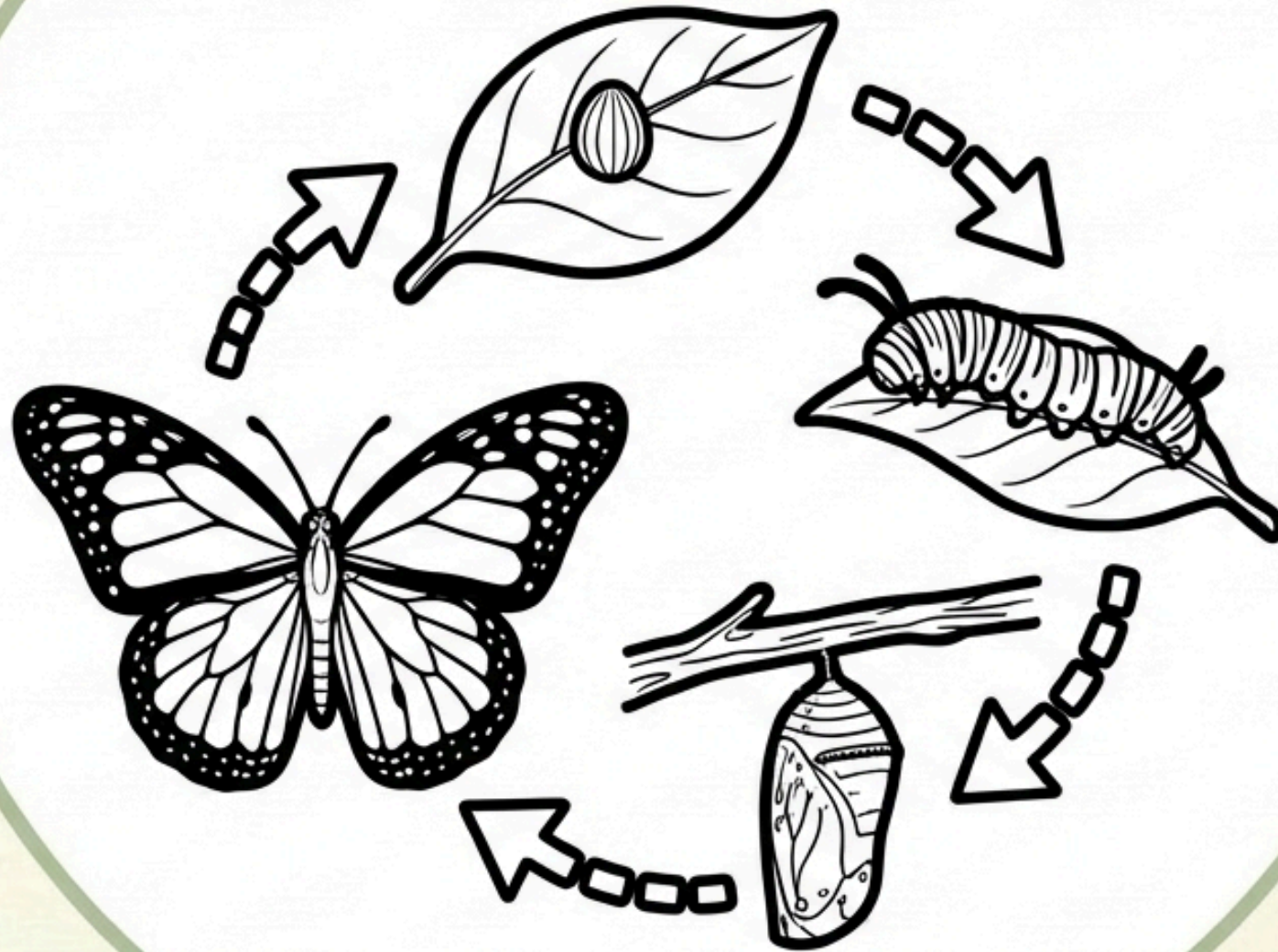
## Complete the Butterfly Story

1. The mother butterfly lays a tiny \_\_\_\_\_ on a leaf.
2. A hungry \_\_\_\_\_ hatches and eats lots of food.
3. It rests inside a hard shell called a \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Finally, it comes out as a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_!



[ Caterpillar • Butterfly • Chrysalis • Egg ]

# Color the Beautiful Journey



Bring the butterfly's magic to life using your favorite crayons or markers!

# Butterfly Knowledge Check

1. What does a caterpillar love to do most?

- A Fly
- B Eat leaves
- C Swim

2. What is the hard shell called?

- A Chrysalis
- B Egg
- C House

3. How many wings does an adult butterfly have?

- A Two
- B Eight
- C Four

Circle the correct answer for each question. You can do it!

# Amazing Butterfly Secrets



Some butterflies, like the Monarch, fly thousands of miles in the winter. It's called migration!



Butterfly wings are perfectly symmetrical. That means the left side looks exactly like the right side!



Butterflies cannot bite or chew. They drink their food using a long tube like a straw!

Share these amazing facts with your family!

# Lifecycle Expert Award

This certificate is proudly presented to:

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For mastering the magical life cycle of a butterfly and completing all the learning activities with flying colors!

