

P5 Week of 08.03.21

We are continuing to follow our planned Religious and Moral Education Programme. We are now learning about the Christian Festival of Easter.

Lesson 2: The Egg, The Easter Basket, The Easter Bunny, Lamb, Chick and Butterflies

The Easter Egg comes before the Christian holiday of Easter. The exchange of eggs in the springtime is a custom that was centuries old when Easter was first celebrated by Christians. From the earliest times, the egg was a symbol of rebirth in most cultures. Explain certain customs and cultures

Easter Baskets symbolise nests where the Easter chick laid its Easter Eggs. Today, baskets are used for the Easter Bunny hide to coloured eggs and other goodies in for children to find at Easter.

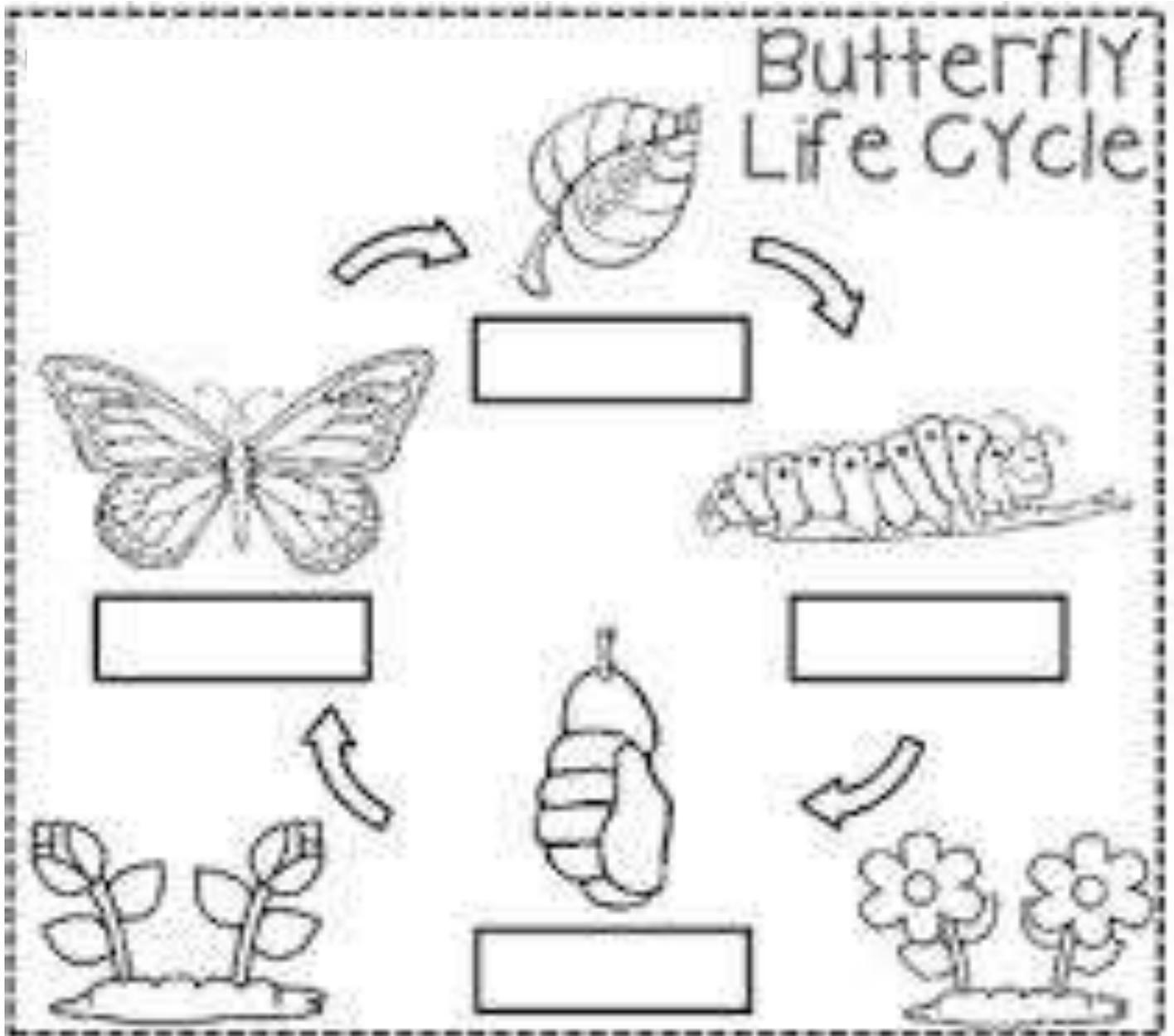
The Easter Bunny is not a modern invention. The symbol started with the pagan festival of Easter. The goddess, Easter, was worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit.

The Easter Lamb represents Jesus and relates His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Christians traditionally refer to Jesus as "the Lamb of God." Many people serve lamb as part of the Easter feast.

The Chick is another Easter Symbol that represents new life or rebirth. The Chick breaking out its shell is a symbol for Jesus' resurrection, when the rock was moved and he emerged from the tomb. Of course, baby chicks are a symbol of new life.

The butterfly is one of the symbols used most often to signify Easter. Its whole life cycle is symbolic of the meaning of the life of Christ. First, there is the caterpillar, which stands for His life on Earth. Second, comes the cocoon stage, portraying the crucifixion and burial of Jesus. The third and final stage is the beautiful butterfly, representing His raising from the dead in a glorified body.

Label the life cycle of a butterfly.



- Butterfly
- Chrysalis
- Egg
- Caterpillar

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Make an Easter card using symbols of Bunny, Lamb and Chick.

Use the Jelly Bean prayer for the inside verse.

The Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave,
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright,
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made,
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow,
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans colourful and sweet,
Is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.
May the joy of Christ's resurrection,
Fill your heart and bless your life.

