

*The
Judson
Vagabond
Puppets*

*Butterfly:
The Story of a Life Cycle*



Photo by Lois Bohovesky

Butterfly: The Story of a Life Cycle

**Based on Science
with Flights of Fantasy.**

The story of the monarch butterfly makes for incredible drama, but one hero of the story is not an insect or an animal at all, but a plant.

Children will learn about the symbiotic relationship between the monarch butterfly and the milkweed plant. This large-leaf weed has a beautiful seed pod and scrumptious purple flowers that support bees and beetles as well as butterflies. For the monarch butterfly, it provides a home, food, and a special defense mechanism against predators.



The monarch lays its eggs on the underside of the nasty tasting leaves. Once hatched, the newborn caterpillar eats them up for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The monarch caterpillar and butterfly inherit the milkweed taste, making them an unwelcome meal to predators.

Our study guide will explain in detail the science behind our program. It will also encourage young people to take action to save the vanishing habitat of the monarch butterfly by planting milkweed in their back yard giving a home to this enchanting creature.

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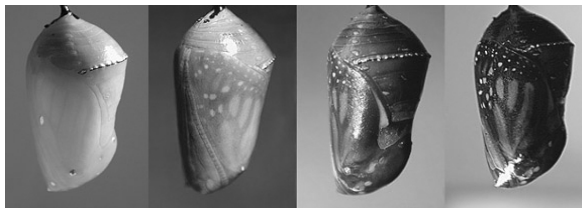
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The Amazing World of Insects comes to the stage...

Butterfly: The Story of a Life Cycle will premiere in the spring of 2008. In this full-stage program we will take a microscopic look at the insect world, viewing the life of a butterfly from birth to death. Each part of the life cycle will be depicted on the stage with giant puppets through songs and dances. Children will see the story unfold from egg to caterpillar, to the amazing metamorphosis in the chrysalis, to the incredible 1,500 mile journey to Mexico.



A host of other creatures from the insect world will join her on the way, from the lowly earthworm to the glorious dragonfly. The scrolling scenery will depict close-up images of the plant world. Full color shadow puppets will portray the migration to Mexico on a 10-foot tall screen.



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