



Cultivating Compassion in Children Series
with Sonja Lange Wendt

Discussion Questions for *BaBa-Balu Belongs, Too*

1. Why was BaBa-Balu sad as a caterpillar?
2. What did BaBa-Balu desperately want?
3. Have you ever felt alone and why?
 - a. If so, what did you do to no longer feel alone?
4. What happened in BaBa-Balu's dream? How did it make him feel?
5. How do you feel when someone asks you to play a game with you or asks to sit by you?
6. What did you learn from this story?
7. Can you explain some of the scientific words used in this story such as molting, instar, chrysalis, larva, pupa, and metamorphosis? Did you know that a caterpillar's eyesight improves when it transforms from a caterpillar to a butterfly?
8. Describe the parts of the story that are fiction, for example, although caterpillar's have poor eyesight, do they wear glasses? Do they wear a napkin while eating?

Definition of Monarch Life Cycle Terminology Used in *Baba-Balu Belongs, Too*

Molting – Shedding skin. A monarch caterpillar molts 5 times during the larva state. A new, larger skin is always waiting under the one that is shed.

Instar – This is the period of time between molting.

Chrysalis - A hard exoskeleton covering that protects the developing monarch beneath. It is a jade green color and about an inch long.

Larva – Caterpillar stage of the monarch lifecycle.

Pupate – A special name given to the fifth time the caterpillar's skin sheds.

Pupa– The stage inside the chrysalis.

Metamorphosis – This is the word for the overall monarch lifecycle going through the stages of transforming to an adult.