A Tale of 3 Butterflies:
The Pipevine Swallowtail, Question Mark and Monarch Butterflies

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The Pipevine Butterfly

Host plants? The pipevine
Nectar plants? Phlox, among others
Number of broods a year? 2-4
Spends winter? As a chrysalis on a tree, a few feet above ground

The Question Mark Butterfly

Host plants? False Nettle, among others
Food source? Rotting fruit, animal dung, decaying animals
Number of broods a year? 2
Spends winter? In adult form, hibernating under leaves

The Monarch Butterfly

Host plant? Milkweed
Food source? Milkweed flowers early in the season
And goldenrod at the end of the season
Number of broods a year? 4.
Spends winter? The 4th cycle that leaves here will winter over in Mexico. Cycle 2 or 3 will arrive back here in spring.

Directions for creating butterfly finger puppets: Print on cardstock. Cut out butterflies outside of outline. Color as you wish, referring to image searches for inspiration. Cut out 3 rectangles approximately 3” x ½”. Create a ring for your puppet finger and secure with tape. Secure this ring to the back of a butterfly with tape.