

God's Animal Kingdom Classroom

Caterpillar and Butterfly

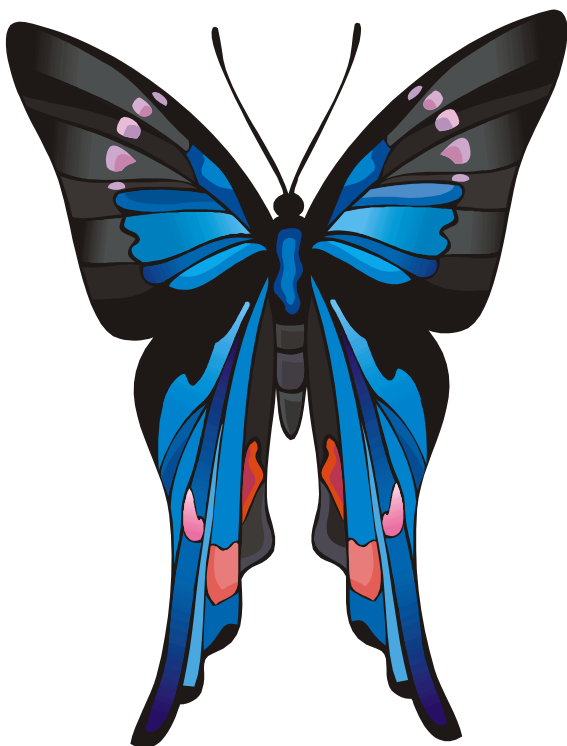


The caterpillar and butterfly are one of God's great miracles. Life begins with the caterpillar as a rather ugly and harmful insect. When the time is right, the caterpillar spins a cocoon in which it will finish its life. Then a miracle occurs. The caterpillar turns into a butterfly that is beautiful and helpful to mankind.

What can we learn from the caterpillar and butterfly?

The caterpillar and butterfly teach us about the resurrection, first of Jesus and then of ourselves.

Jesus lived on earth as a man. The difference between Jesus and every other man is that Jesus is the Son of God and never sinned. Jesus then sacrificed His life on the cross and was buried. Jesus then rose from the dead and returned to heaven in all of His glory as God. The caterpillar is like Jesus when He was on earth as a man. The cocoon is like the tomb that Jesus was placed. The butterfly is like Jesus flying up to heaven in glory and beauty.



The caterpillar and butterfly teach us about ourselves also. Because of our sins, we also are ugly and harmful just like the caterpillar. Because Jesus died to earn the forgiveness of our sins it is as though we are wrapped in the cocoon of Jesus' love and we are changed from the ugly caterpillar into the beautiful butterfly. One day we will go to heaven and share in God's glory and beauty. This is a miracle of God's love and mercy.