

Life Cycle of a Butterfly — Chrysalis Stage

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

Continuing the butterfly life cycle study with the chrysalis (pupa) stage. The child learns that the caterpillar forms a chrysalis and undergoes metamorphosis — a complete transformation — inside.

What You Need:

- Pictures of chrysalises
- Science journal
- Colored pencils
- Life cycle diagram from previous lesson

Steps:

1. Review: 'What have we learned so far? Egg, then caterpillar. The caterpillar eats and grows. What happens next?'
2. 'When the caterpillar is big enough, something amazing happens. It attaches itself to a branch and forms a hard shell called a CHRYsalis.'
3. Show pictures of a chrysalis. 'It might look like nothing is happening, but INSIDE the caterpillar is completely changing!'
4. 'This change is called METAMORPHOSIS. The caterpillar's body breaks down and rebuilds into something completely new.'
5. 'It's like the greatest magic trick in nature — a crawling caterpillar becomes a flying butterfly!'
6. Child draws the chrysalis stage in their science journal and labels it.
7. Update the life cycle diagram: egg, caterpillar, chrysalis.

Work Space:

