

Life Cycle of a Butterfly

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

The child learns the four stages of a butterfly's life cycle: egg, caterpillar (larva), chrysalis (pupa), and adult butterfly. This lesson uses concrete materials to explore metamorphosis and connects to the natural world.

What You Need:

- Butterfly life cycle figurines or pictures
- Paper and crayons for drawing
- Optional: The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
- Life cycle chart or poster

Steps:

1. Show pictures or figurines of each stage: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly.
2. 'Every butterfly starts as a tiny egg on a leaf. What hatches from the egg?'
3. 'The caterpillar eats and eats and grows. Then something amazing happens
4. 'It makes a chrysalis!', the caterpillar transforms into a butterfly!'
5. Arrange the stages in a circle (cycle): egg !' caterpillar !' chrysalis !' butterfly !' egg.
6. Draw and label the four stages.

Work Space:



