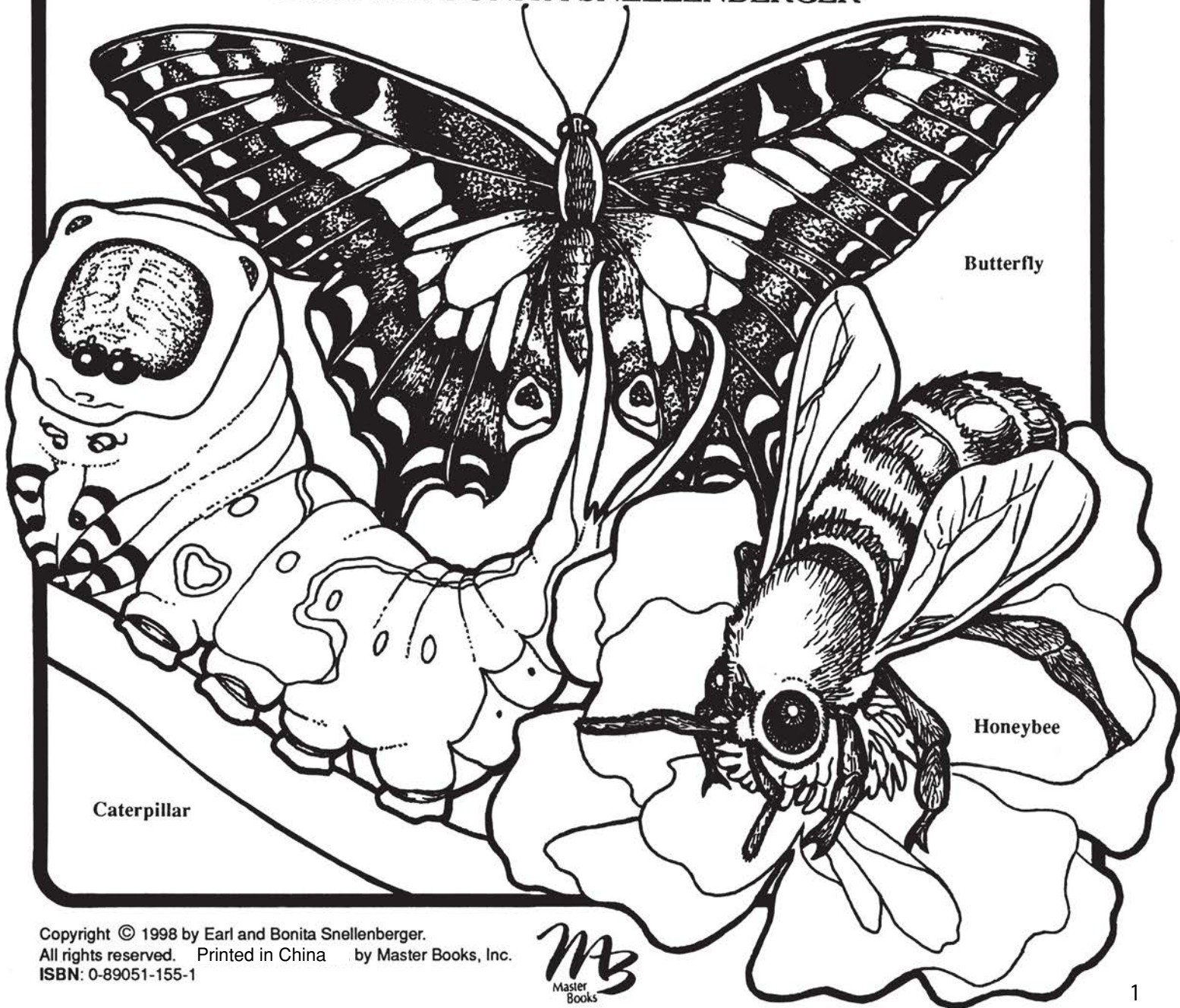


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INSECTS

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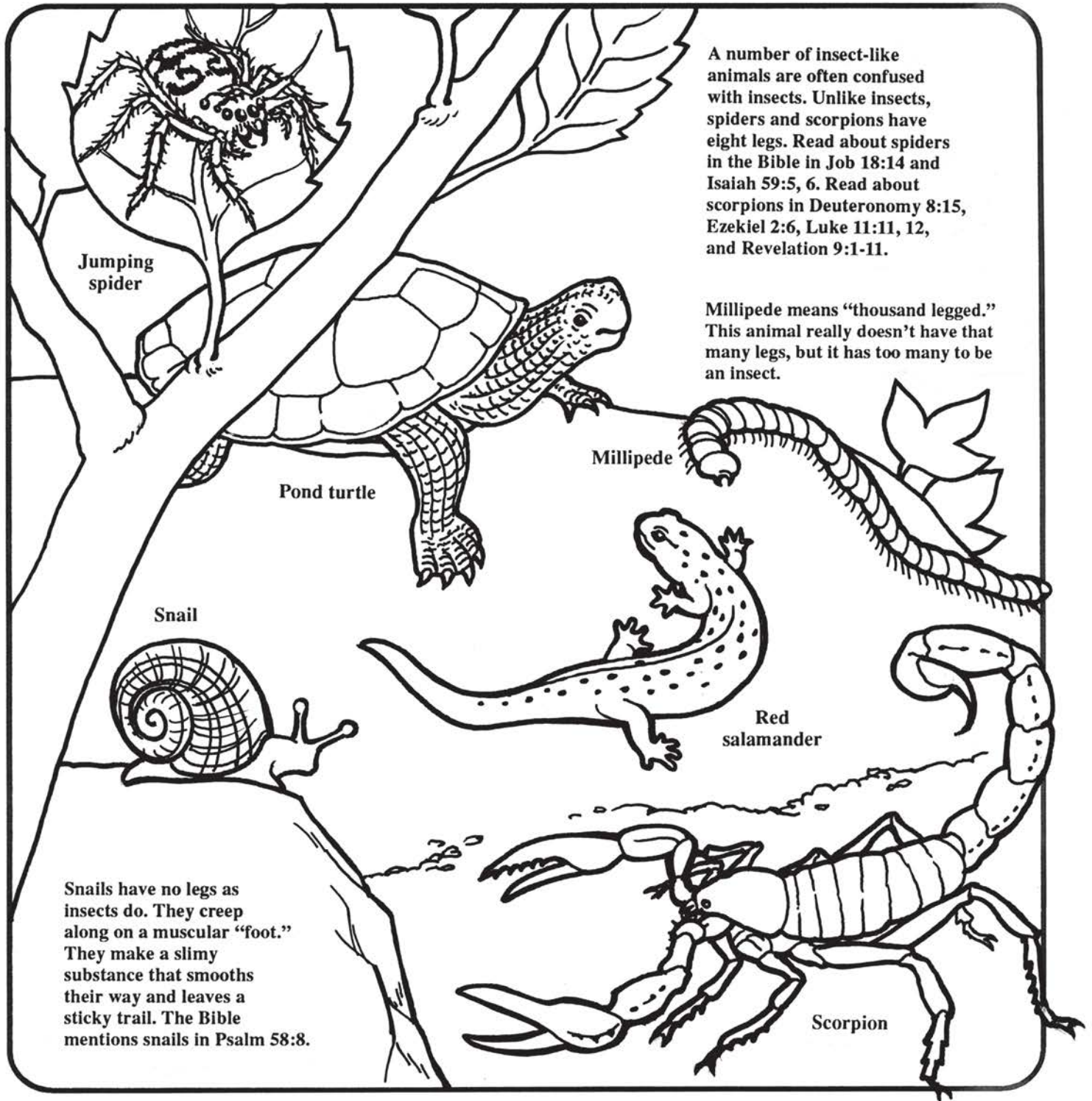
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Butterfly

Honeybee

Caterpillar



Jumping spider

Pond turtle

Millipede

Snail

Red salamander

Scorpion

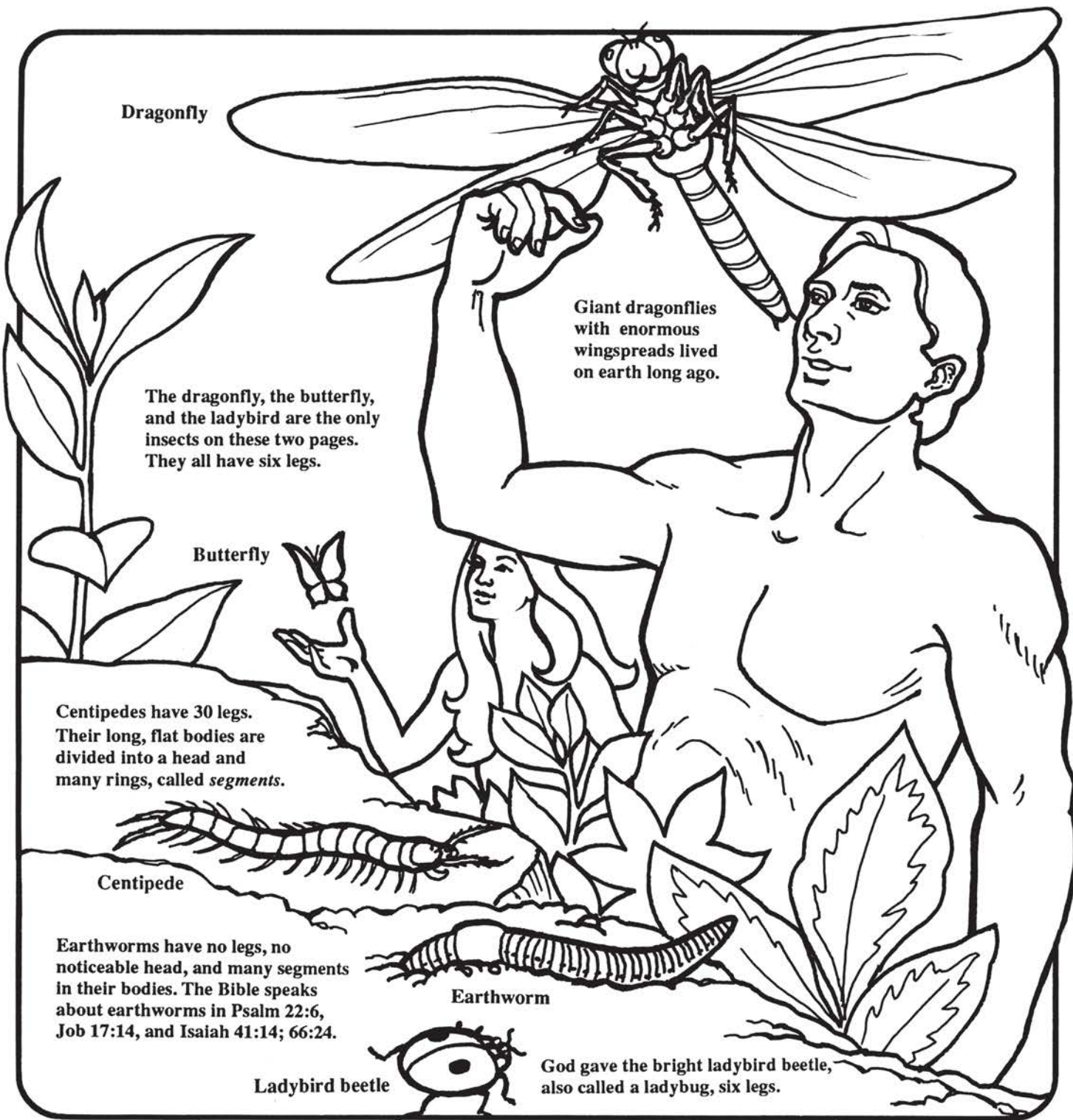
A number of insect-like animals are often confused with insects. Unlike insects, spiders and scorpions have eight legs. Read about spiders in the Bible in Job 18:14 and Isaiah 59:5, 6. Read about scorpions in Deuteronomy 8:15, Ezekiel 2:6, Luke 11:11, 12, and Revelation 9:1-11.

Millipede means "thousand legged." This animal really doesn't have that many legs, but it has too many to be an insect.

Snails have no legs as insects do. They creep along on a muscular "foot." They make a slimy substance that smooths their way and leaves a sticky trail. The Bible mentions snails in Psalm 58:8.

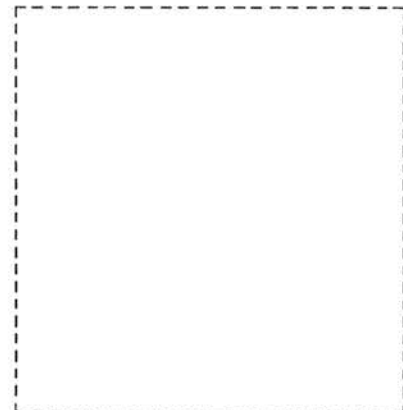
ON THE SIXTH DAY OF CREATION, GOD MADE LIVING CREATURES "THAT CREEPETH UPON THE EARTH" (Gen. 1:25).

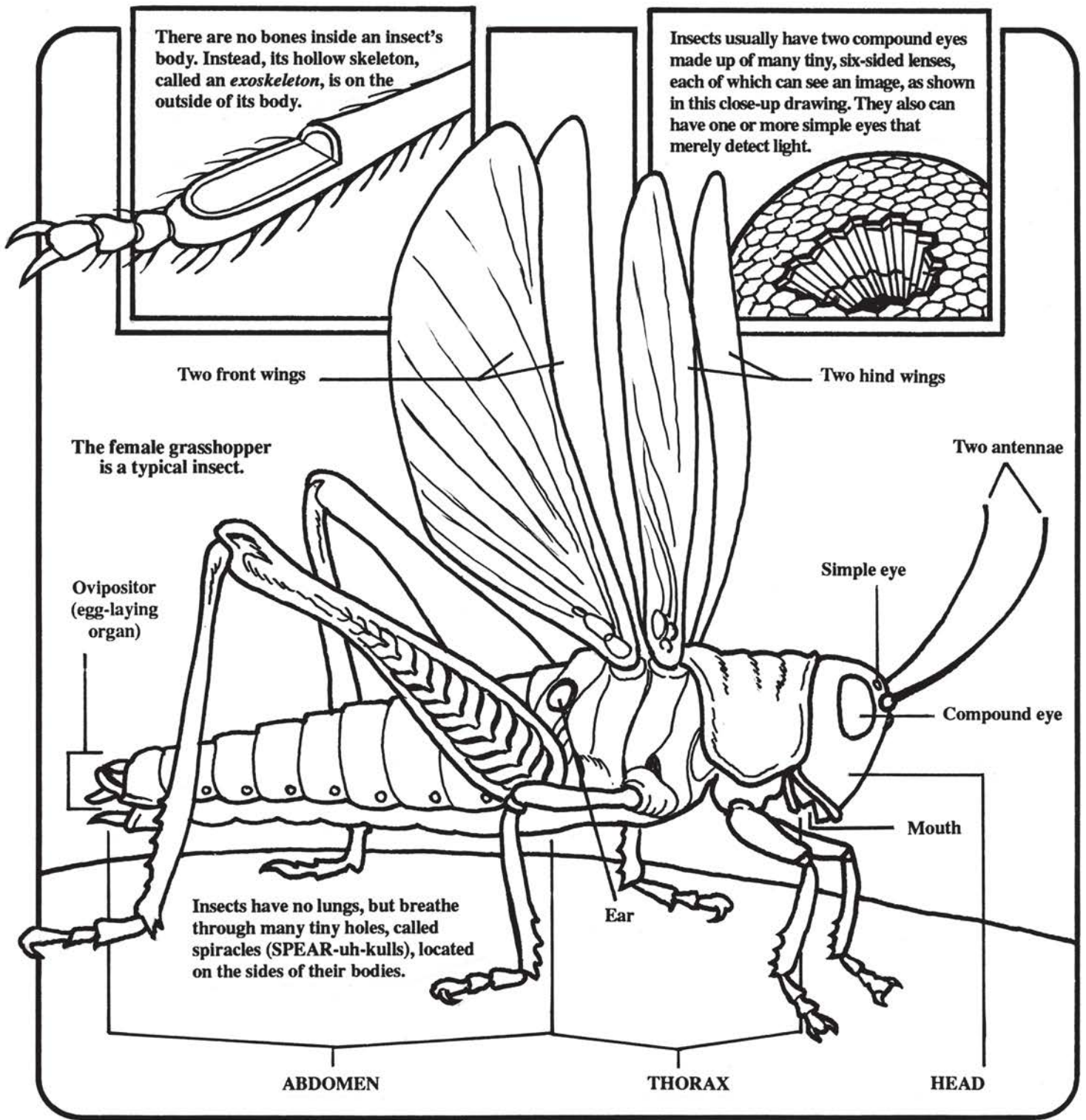
In the beginning, God created a beautiful world with seas and dry land. He covered the earth with grasses, herbs, and full-grown trees bearing delicious fruit. On the fifth day of Creation Week, God made sea-creatures to fill the waters and "winged fowl" to fly above the earth. The sixth day, God made three groups of land animals: "cattle," very likely meaning domesticable animals; "beasts of the earth," probably meaning large wild animals; and "creeping thing" — likely referring to all living creatures that crawl or creep close to the ground. Everything God made was "very good."



SOME OF THE “CREEPING THINGS” GOD MADE IN THE BEGINNING ARE CREATURES KNOWN AS INSECTS TODAY.

God created creeping things with four legs, such as turtles and salamanders. God also made creatures that crawl on eight legs like spiders and scorpions. He made creatures that creep on many legs, such as centipedes and millipedes. But more than any other kind of creature, God created creeping things with *six legs*. God also created Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, on the sixth day. We do not know what Adam and Eve might have called creeping things with six legs in the beginning, but today all six-legged creatures are known as *insects*.





GOD MADE MANY DIFFERENT AND INTERESTING KINDS OF INSECTS, BUT ALL OF THEM ARE ALIKE IN SOME WAYS.

There are more than a million different types of insects on earth today, more than any other kind of animal life. The word insect means "in sections." All insects have a body divided into three main sections — the *head*, the *thorax* (THORE-ax), and the *abdomen* (AB-doe-mun). The hard, protective covering on the outside of their bodies is made of chitin (KITE-in), a material much like your fingernails. Insects also have two antennae on their heads, and six legs (three pairs) attached to the thorax. Of all creeping things, only insects have wings — most have four, some have two, and a few have none.