

Parent connection: In Texas schools, children in second and third grade learn about the life cycles of different insects! Try these activities to continue the learning at home.

## LEARN

### Insect Life Cycle

In this video, Eco learns about the unique stages that insects go through, including butterflies, grasshoppers and lady beetles.



Watch the video with your child and join in with them for the dance moves!

<https://eco.tiny.us/Insect>



## WONDER

Ask your child to tell you about insect life cycles or research together!

- What are the different stages of a butterfly's life cycle?
- How is a grasshopper life cycle different from the other insects you saw in the video?
- Can you describe the life cycle for a different animal such as a chicken or a human?

## EXPLORE

### Step by Step

Life cycles happen in a particular order. Ask your child to draw a picture of something that they do in a series of steps such as cooking from a recipe or the progression of actions they take to get ready for bed. Encourage them to share their drawing and describe each of the steps.



## TRY

### Butterfly Life Cycle Necklace

<https://eco.tiny.us/InsectActivity>



### Caterpillar Race

This is a fun outdoor game to play. You can form teams or, for smaller groups, time how long it takes and then try to beat your time!

1. Form a line of people with a balloon separating each player.
2. Have players stand close enough that they can hold up the balloons without using their hands.
3. When you say, "Wiggle!" the caterpillar runs, staying connected, to the finish line without dropping any balloons.



Next Experiment! Try doing a grasshopper race where you jump across the line with a balloon held between your knees.

## SHARE

### Show us what you discovered!

Share a photo of your life cycle necklace, show off your step by step drawing or post a video of your race! #cmhouston #cycleoflife