

TITLE: Migration is Beautiful

OBJECTIVE: To teach girls that migration is natural and butterflies migrate across countries. *This activity can easily be used for tabling events.*

TIME: 10-20 minutes

MATERIALS:

- Butterfly template
- Stick (paint stick, branch, etc.)
- Tape
- Coloring utensils
- Scissors



INSTRUCTIONS:

Pre-work: Have butterfly template, markers, scissors, tape and sticks organized either on each table or in a “buffet” type table ready to go. Also have a sample colored, cut and taped so girls can see the final product.

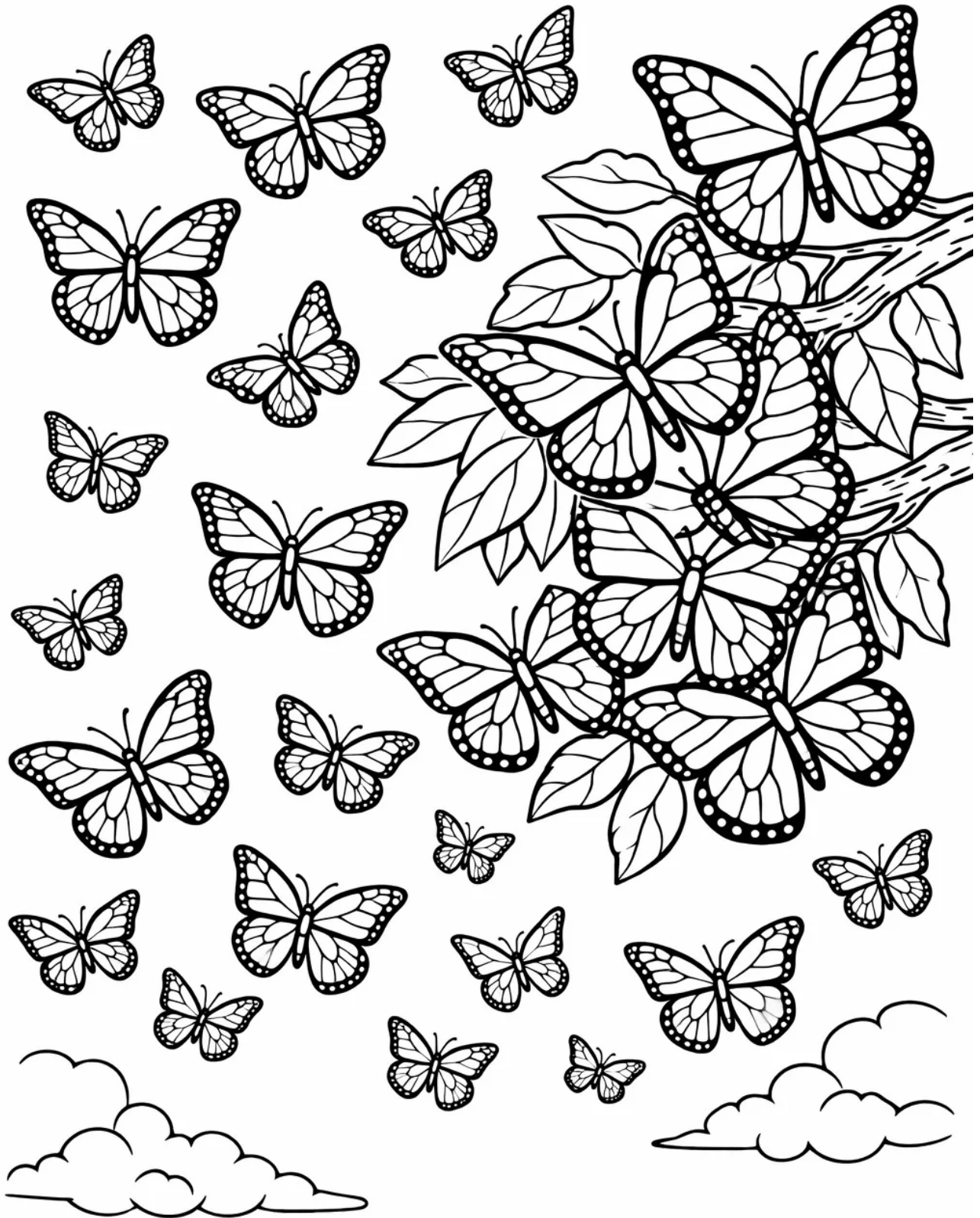
1. **2 min.** - When ready, ask for 2 volunteers to read the promise and law.
2. **5 min.** - Ask girls if they’ve heard about a monarch butterfly and what they know about them. You can then share the facts below:

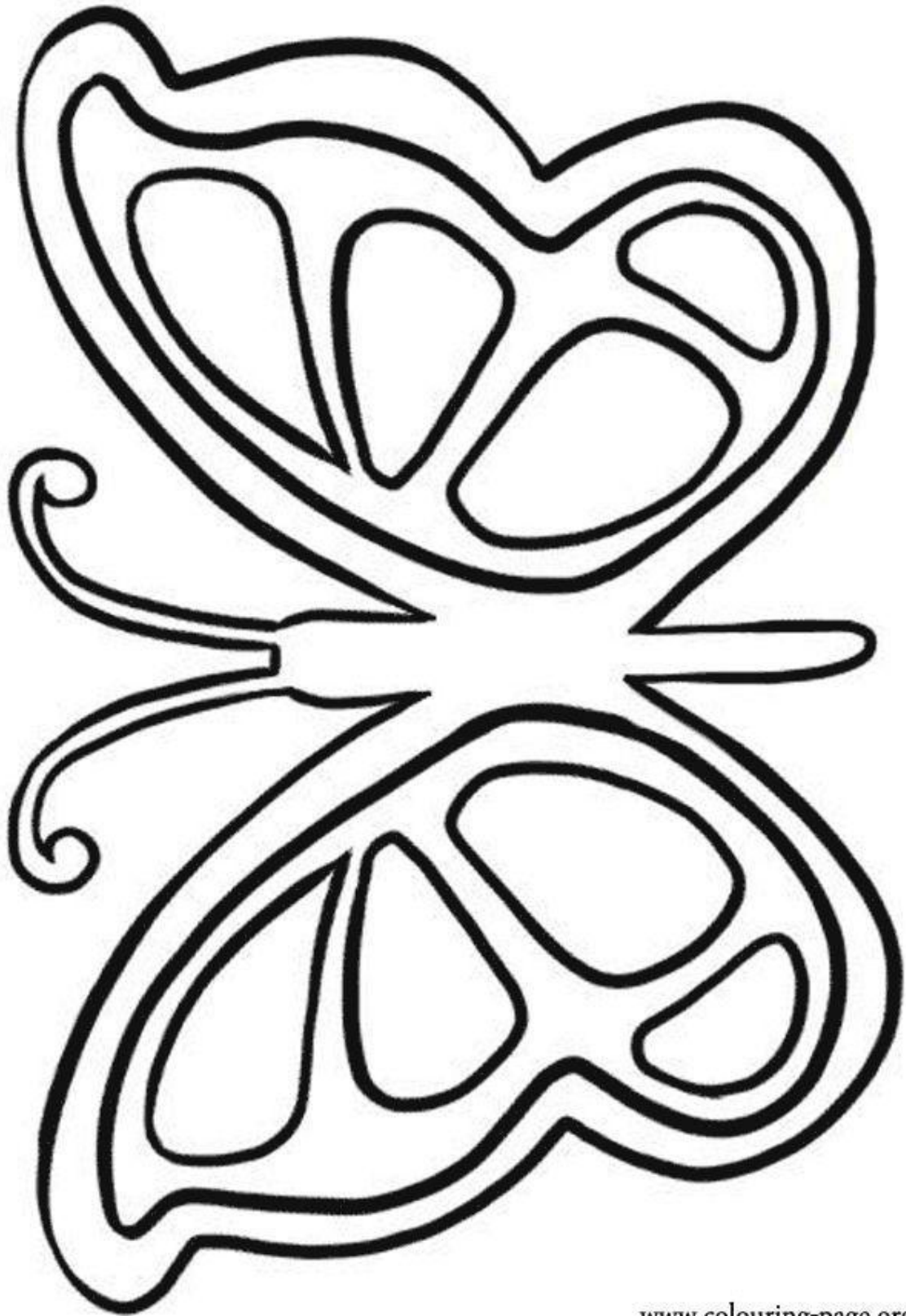
The most amazing thing about monarch butterflies is the enormous migration that North American monarchs undertake each year. Every fall, as cold weather approaches, millions of these delicate insects leave their home range in Canada and the United States and begin flying south. They continue until they reach Southern California or central Mexico, nearly 2,500 miles away!

These international travelers return to the same forests each year, and some even find the same tree that their ancestors landed on. Some estimates say up to a billion butterflies arrive in the mountains of Mexico each year.

3. **15 min.** - Each girl gets a butterfly template and can color it then cut it out. They then place their butterfly, colored side down on the table, stick on the center body of the butterfly (make sure it’s as high up as possible for stability) and tape the stick onto the butterfly. Pick up the finished product and flutter the butterfly’s wings by moving the stick up and down.
4. **10 min.** - Have everyone clean up and line up to go back to their destination/ adult.

Discuss: What other living things migrate? What could happen to butterflies if they weren’t able to migrate?





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