

“You Can Be a Butterfly” VBS 2023

Day 2 Script

Hope for the Caterpillars to fly!

Shepherd

Heart Person

Caterpillar 1

Caterpillar 2

Caterpillar 3

Caterpillar 4

Butterfly 1

Butterfly 2

Butterfly 3

Additional Butterfly

The NARRATORS (Shepherd and Heart Person) greet the kids, and explain that they are about to some miserable caterpillars and their journey to becoming butterflies. All of the caterpillars asked Jesus into their hearts with Lightning Bug... however they are still crawling, but we know Jesus is in them. Let's watch their adventure as they change and grow wings!!

Caterpillars all crawl in Singing the Muddy Glums Song.

(Galorpathorp may sing and hop in with them)

After they have finished singing the “Muddy Glums” song:

Caterpillar 1: I am so tired of crawling! I feel so dirty all the time.

Caterpillar 2: I keep eating dirt, and you know—(*spits out dirt*)—it tastes awful.

Caterpillar 4: (*very dejected*) I wish I could do something besides just drag myself through dirt all day.

Caterpillar 2: Hey, who invited you here, anyway? You ate the leaves that I was saving for dinner last night, so I'm not talking to you anymore!

Caterpillar 4: It isn't my fault I eat when I am sad! And I'm sad all the time! Besides, I only ate your leaves because you kicked dirt in my face when we were crawling!

Caterpillar 3: *(to Caterpillar 4)* Also, he stole your favorite stick when you weren't looking.

Caterpillar 4: I KNEW IT!

Caterpillar 2: *(indicating Caterpillar 1)* Only because he stole mine first!

Caterpillar 1: Don't drag me into this!

Caterpillar 3: Why not? All you do is drag around all day anyway!

Caterpillar 1: Like you're any different! Dirt-sniffer!

Caterpillar 3: Mud-roller!

Caterpillar 2: *(to Caterpillar 4)* Leaf-stealer!

Caterpillar 4: *(to Caterpillar 2)* Favorite-stick-taker!

NOTE: Feel free to abandon this dialogue entirely. ☺ The point is to not only bring out the misery of crawling, but the attitudes that govern when Christ is not formed in us and we are earth-crawlers.

Enter butterflies, flying around the caterpillars and stopping them mid-argument. The butterflies look happy and free and full of life. After brief flight, and oo's and ahh's by the caterpillars, the butterflies exit.

Caterpillar 1: What was that?! I never saw anything so beautiful!

Caterpillar 2: Could you image living like that, flying with wings far above the earth?

Caterpillar 3: They looked so peaceful and joyful! Where did they come from, and how did they get that way?

Caterpillar 4: Who cares? We could probably never be like them.

Caterpillar 2: You don't know that! I wish we could talk to them and find out more.

Re-enter butterflies.

Caterpillar 2: Excuse me! What are you?

Butterfly 1: We used to be crawlers just like you! We were dirty and depressed and had bad attitudes all the time. We didn't have any wings and could never get off the ground!

Caterpillar 3: Then how did you get those beautiful wings? Can we get them too?

Butterfly 2: Of course you can! We discovered new Life that changed us from the inside out!

Caterpillar 1: Where can we get this new Life? We want to discover it just like you did. We want to grow wings and fly.

Butterfly 3: This new Life is Jesus and HE IS ALREADY IN YOU IF YOU ASKED HIM INTO YOUR HEART!

Caterpillar 1: I'm so excited I have asked Jesus into my heart! I love Him already! I bet I'm going to sprout wings any second! Do I have them already? Where are they? (*Twirls around in an attempt to see his backside, expecting wings to already be growing.*)

Caterpillar 4: Well maybe he just got Jesus, but I have had Jesus in my heart for a long time, and I don't have wings. I asked Him in my heart when I was a kid, and I do love Him, but nothing has really changed.

Caterpillar 3: Yeah, I asked Jesus in my heart already too and I'm still crawling in the dirt and sad all the time.

Caterpillar 2: Me too. Are we just hopeless cases?

Caterpillar 4: Yep, I think so...

Butterfly 2: Oh, don't be sad caterpillars! There is much more to discover about Jesus. You have only just begun!

Butterfly 1: We found out that Jesus came to do more than just save us. He wants to give us His Life in such a big way that we grow His wings! **Christ in us is our hope of bringing God glory! (Colossians 1:27)**

Butterfly 3: When we first received Him, we didn't know that there is more to knowing Jesus than being forgiven of your sins. That is the first step, and very important and amazing, but what we didn't know is that He wants to be our Life! He wants to be the tree and for us to be His branches, where the fruit of His life comes out of us. That is what wings are! And everyone who has Jesus inside them can know Him in this way. **He must get bigger and we must get smaller! (John 3:30)**

Butterflies sing "You Can Be A Butterfly" to the caterpillars and the children, then exit.

Caterpillar 2: Wow! I can hardly believe it! This is such Good News!

Caterpillar 4: I don't know if I do believe it. Sounds too good to be true.

Caterpillar 1: Don't be such a downer. We are going to have wings! There is hope for us desperate crawlers!

Caterpillar 3: Yes, let's grow wings and learn to fly just like those butterflies!