

Weekly Faith Formation Update

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Butterflies are brightly colored flying insects with a distinctive, fluttering flight pattern. They have two pairs of large wings with symmetrical patterns. The smallest butterfly has a wingspan of half an inch; the largest butterfly has a wingspan of twelve inches. Most butterflies drink nectar from flowers. Some butterflies fly thousands of miles every year; some do not migrate at all.

Butterflies go through a life cycle with four stages: egg, caterpillar (larva), chrysalis (pupa), & butterfly.

Books about Butterflies

- [National Geographic Readers: Caterpillar to Butterfly](#) | Laura Marshv
- [A Butterfly Is Patient](#) | Diana Aston and Sylvia Long
- [Butterflies & Moths: The Clearest Recognition Guide Available](#) | David J. Carter
- [The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian's Art Changed Science](#) | Joyce Sidman
- [Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian](#) | Margarita Engle & Julia Paschkis
- [Waiting for Wings](#) | Lois Ehlert
- [The Very Hungry Caterpillar](#) | Eric Carle
- [From Caterpillar to Butterfly](#) | Deborah Heiligman & Bari Weissman
- [Hurry and the Monarch](#) | Antoine O. Flatharta & Meilo So
- [Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly](#) | Alan Madison & Kevin Hawkes
- [When Butterflies Cross the Sky: The Monarch Butterfly Migration](#) | Sharon Katz Cooper & Joshua S. Brunet
- [Monarch and Milkweed](#) | Helen Frost & Leonid Gore
- [How to Raise Monarch Butterflies: A Step-by-Step Guide for Kids](#) | Carol Pasternak

Butterfly Symmetry Painting

Supplies Needed: Sturdy paper, Scissors, Tempera paint in 2 or more colors

Directions:

1. Fold your paper in half, 1. cut out a half butterfly shape, and then open it up to reveal your perfectly symmetrical butterfly.
2. Squeeze small amounts of paint onto half of the butterfly. You can use 2 or more colors of paint. You don't need a lot because once you close the butterfly half, the paint will spread. (If you're not using a squeeze bottle, you can use a spoon or paint brush to add drops of paint to one side.)
3. Fold the other half of the paper over the paint drops and press it together with your hands.
4. Open the paper to reveal your symmetrical butterfly painting.
5. Repeat to make as many butterflies as you like!

Black Glue Butterflies

Supplies Needed: Sturdy paper (such as watercolor paper), Squeeze bottle of glue (half empty), Black paint (acrylic or tempera), Watercolor paint

Directions:

1. First, add tablespoon or more of black paint into a half-empty bottle of white glue. Shake to mix.
2. Fold your paper in half, creasing it at the fold.
3. Open your paper and use your bottle of black glue to "draw" half of a butterfly on half of the paper, with the butterfly's body along the center fold.
4. Fold the other half of the paper over the black glue butterfly half. Press it with your hands to transfer the butterfly design, then open the folded paper to reveal your full butterfly.
5. Let your design dry (for a couple of hours or overnight) then paint in the sections with watercolor paint.