

2 Corinthians 5:17 encourages us, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

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When the caterpillar is all grown and finished eating, it is designed to attach itself to a log or tree limb and form a chrysalis (a protective covering) around itself. The caterpillar secretly transforms into a beautiful butterfly.

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The chrysalis splits open and out comes a beautiful butterfly!

Just as the pudgy caterpillar is transformed into a beautiful creation, we can be transformed by God's grace through Jesus Christ. Find out more at [www.KidsAnswers.org/good-news](http://www.KidsAnswers.org/good-news).

**Hey kids! Buddy Davis here.**

As we study the wonder of the butterfly, we see God's greatness and know that He is the only One who could have created something so amazing!

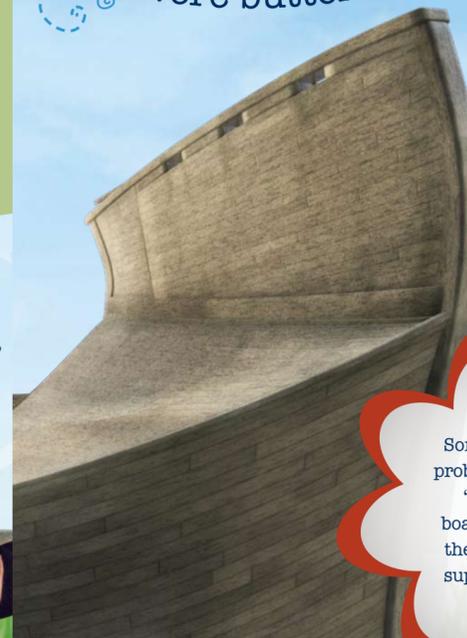


Moths and butterflies are a lot alike. But there are some **big** differences.

Moth	Butterfly
	
Active at night (nocturnal)	Active during the day (diurnal)
Dull colors	Bright colors
Wings rest at their sides	Wings rest together and upright
Feathered or pointed antennae	Straight and clubbed antennae
Thick body	Thin body

\* There are some exceptions

### Were butterflies on Noah's Ark?



The Bible says that God brought to Noah all air-breathing land animals (Genesis 6:17, 7:15). Some insects, like butterflies, don't really "breathe" air out of a mouth or nose. Air enters their bodies through tiny air holes in their bodies. So butterflies may not have been on the Ark.

But how would they have survived the global Flood if they weren't on the Ark?

Some insects were probably stowaways, "sneaking" on board the Ark with the other animals, supplies, and food.

Insects could have survived outside the Ark on the floating trees and plants that must have covered the ocean during the Flood.



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## The Monarch Butterfly

In one day, God created all kinds of amazing creatures that fly, including birds, bats, and butterflies.

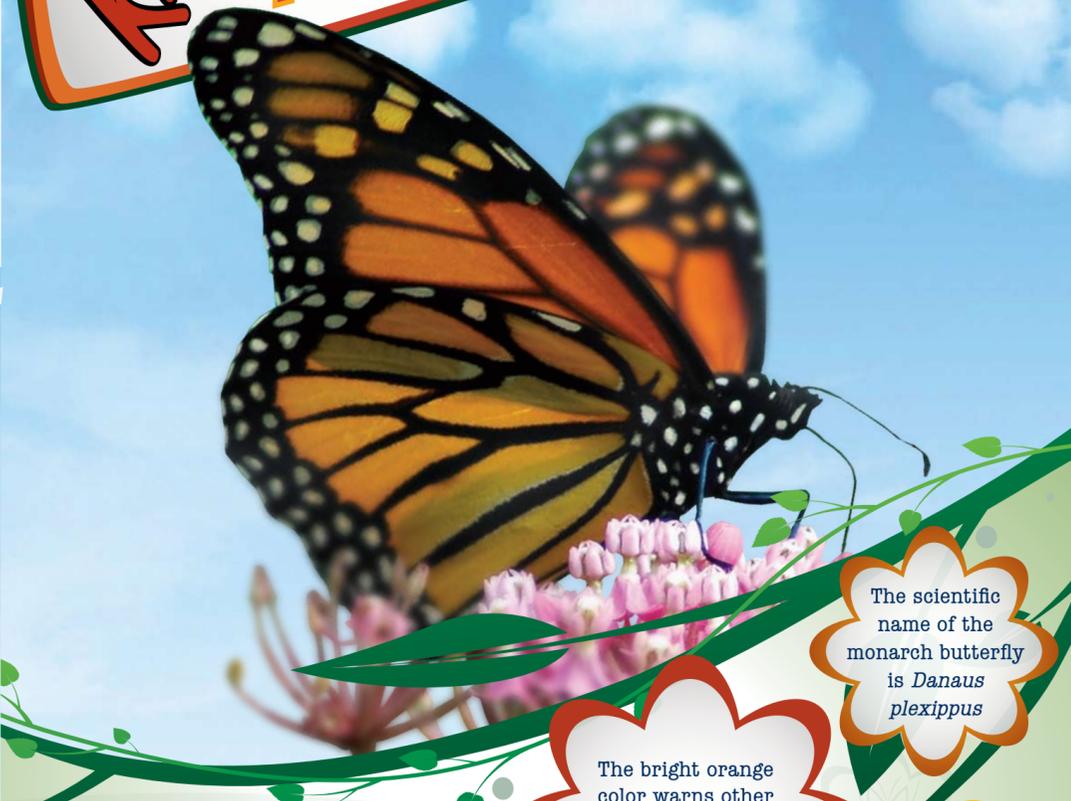
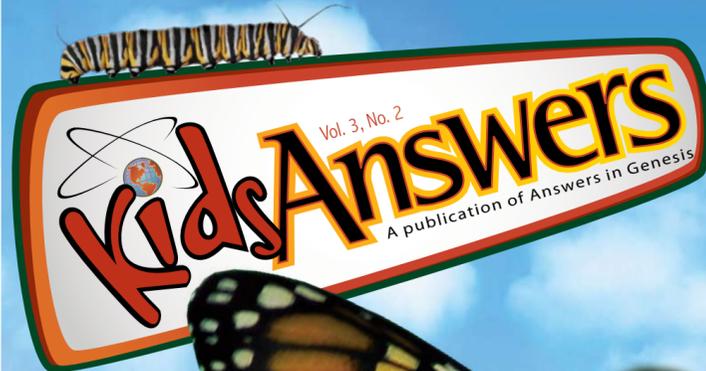
Today, one of the most famous butterflies is the monarch.

Common in warm, wet climates worldwide. Look for them in meadows, fields, and marshes—perhaps even in your own backyard!

The bright orange color warns other animals, "Don't eat me!" The monarch is bitter and poisonous to its predators.

The scientific name of the monarch butterfly is *Danaus plexippus*

Every year millions of monarch butterflies travel to Mexico, where they spend the winter. They can fly 3,000 miles (4,800 km) or more just to get out of the cold!



## God's creation ...

clearly miraculous ... clearly wonderful ... **full** of mystery!

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Consider the amazing four-part life cycle of monarch butterflies.



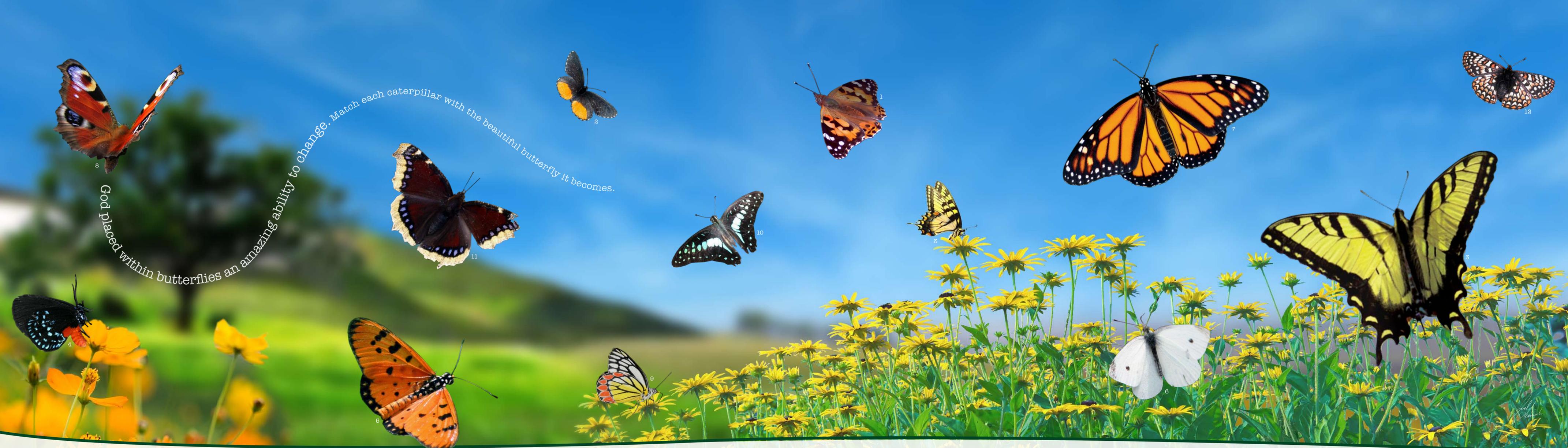
Eggs are laid on milkweed plant leaves.

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The monarch caterpillar develops from the egg and eats the milkweed leaf.



This cycle, from caterpillar to butterfly, is called "metamorphosis."



God placed within butterflies an amazing ability to change. Match each caterpillar with the beautiful butterfly it becomes.

① Painted Lady



② Red Pierrot



③ Tiger Swallowtail



④ Atala



⑤ Tawny Coster



⑥ Large White



⑦ Monarch



⑧ Peacock



⑨ Common Jezebel



⑩ Tailed Jay



⑪ Mourning Cloak



⑫ Bay Checkerspot

