

# Day One Skit Script

Costumed Characters:

Heart Man – Kelly (or whoever is wearing the costume)

Caterpillar 1 (Unsaved/New Believer Caterpillar) – Kyle

Caterpillar 2 (Encourager/Try Harder/We Can Do It Caterpillar) – Ed

Caterpillar 3 (Flight School/I Know How Caterpillar) – Faf

Caterpillar 4 (I Have Tried It All/Doubting Thomas Caterpillar) – Lindsey

Butterfly 1 – Kym

Butterfly 2 – Catelyn

Butterfly 3 – Alana

## BASIC OUTLINE:

**NARRATOR:** Greet kids, explain that they are about to watch four miserable caterpillars and their journey to becoming butterflies. Hit on the fact that the caterpillars are very sad and tired of being dirty, but they are also often mean and selfish, which makes them even more miserable.

**DIALOGUE OF CATERPILLARS:** “Muddy Glums” song. Then, misery, fighting, back-biting, selfishness, unforgiveness, blame-shifting, complaining, and so on.

**ENTRANCE OF BUTTERFLIES:** They enter and flutter around, the caterpillars are stopped mid-argument and oo and ahh at the butterflies. **NOTE:** Don’t wait to enter until the caterpillars’ dialogue is getting really forced and lame. Let the caterpillars wallow and fight for a good while, but come in at a high point so they get cut off, not a low point where the kids aren’t paying attention anymore.

**DIALOGUE OF CATERPILLARS:** That was amazing, I wonder if we can be like that. Still miserable, self-centered, and all that though.

**RE-ENTRANCE AND DIALOGUE OF BUTTERFLIES WITH CATERPILLARS:** Don’t be sad, this life is Jesus. Oh you don’t have Jesus? Well get saved! Oh you do have Jesus? There is more than just receiving Him! He needs to grow in you until His selfless love bursts out of you as wings that carry you far above all the selfishness and grossness of earth. Butterflies sing “You Can Be A Butterfly” and exit.

**DIALOGUE OF CATERPILLARS:** I don’t know what just happened but this is awesome, let’s get wings.

Below is a more in-depth example of how the scene can go:

**NARRATOR:** Greet kids, explain that they are about to watch four miserable caterpillars and their journey to becoming butterflies. Hit on the fact that the caterpillars are very sad and tired of being dirty, but they are also often mean and selfish, which makes them even more miserable.

*The four caterpillars come in crawling and moaning and miserable, singing the “Muddy Glums” song. They express how tired they are of being on the ground and getting dirty all the time. They are arguing*

*and complaining and overall just frustrated with life. They are contentious between each other. There are bad attitudes and unforgiveness and selfishness aplenty. It is important for the kids to make the distinction between the caterpillars now and when they become butterflies, because the wings of the life of Christ are His life flowing through us, which manifests in His nature of love and selfless giving, not some weird mystical thing. So it is important that the caterpillars clearly manifest the opposite of that now so the real substance of the change can be seen.*

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

Caterpillar 3: I KNEW IT!

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

Caterpillar 1: Don’t drag me into this!

Caterpillar 4: Why not? All you do is drag around all day anyway!

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

Caterpillar 4: Mud-roller!

Caterpillar 2: *(to Caterpillar 3)* Leaf-stealer!

Caterpillar 3: *(to Caterpillar 2)* Favorite-stick-taker!

*NOTE: Feel free to abandon this dialogue entirely. ☺ The point is simply to not only bring out the misery of crawling, but the attitudes that govern when Christ is not formed 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, moving 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 transformed us! A 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.

Caterpillar 1: Well I don't know Jesus...

*(At this point Heart Man comes in and shares the gospel of salvation with Caterpillar 1 and the kids. Caterpillar 1 wants to receive Jesus, and so Heart Man leads him and any kids who respond to the invitation to receive Jesus in a prayer of salvation.)*

Caterpillar 1: I'm so excited I have Jesus now! 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!

Butterfly 3: When we first received Him, He was still small. He wants to grow bigger and bigger in each one of us until His wonderful Life changes us from the inside out!

*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!