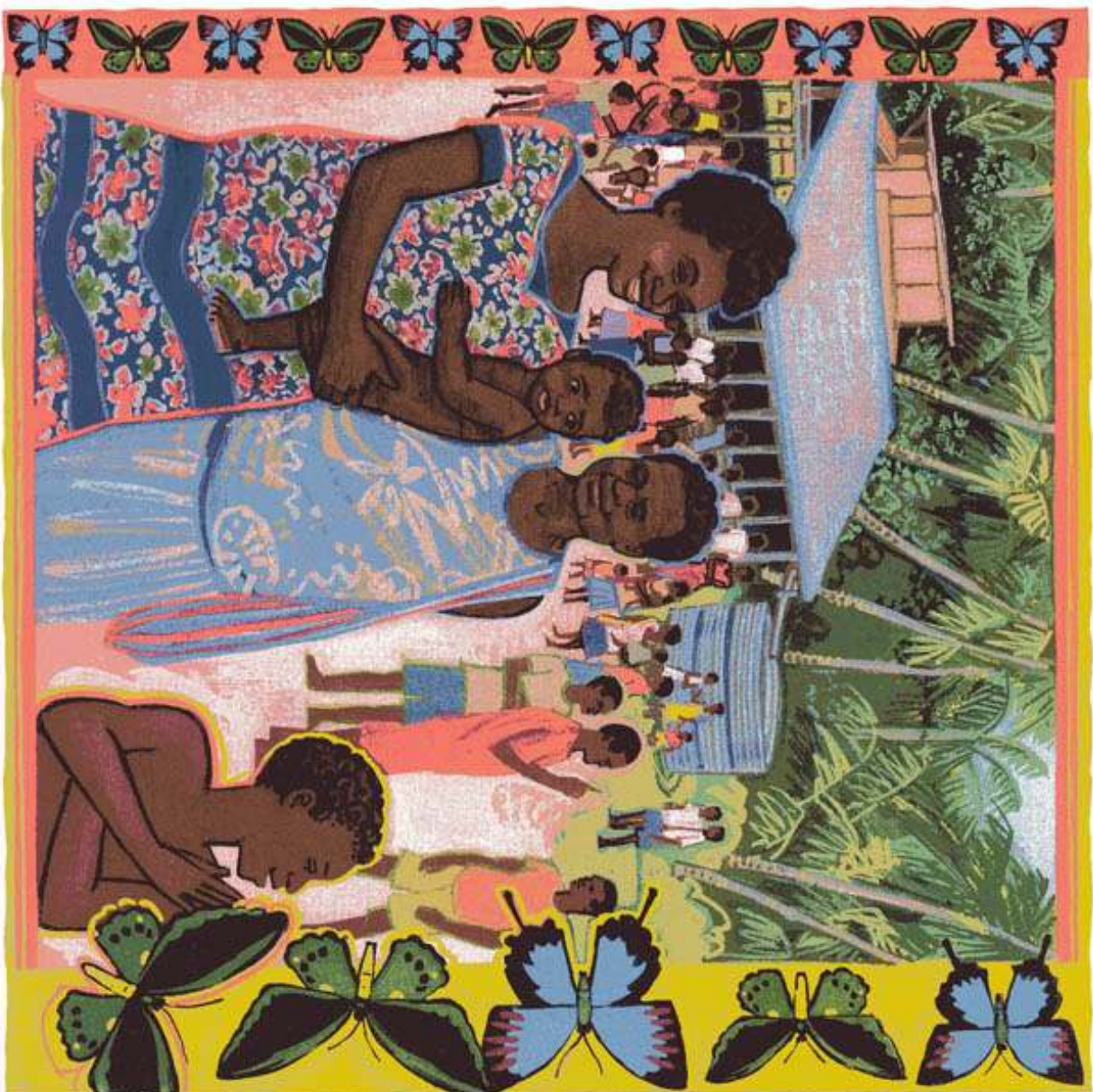


Teaching Guide -The Elkei People

Instructions for Leaders or Teachers

- Study all the material yourself before sharing it with others.
- Introduce the people group to the children.
- Listen to the audio information that describes the people group.
- Listen to any additional information provided.
- Do these things in the order listed. Some points can be skipped over if not usable.
- Use a map of globe to locate the area where the people group lives.
- Have children do map work that is age appropriate.
- Talk about the location of the Elkei people group in relation to the equator.
- Ask “Do the Elkei people live close to the equator?” If the answer is “Yes”, this indicates a hot/tropical climate.
- Ask, “Do the Elkei people live in a mountain area?” If the answer is “Yes”, this will indicate a colder/cooler climate.
- Have the children name the countries surrounding the country where the Elkei people group live.
- Look at the map included and see if the country has any access to an ocean or a river which would allow transport of goods.
- Talk about the ways the Elkei people group provide for basic human needs:
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Shelter
 - Human relationships
 - Compare the answers with the way your own people provide these needs.
 - Are these customs of the Elkei people different from the way you live?
 - Talk about the importance of color and the meaning of color.
 - Talk about festivals and music.

- Talk about the animals that live in this country where the Elkei people live. Are the animals helpful to the people? Are the animals a danger to the people?
- What are the main spiritual beliefs of the Elkei people?
 - Have any of these people placed their faith in Jesus Christ?
 - Is there a church where these people may gather together to worship and study?
 - Do any Christians in this group face persecution, (treatment in a harsh or cruel way) for their beliefs?
- Ask your group of children if the Elkei people have any part of God's Word (The Bible), translated into their own language?
- Ask if they have any other Christian material?
 - Bible stories
 - Christian radio
 - Christian music Christian drama
 - Christian audiocassettes
- Pray for the Elkei people group using the prayer points you have heard. Are the children able to think of other things for which to pray?
- Are there people groups in your country who are still waiting to hear the message of God's love for all peoples? Pray for them too!
- Are there children or adults in your group who might like to train as Bible Translators? A Bible Translator put the words of the Bible into the words of a different language.
- Review the names and countries of other people groups you have already studied.
- If a craft or color page is included this week and is useful for your group of children to work on, do it now.



E

Elkei

(el-kay)

They flutter here. They flicker there. Butterflies are everywhere! Birdwing and Swallowtail butterflies splash glowing colors in the jungles of Papua New Guinea. Baby is fascinated. He watches the butterflies float and swoop and dart. Big brother almost catches one. Grandmother prefers to admire her grandson.

Elkei men cut down sago palms and plant gardens with taro and sweet potato. They hunt furry marsupials called bandicoots and cassowary birds as big as emus. Boys love to go with the men. In the village, girls help mothers cook sticky sago porridge. Palm leaf houses perch on stilts. Not too far away pigs dig and stomp and snort.

The Elkei people do not have the Bible in their own language.



The Elkei

Continent: An island in the South Pacific Ocean

Country: Papua New Guinea

Geographical Information

The Elkei people live on the large island of Papua New Guinea. PNG also has many smaller islands that are near the big island. All the islands of Papua New Guinea are surrounded by the South Pacific Ocean.

- Papua New Guinea is a land of high mountains and hills where weather can be very cold and damp.
- Papua New Guinea also has thick tropical rainforests where the weather is always hot and sticky.
- It has lowland swamps that have spongy, muddy land and water everywhere. Many trees and shrubs grow in swamps.
- It has many coral islands. Coral is a living small animal that groups together and forms a hard bumpy growth beneath salt water.
- Papua New Guinea usually has heavy rainfall, poor soil, many rivers, and beautiful birds and interesting animals.
- The butterflies of Papua New Guinea are beautiful.
- The main island of Papua New Guinea looks like a giant bird flying across the top of the continent of Australia.

Look at the map of the Pacific.

Color the right half of PNG green. The line down the middle divides it in half. The left half is part of the country of Indonesia.

Facts about the Elkei people

- The Elkei people are just one group of over 800 different language groups that live in this country.
- The Elkei people live in the low jungle clad mountains north of the swampy Sepik region.
- Their 3 villages are a two day walk from the Sepik River.
- The people are bilingual which means they speak two languages: Elkei and Tok Pisin (the language of trade).

- The Elkei people have extended families that consist of family, clan and tribe. The extended family is very important and directs how people will act.
- Individual people in this language group do not own things. Everything jointly owned by everyone living in a household.
- How is this different from the way you live among your own people?
- The Elkei people believe a person by how much he shares with others.
- The Elkei people still follow the old ways and beliefs. They are very much afraid of being hurt by evil spirits. They spend much time trying to keep evil spirits happy.
- The Elkei people do not know the one true God, or about His son Jesus.

You can pray for the Elkei people

- Pray that some Christians will be called to work among these people.
- Pray that the Elkei will hear about God's love and turn to him rather than follow the old ways.
- Pray for the young people of PNG. Some go to school but can not find work so they turn to crime. Pray that these young adults will learn to follow God's way of love.

Papua New Guinea Animal Studies

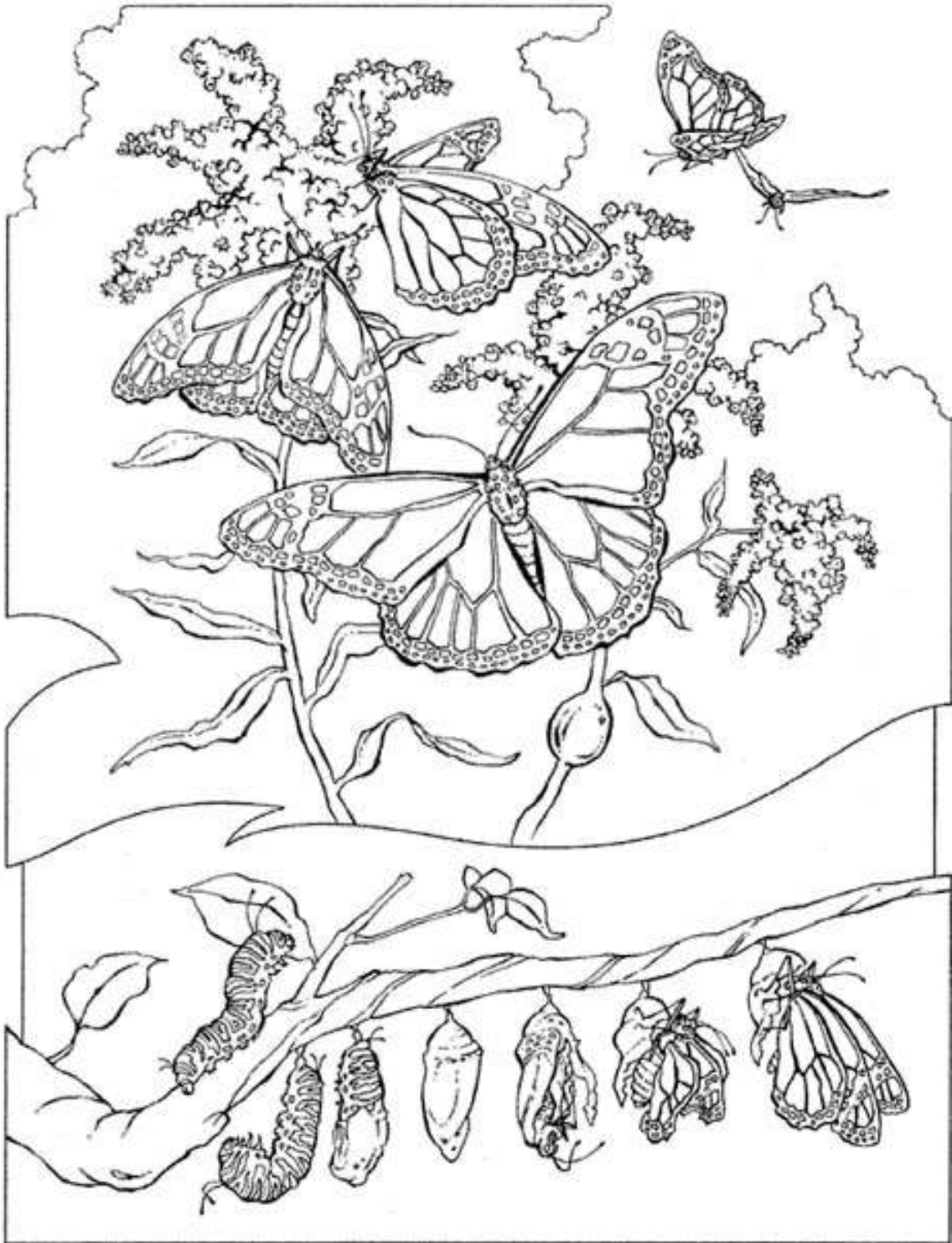
Butterflies are beautiful flying insects. They are found all over the world and in all types of environments. Most butterflies are found in tropical areas, especially in the tropical rainforest regions. Butterflies can only fly if their body temperature is above 86 degrees. Many parts of Papua New Guinea are always at least this warm so butterflies thrive in the climate of this island country.

- Butterflies have three body parts, head thorax (chest) and abdomen (the back end). They have large scaly wings and six jointed legs. Their bodies are covered by tiny sensing hairs.
- Butterflies are very good fliers. They have two pair of wings covered with colorful scales in rows.
- Butterflies have four life stages. Their life starts as an egg laid on a leaf. Next, out hatches the larva (caterpillar). The larva eats constantly and loses its old skin many times as it grows. The larva then spins a cocoon and turns into a pupa and rests. Finally a beautiful flying butterfly emerges from the cocoon.
- Caterpillars spend most of their time eating. They use strong jaws to chew. Its first meal is its own eggshell. After that they eat leaves and flowers.
- After becoming butterflies, their tube like tongue uncurls to allow them to sip liquid food. Most butterflies live on nectar from flowers. Some butterflies sip the liquid from rotting fruits. A few types prefer rotting flesh or animal fluids.
- Many butterflies travel back and forth between regions to avoid cold weather. Some types of butterflies travel thousands of miles.
- There are about 28,000 butterfly species worldwide.



ButterflyUtopia.com

Butterflies



Copyrights and Creative Commons license

The license used here makes 7 important provisions.

You are free, indeed encouraged, to do the following:

- Copy, print, distribute, display, and teach from Spark materials in any way you wish.
- Make changes for your own use and for distribution to others.
- Make any sort of non-commercial copies, ministry copies, or personal copies, from any Spark material, without further notice.

Under the following conditions:

- You properly cite the original authors of the material you find here. Pages on www.vernacularmedia.org without a clear authorship should be cited to vernacularmedia.org on your copies.
- You must retain the BY-NC-SA license on your copies of materials copied from www.vernacularmedia.org. (You must not trample the commons.)
- You must not change the license. (You must not steal from the commons.)
- You must ask for permission for use of Spark materials outside of this list. (You need permission to take work out of the commons.)

By Spark Team