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Butterfly Life Cycle

About

Thank you so much for downloading this product. We hope that it will be a valuable resource in your Early Learning Classroom.

This activity is designed for children aged 3 years and older.

Prep

Step 1: Download and print the Butterfly Life Cycle template and fun fact sheets for your science center.

Use the pages as-is for an easy low-prep activity.

Step 2: Grab some paint, crayons or markers to create.

Step 3: Enjoy learning.

Directions

Step 1: Explore the different stages of the butterfly life cycle before starting this activity. You can use a book or YouTube video to show the kids the different stages the butterfly goes through as it grows.

This file also includes several fact sheets for you to use. These include photos of the different stages as well as fun facts for kids. These are perfect for use during circle time or in the science center.

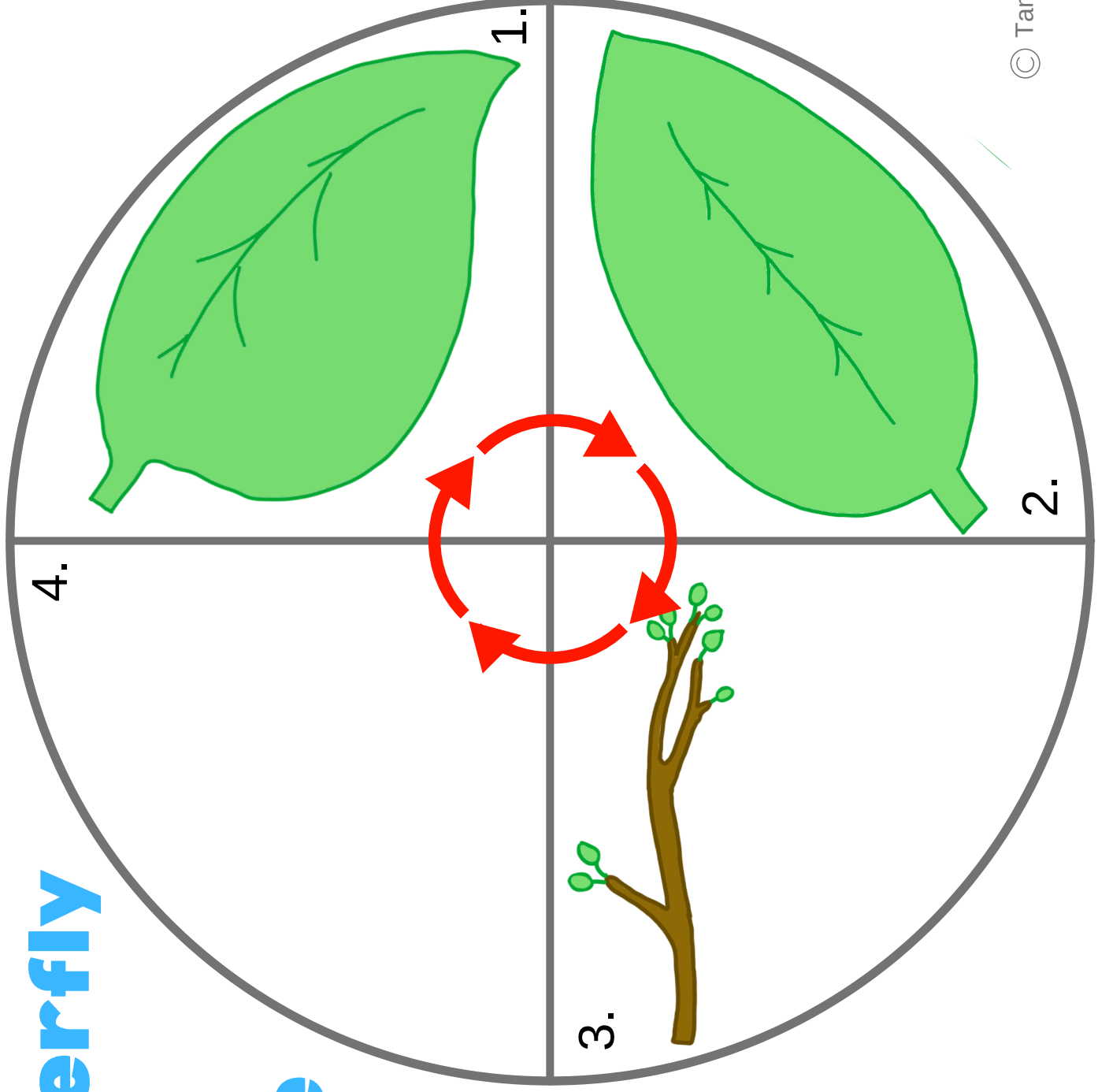
Step 2: Assemble all of your materials to complete your Butterfly Life Cycle activity.

Take a closer look at each life stage as you complete your art representation together. Discuss what you have learned about each stage of the butterfly life cycle as you create with your class.

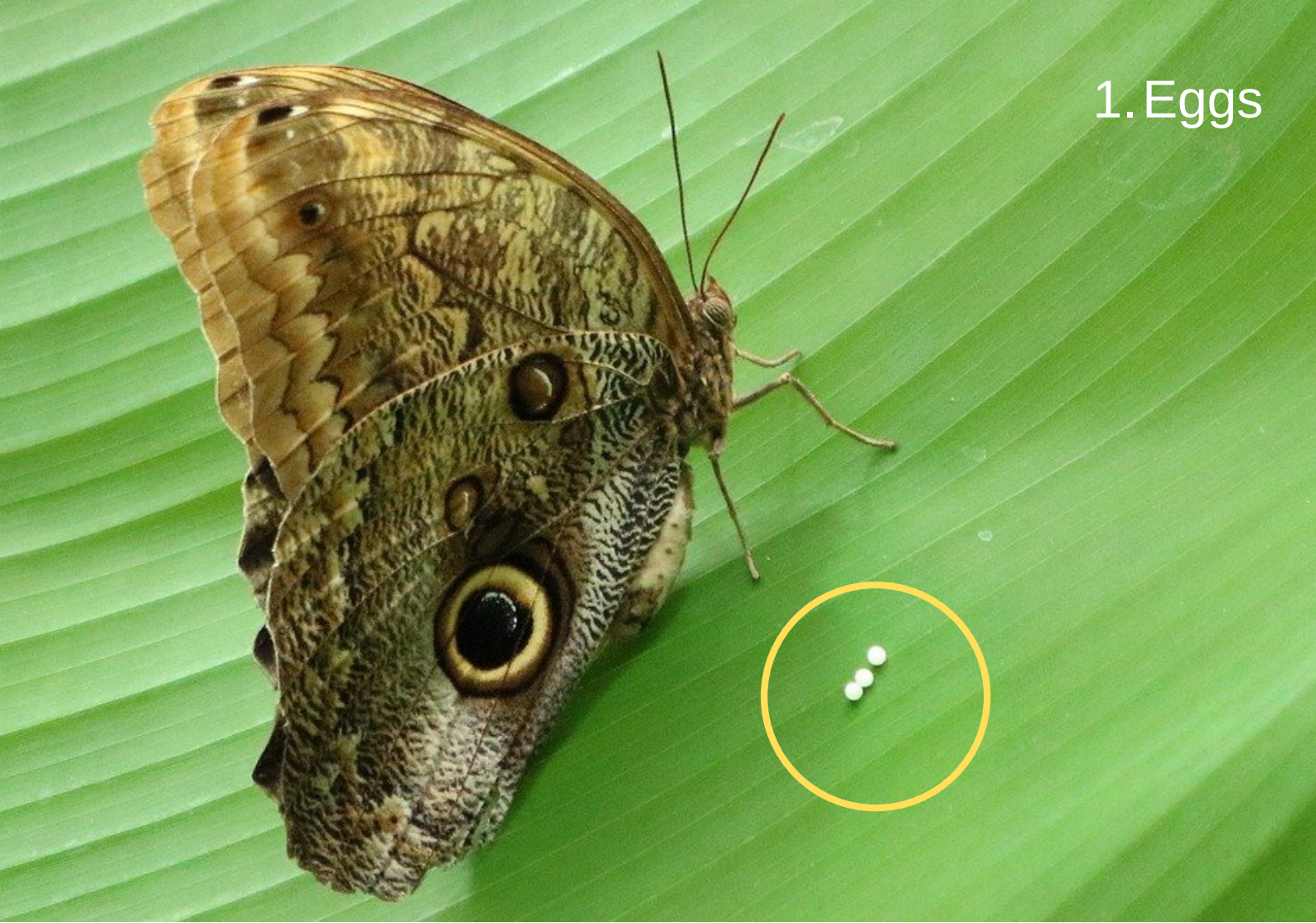
Step 3: Repeat step 2 with each of the four stages of the butterfly life cycle.

Butterfly Life Cycle

1. Egg
2. Caterpillar
3. Chrysalis
4. Butterfly



1. Eggs



2. Caterpillar



3. Chrysalis (Cocoon)



4. Butterfly



Fun Facts

Eggs

Butterfly eggs are tiny and take 3 days to hatch. Look at how small the eggs are compared to the butterfly.

The female butterfly attaches the eggs to the leaves or stems of plants. So that the babies have food to eat when they hatch.

Caterpillars

Caterpillars eat for 10 -12 days. So that they are big and strong enough for the next stage in their life cycle. When they are ready they will hang upside down from a twig or leaf, and form a chrysalis.

Chrysalis

The chrysalis or cocoon is where the caterpillar turns into a butterfly. It's like a hard shell that protects the butterfly while it's transforming. Most butterflies stay in their chrysalis for 1 to 3 weeks. But some can stay in there for a year.

Butterflies

When they are ready, the butterfly comes out of its chrysalis. Their wings are soft and wet. So they have to wait for their wings to dry before they can fly.

When they are ready, the butterfly can take off and search for something to eat (Most butterflies feed on nectar from flowers), and lay their own eggs to start the whole cycle again.