



Every ladybug begins inside a tiny golden egg, that is laid by it's "Mom" on the under-side of a leaf that has aphids or other soft-bodied insects on it!

When the eggs hatch, the ladybug larvae emerge, looking like little "alligators", and they sure are hungry! Aphids are their favorite food...yum!



When the larvae grow big enough, they attach themselves to a leaf and become a pupa. Then they take a "nap" for about a week while something amazing happens!

When they wake up, they are an adult! They crawl out of their pupal case to fly away to a new home, and soon have families of their own!

