



Monarch Magic

A wonder of nature...the monarch's magic life! Use this quick and easy take-home reader to help kids understand how the tiny egg they may find attached to a milkweed leaf will one day turn into a beautiful monarch butterfly. Children will be fascinated as they witness metamorphosis and watch the transformation of the tiny egg as it hatches into a caterpillar, spins a cocoon, and finally emerges from its cocoon and flies away. A miracle of life...truly magic!

Monarch Magic Shape Book

Share the story of metamorphosis with your students and then have fun making this simple booklet that tells a butterfly's story. Begin by reproducing a Monarch Magic cover and the six pages that tell the story for each child. Ask kids to cut out the cover pattern close to the jar outline and glue it onto a folded 9" x 12" sheet of colorful construction paper. Next, have the children cut the cover into a jar shape, leaving

about 1/4" construction paper border all around the edge of the jar, as shown.

Finally, invite students to color the pages of the booklet, cut them out, and insert them into the cover before stapling along the side. Finish the booklet by gluing the monarch circle (below) on the back cover. What a great way to tell the monarch's life story!

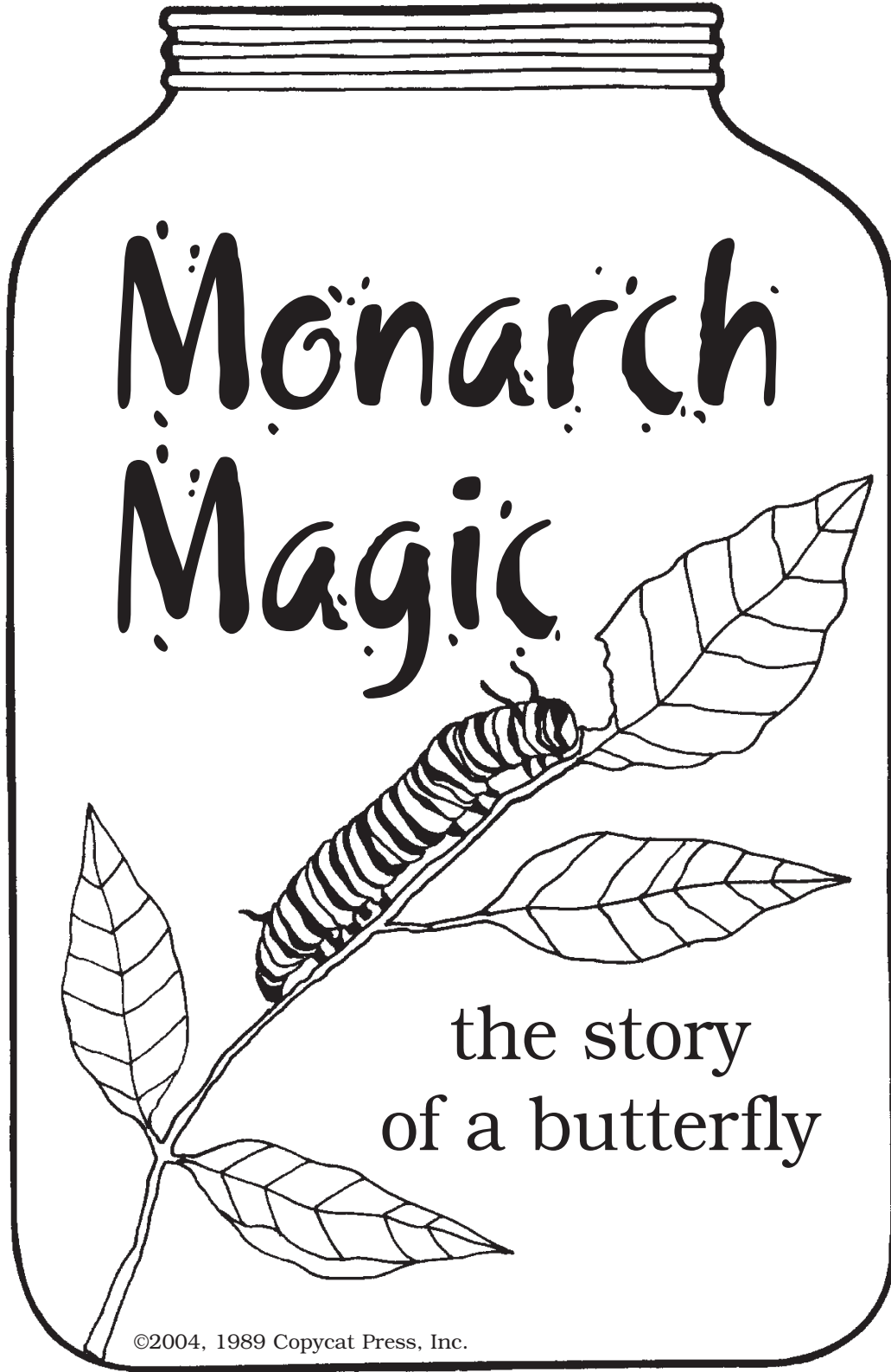


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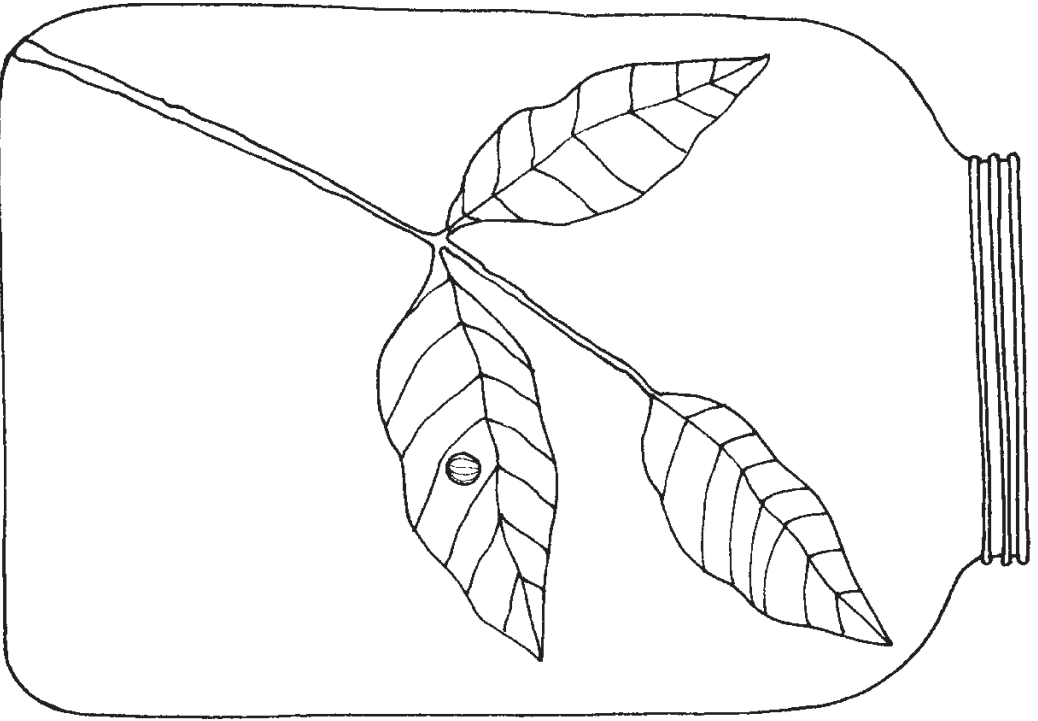


Cut out jar shape and glue on folded cover. Cut around jar shape, leaving 1/4" border.



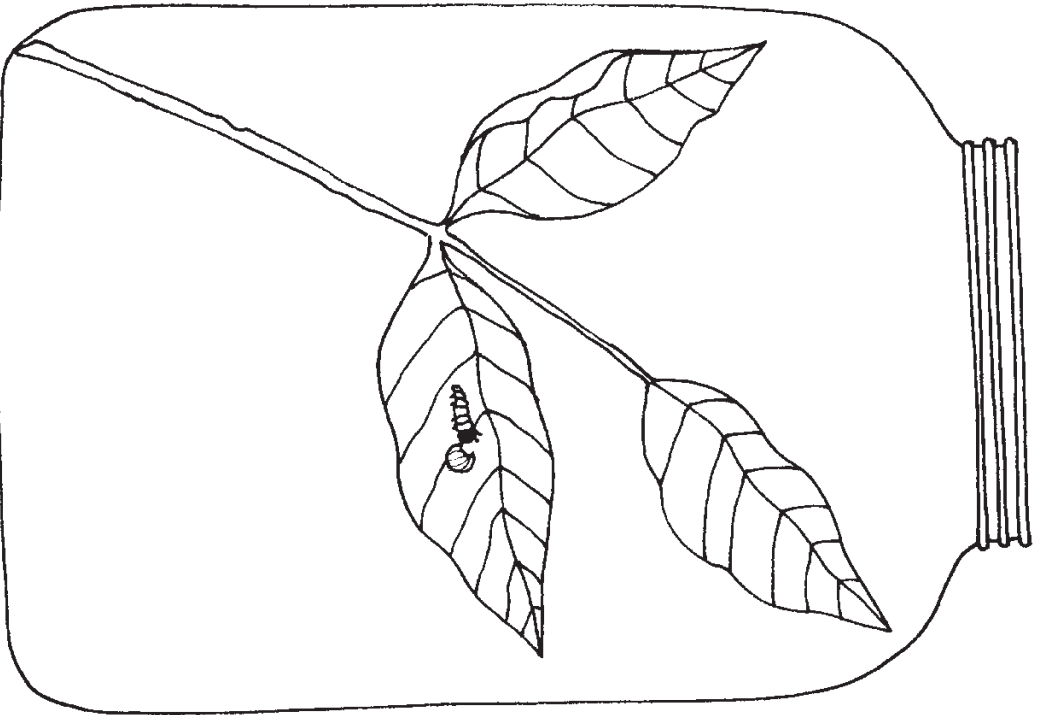


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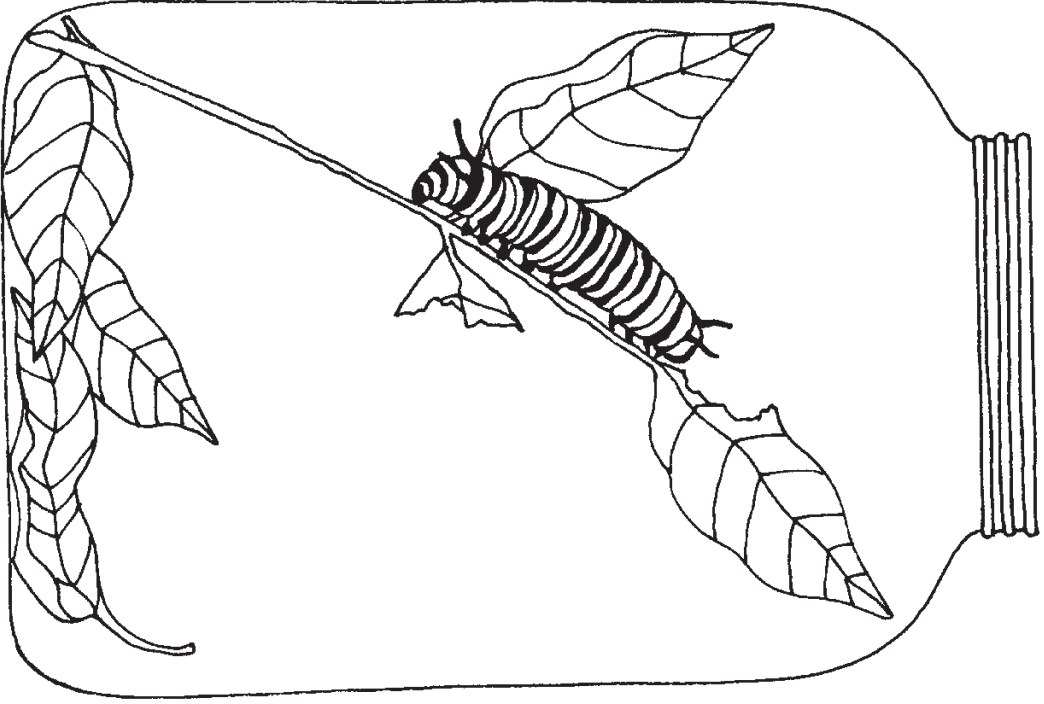
One day I found a tiny egg on a milkweed leaf. I put it in a jar.

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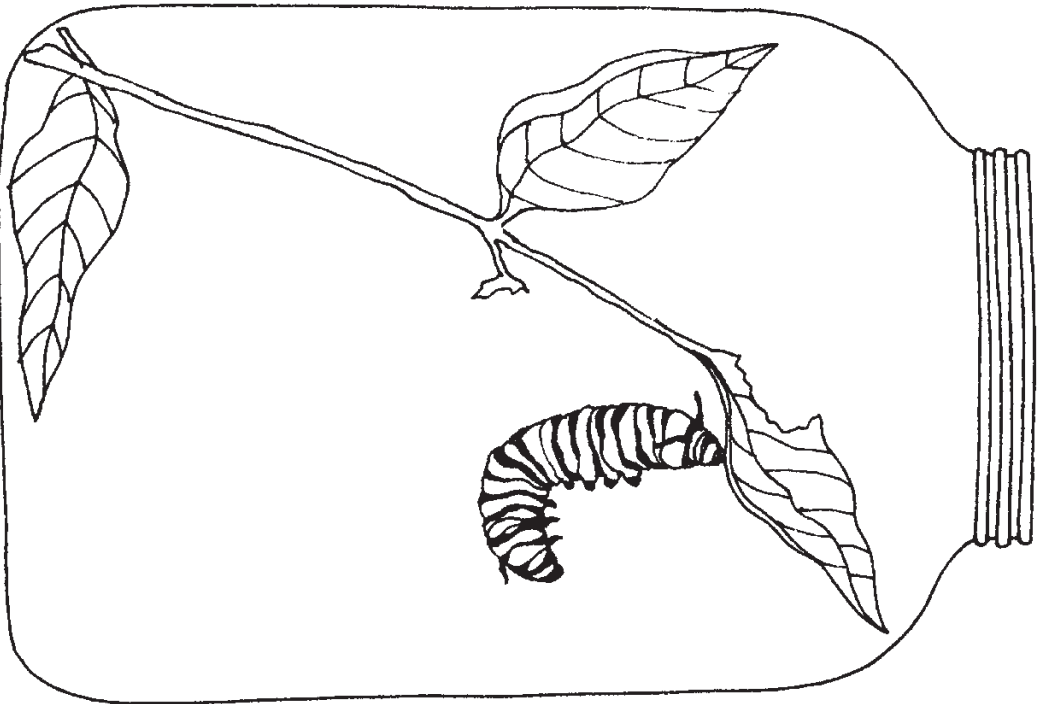
Soon a caterpillar came out of the egg. It is called a larva. First, it ate the eggshell.

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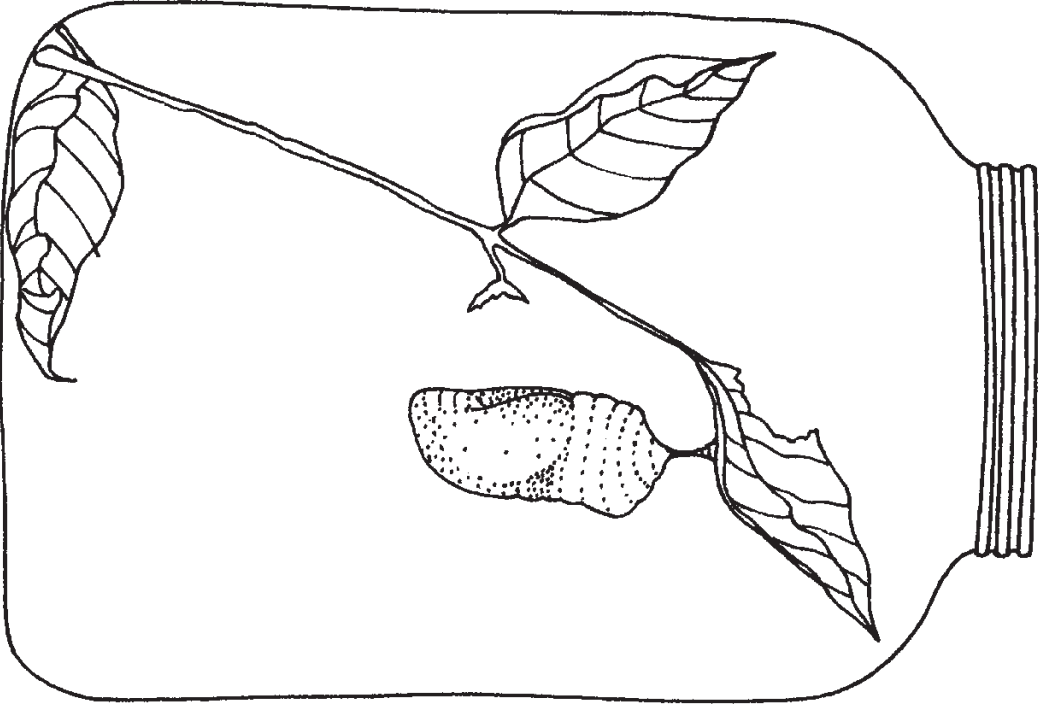
I gave it fresh milkweed leaves to eat.
It grew larger and larger.

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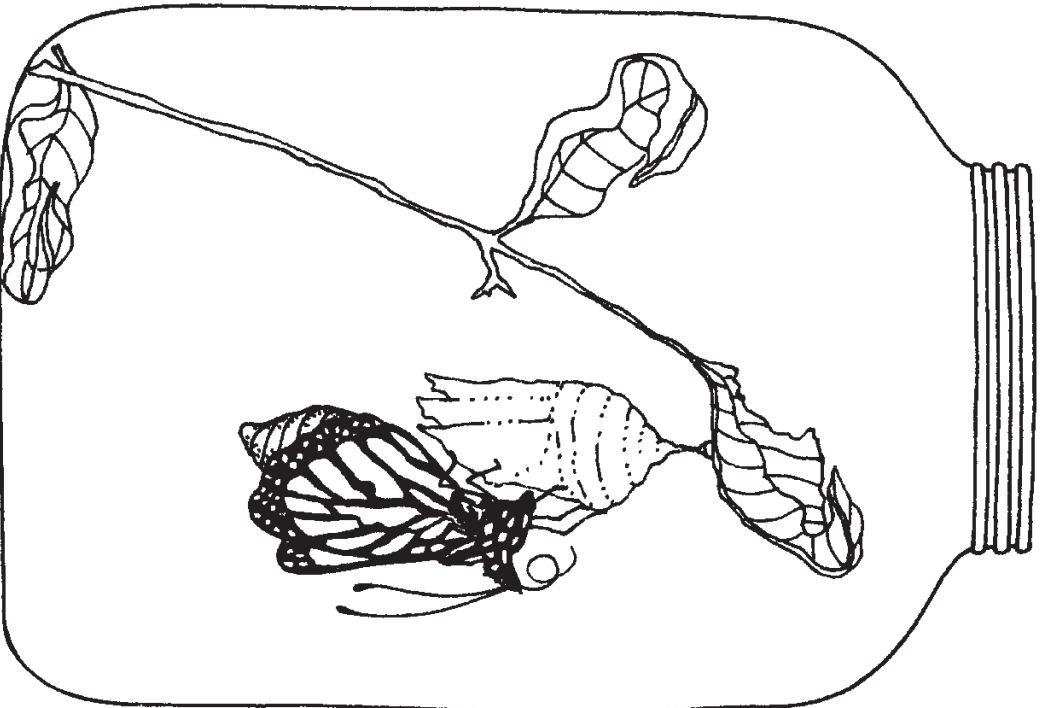
One day it stopped eating.
It did a funny thing. See?

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Next it made a hard shell house
around itself. Now it is called a pupa.

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I waited and waited. Then one day it came
out...a beautiful Monarch butterfly. Magici!