

Butterfly Puppet Play

A caterpillar crawled to the top of a tree.	(Extend left arm. Wiggle right index finger up your arm.)
"I think I'll take a nap," said he.	(Pretend right index finger is talking.)
So under a leaf he began to creep.	(Wrap left hand around right index finger.)
He spun a chrysalis and he fell asleep.	
For six long months he slept in his chrysalis bed,	
Until spring finally came along and said,	
"Wake up, wake up, you sleepy head."	(Shake left fist.)
Out of the leaf he did cry,	(Hook thumbs together. Extend fingers
"Look, I've become a butterfly!"	and wiggle like wings.)

Make this butterfly puppet to engage children's attention.

Let the children make "butterflies."

Glue pom poms for eyes and a nose on the outside of an old sock for a caterpillar.	
Glue a felt butterfly on the inside toe of the sock.	Have children take off their shoes, stand on a piece of paper, cross their legs, and trace around their feet.
Begin the poem with your hand inside the sock so the caterpillar is seen.	They can cut out their feet, then decorate them with markers, paint, or collage materials.
When the caterpillar spins a chrysalis, pull the cuff back over the head.	(On a warm day, it's fun to let children step in paint with their bare feet to make butterfly footprints.)
To reveal the butterfly, turn the sock inside out.	

Lifecycle of a Butterfly



First, I am an egg.



Then I am a caterpillar.

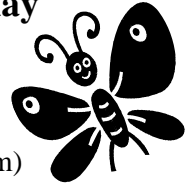


Now I am a cocoon.



Now I am a Butterfly!

My Friendly Caterpillar Fingerplay



My friendly caterpillar (finger crawls up arm)

Made its cocoon one day. (close hands together)

It turned into a butterfly (open hands with thumbs hooked together)

And quickly flew away. (flap hands)

BUTTERFLY SONG (Up on the House Top Christmas Song)

Pretty Butterfly...

First comes a butterfly and lays an egg,
Out comes the caterpillar with many legs.

Oh, see the caterpillar spin and spin,
A little cocoon (chrysalis) to sleep in.

Oh, oh, oh, look and see --
Oh, oh, oh look and see

Out of the chrysalis my, oh, my
Out comes a pretty butterfly.



Butterfly Lifecycle Bracelet

Take one pipe cleaner and thread the beads on in the following order.

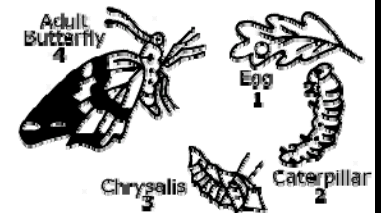
1 white bead to represent the **EGG**,

1 red bead to represent the **HEAD** of the caterpillar,

3 green beads to represent the caterpillar's **BODY**,

1 Glitter bead to represent the **CHRYSALIS**,

and **1 BUTTERFLY** bead at the end.



After the children are done with the bracelet, ask them individually to tell about their life cycle bracelet.