Day Two Skit Script

BASIC OUTLINE:

NARRATOR: Hey kids, remember yesterday when we met those four miserable caterpillars? Remember they were sad and mean and nasty and selfish and tired of being that way but couldn't really do anything about it? What happened! That's right, they met the butterflies! And what did the butterflies tell them? Yes, that Jesus needs to grow in them and then they'll have wings. Ok, well now we are going to watch and see if they figure out how to get those wings!

CATERPILLAR DIALOGUE: Lift weights, do push-ups, read Bible, fast, pray, be better, be stronger, be awesome, get ahead of everyone else, earn those wings, grow those wings.

ENTER FLIGHT SCHOOL CATERPILLAR: You're all doing everything wrong. I've been to flight school. Makes three flight attempts, adjusting each time hoping it'll do the trick.

ENTER LARRY LAW: The law of condemnation in all its splendor. Yelling at them to be better, follow the rules, stop messing up, fly already, try harder, even using Bible verses to back himself up.

CATERPILLAR DIALOGUE: One by one they try to fly, reminding themselves not to do whatever things it is that they have been trying not to do (back-talk parents, brag, be mean, lie, steal toys, etc.) and the good things they have been trying to do (be nice to everyone, be loving, share). They all come crashing down.

ENTER SUZY CLEAN-UP: Clean yourselves up, cleanliness is next to godliness, look and act proper, looking right is the ticket.

CATERPILAR DIALOGUE: If I look like a butterfly, maybe I can fly like one. Tries...nope, no good.

ENTER BUTTERFLIES: This is all nonsense. You don't get better, Jesus gets bigger. Get in your cocoons. Embrace your death with Christ. Hold onto the Word with you faith and let His Life do it.

Sing "The Way To Become A Butterfly" while the butterflies bring out the cocoons and the caterpillars get into them. Sing "Cocoon Song" once they are inside of them.

ENTER HEART MAN: Explains that the caterpillars still look like caterpillars when they are in their cocoons unless they look with the Father's eyes and not their own.

ENTER FATHER ABRAHAM: He has on crazy glasses that are his "Father's eyes" and he can see Jesus growing in everyone (caterpillars and kids).

MORE BASIC OUTLINE: NARRATOR INTRO. CATERPILLARS TRY AND FAIL TO FLY. **ENTER LARRY LAW.** STILL CAN'T FLY. **ENTER SUZY CLEAN-UP.** STILL CAN'T FLY. **ENTER BUTTERFLIES.** FIND OUT NATURE OF COCOON. SING "THE WAY TO BECOME A BUTTERFLY." **GET INTO COCOON.** SING "COCOON SONG." ENTER HEART MAN, INTRO TO SEEING WITH FATHER'S EYES. ENTER FATHER ABRAHAM WITH FATHER'S EYES TO SEE JESUS IN CATERPILLARS AND KIDS. Below is a more in-depth example of how the scene can go: (The caterpillars are lifting weights, doing jumping jacks, reciting Bible verses, and praying really hard. They are all trying to grow their wings. Caterpillar 3 is currently offstage.) Caterpillar 1: (lifting weights) Growing wings is real hard work! I am getting exhausted! It is amazing those butterflies ever get off the ground! Caterpillar 2: (doing jumping jacks) Just got to keep going! Caterpillar 4: If I memorize one more Bible verse, I think my brain will fall out of my head. How can I ever know enough Bible verses to be like those butterflies? Caterpillar 2: You better switch to praying and fasting really hard and see if that helps.

Caterpillar 4: (sighs) Ok... (starts praying really hard to grow wings)

Enter Caterpillar 3.

Caterpillar 3: (dressed as a pilot) Stop everything! I know what to do!

Caterpillar 1: What in the world are you doing?

Caterpillar 3: You see, while you were all doing whatever you are doing to grow wings, I went to flight school! I have now learned everything there is to know about flying. I know all about aerodynamics, and wind patterns, and the structure of wings, and how many times a second one must flap in order to achieve the perfect take-off. I witnessed dozens of butterflies taking flight and made diagrams of all their movements, and—(*This can of course go however long, and can be totally different from this dialogue. The point is just that Caterpillar 3 has lots and lots of information about the life of Christ in the believer, i.e. flight using butterfly wings, but still has no wings and no ability to fly.*)

Caterpillar 4: Quit talking and show us!

Caterpillar 1: Yeah, let's see it! Maybe we can learn like you did!

Caterpillar 3: Alright! I'll show you! (Gets on a chair, makes a big show of it, but ultimately jumps in the air and hits the ground pretty resolutely.)

Caterpillar 4: I knew it, you're no better off than before.

Caterpillar 2: No, no, I think you really had something there! I think you just need to flap a little harder!

Caterpillar 3: Yeah, yeah, ok, let's do this! (Gets back on the chair, really gets pumped up, takes some practice flaps. Caterpillar 1 and Caterpillar 2 are encouraging, pep-talking, and whatnot. Caterpillar 4 is decidedly not. Caterpillar 3 jumps again and, of course, comes crashing down.) OW! Ugh, that one hurt...

Caterpillar 2: Don't give up!

Caterpillar 1: Yeah, you totally got higher that time! I think you almost took off!

Caterpillar 3: Really?!

Caterpillar 4: No!

Caterpillar 2: Shush! Come on, try one more time!

Caterpillar 1: But this time pray first!

Caterpillar 3: Of course! I knew I was forgetting something! You must pray very hard before you fly! (Gets back on chair, prays very hard, takes some serious breaths, jumps, and falls.)

Enter Larry Law.

Larry Law: What's the problem? Can't you fly?

Caterpillar 3: I'm trying!

Larry Law: You are not trying hard enough! The Bible tells you everything you should do, so you better get to it!

Caterpillar 4: But we can't do it!

Larry Law: Then you're not trying hard enough! Do better! Do you want to fly or not?

Caterpillar 3: (*Getting nervous and scared that she won't fly*) Oh—ok, I'll try harder. (*Gets back on the chair and recites to herself really hard*) Ok, ok, be good, be nice, love everyone, don't be mean. Be good, be nice, love everyone, don't be mean. (*Jumps and falls to the ground*.) Oh I can't do it! I can't fly! I'll never be good and loving!

Larry Law: Just do it already! You know what to do, what is the problem?

Caterpillar 1: Ok, I'll try it. (*Gets on the chair and recites to himself really hard*) Ok, don't lie, don't talk back to mom and dad, be nice to everyone, always do the right thing. Don't lie, don't talk back to mom and dad, be nice to everyone, always do the right thing. Don't lie, don't talk back to mom and dad, be nice to everyone, always do the right thing. (*Jumps and falls to the ground*.) Uggghhh, that didn't work at all! I can't do any of those things! I can't fly!

Caterpillar 4: Told you. None of us can fly!

Caterpillar 2: Hold on now, I haven't tried. Maybe I have more will power than you guys and I'll be able to fly. (*Gets on the chair and recites to himself really hard*) Ok, don't be selfish, don't brag, don't make people feel bad. Don't be selfish, don't brag, don't make people feel bad. Don't be selfish, don't brag, don't make people feel bad. (*Jumps and falls to the ground*.) Ohhhh, man that hurt... I think I'll always be stuck being a selfish crawler...

(NOTE: Of course what each caterpillar says does not have to be this, and Caterpillar 4 can also attempt to fly if it seems fitting, or whatever. It can all be changed. The point is to keep it before the kids that flying is not a light, happy feeling that we get instead of a sad, depressed feeling. Flying is the life of Christ manifesting, and so every time they fall, they are falling short of the nature of Christ coming out of them.)

Enter Sister Suzy Clean-Up.

Sister Suzy: What is this? You all look positively ridiculous! Clean yourselves up! Wipe that dirt off! Straighten your shirts! Don't you know cleanliness is next to godliness?

Caterpillar 4: Actually I don't think that's in the Bible...

Sister Suzy: No back-talk! You all need to look and act like butterflies. (All the caterpillars straighten up, dust themselves off, and act very proper in an attempt to seem "righteous.") That's better! Don't you all feel perfectly butterfly-like? Isn't that much nicer than feeling like you can't fly?

Caterpillar 4: But...we still can't fly.

Caterpillar 1: Maybe we can! Now that we look like butterflies and talk like butterflies, maybe we can fly like butterflies! (*Gets up on the chair and talks to himself*) You are a butterfly. You say all the right things and act very proper, so you must be a butterfly. (*Jumps off the chair and falls to the ground*.) Nope, no good...

Enter butterflies. They chase off Larry Law and Sister Suzy with their wings and then surround the four sad, pathetic, tired, moaning caterpillars, one on each side and one behind them so that the children can see everyone.

Butterfly 1: What happened to you all? Are you sick? Why are you so exhausted?

Caterpillar 1: We have been trying to get better for Jesus. We are trying to get really strong and do everything right so our wings will grow and we can fly. Someday we will be loving and nice and do great things for God, but first I think we need to pray harder, fast more, and be better.

Butterfly 2: No, no, no! It is not about us getting better. It is about Jesus getting bigger! God wants His Son to grow in us and change us from the inside out! It is not about us becoming special, but about Jesus shining forth as our Life.

Butterfly 3: God doesn't want you to improve yourself. He wants us to be like treasure chests so people will see that Jesus is the treasure inside.

Caterpillar 4: Wow...now that sounds like it might work.

Caterpillar 2: Yeah, I never thought about it that way! We were just trying to be on fire for God. We were trying harder than all the other caterpillars, and we actually felt pretty proud of that.

Caterpillar 3: But it didn't really work. And we want Jesus to be seen!

Caterpillar 1: Yeah, we want Jesus to be seen, not be better ourselves. How can we allow that to happen?

Butterfly 1: It is time to wrap up in your cocoons! Instead of focusing on yourself, you need to concentrate on letting Jesus grow.

Butterfly 2: Your outward caterpillar body needs to be put away. That is why Jesus died on the Cross, and so now you hold onto what He did on the cross with your faith!

Butterfly 3: And as you are putting off your old caterpillar ways, you can let your faith and the Word of God fill your heart so that the Holy Spirit can form Christ in you. As Jesus gets bigger, He will change you by giving you His wings of Life. It takes time for Him to grow and only God can do this work in us. It is our place to believe and become a happy home for Jesus to grow in!

Caterpillar 4: So let me get this straight: I can't get better. But Jesus can grow inside me because He lives in me already, and if I use my faith to believe what the Word of God says, that His death on the cross made it possible for my old caterpillar body to be put away and for His wings of Life to come out, and stay in my cocoon with that faith and the Word of God, then the Holy Spirit will make Jesus get bigger in me until His life comes out and I have wings?

All Butterflies: YES!

Caterpillar 4: (Thinks about it for a second) Ok. Let's do it.

Other Caterpillars: Yeah!

Everyone sings "The Way To Become A Butterfly" song. Caterpillar 4 sings verses alone the first time through. As they sing, the butterflies help the caterpillars get into their cocoons. At the end of the song, all four caterpillars should be fully inside their cocoons.

Butterfly 1: Here we go! More Jesus is coming!

Caterpillars sings "Cocoon Song" from inside their cocoons while butterflies flutter around, probably singing along. Butterflies exit. Only the four caterpillars in their cocoons remain onstage.

Enter Father Abraham.

Father Abraham: Hello, kids! My name is Father Abraham. I see we have four caterpillars here who have finally discovered that they cannot get better, but they must go into their cocoons so Jesus can get bigger! I am here to tell you something about being inside the cocoon: it can be hard! Even though you have stopped trying to be loving and nice and good because you know only Jesus in you can be that, when you are in the cocoon, you still see some yucky stuff in yourself. You know the Bible says that Jesus put away that old, selfish caterpillar that you were when He died on the cross and that He is your life now and wants to live in you and give you His wings, but while you wait for that to happen, you still see your old gross caterpillar ways come out of you. But there is a secret! You will see that yucky stuff while you are looking at yourself with your eyes. But your heavenly Father has different eyes! When He looks at you in that cocoon, what He sees is that Jesus is growing in you! He sees that Jesus is going to come out of you! He sees you as a butterfly even when you still look like a caterpillar to you, and the only way to become a butterfly is to take off your eyes and put on the Father's eyes. So here we go, I have my Father's eyes glasses here. (Takes out large ridiculous glasses and puts them on.) There! That is much better! Now I can see Jesus living and growing inside each one of you! (As the Lord leads, Father Abraham can actually point out kids in the audience and affirm to them that he sees Jesus growing in them.) But there is still a problem! You need to put on the Father's eyes! You must not look at your bad attitudes or wrong actions and think that is who you are. You must see Jesus growing in you and trust that the old caterpillar is gone and Jesus is in you and is going to come out of you! That is what your heavenly Father sees, and you are allowed to see that too.