

## A BOY AND HIS BUTTERFLY

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My story is about a 5 year-old Nebraska farm boy, Chase, and a Kansas butterfly. Having moved from Kansas to Nebraska three years ago, I wanted to return to Kansas to visit some very special friends, Dee Ann Easley and her husband Tom. Dee and Tom raised Llamas. Chase followed Dee Ann out to her garden when suddenly Chase picked up a worm and Dee Ann put the worm in a jar with holes in the lid and some herbs for food. Chase insisted he wanted to take the worm home.

During a period of about 3 weeks the worm went through the various stages of metamorphosis, the result was a beautiful monarch butterfly. Chase's mom said it was time to let the butterfly go out in the world. Chase was sad that his butterfly had to leave him. So one day Chase released the butterfly which in all it's beauty flew a short distance then suddenly it turned back and landed on Chase's fingertip. We were all so amazed. Chase sadly said "goodbye" to his butterfly.

See picture.

