

Butterflies

Becoming a Brand New Creation

PREP

Mark a Bible to 2 Corinthians 5:17.

DEMONSTRATION

Say, “Spring often makes us think of new life because this is a time of year when a lot of baby animals are born. Let’s play a little game to see how many proper names you know for baby animals.”

Go through the following list asking your students what a baby of each of these animals is called and then give them the correct answer after they’ve had a chance to answer.

Cat- kitten

Cow- calf

Chicken- chick

Sheep - lamb

Kangaroo – joey

Goat – kid

Elephant – calf

Owl – owlet

Finally ask them what a baby butterfly is called.

After giving them a minute to try to think of the right answer explain to them that a baby butterfly is actually not a small butterfly at all, it’s a caterpillar.

OBJECT LESSON

Isn’t it incredible how a caterpillar transforms into a completely different creature?! Butterflies are so beautiful, while caterpillars are kind of gross. Butterflies can fly all over. Caterpillars can only slowly crawl around a small area. Butterflies help pollinate flowers. Caterpillars eat plants.

In the same way, we are born as one creation, but our purpose is to become a completely new and much better creation.

Because Jesus came to the world and died for our sins, we can dedicate our lives to following and obeying him. And when we do that, he will make us a brand new person.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

Unlike the caterpillar though, we will look the same as we did before. But if we’re truly following Christ we will begin to think, act, and talk differently. This happens because God’s Spirit—which we often call the Holy Spirit—begins to live inside us, and it helps us to think and understand things differently than we did before. So, while we may look the same on the outside, we are transformed on the inside!

WRAP UP

Say, “The Bible tells us that to follow Jesus we should be born again. This means we must become a completely new person through His strength. When we start following Jesus, we will think and act differently as we listen to the Holy Spirit. Who wants to remain a gooey, yucky caterpillar when you can become a beautiful butterfly anyway?”