

Day Three Skit Script

BASIC OUTLINE:

NARRATOR: Go back over all the caterpillars' efforts to fly, what happened to them ultimately, and what the cocoon really means.

CATERPILLARS ARE ONSTAGE IN COCOONS.

ENTER BUTTERFLIES, TALK ABOUT HOW IT WILL BE WHEN CATERPILLARS COME OUT.

ENTER HEART MAN AND FATHER ABRAHAM, LOOK AT CATERPILLARS WITH FATHER'S EYES.

CATERPILLARS SING "COCOON SONG" FROM INSIDE COCOONS. ON SECOND "DO, DO, DO DO DO DO" PART THEM EMERGE WITH THEIR WINGS.

CATERPILLARS ARE NOW NEW BUTTERFLIES! THEY FLY JOYFULLY ALL AROUND! SING "YOU CAN BE A BUTTERFLY" AND "HIS LOVE GIVES ME WINGS" AND ALL MANNER OF JOYOUS SONGS.

EVENTUALLY, EVERYONE EXCEPT HEART MAN EXITS.

HEART MAN STARTS TO EXPLAIN THAT THERE IS A NATURE TO THE WINGS.

ENTER ABUSED CATERPILLAR AND MEAN CATERPILLARS.

MEAN CATERPILLARS HURL INSULTS AND OBJECTS AT ABUSED CATERPILLAR.

ENTER NEW BUTTERFLY TO PROTECT ABUSED CATERPILLAR.

BUTTERFLY TELLS CATERPILLAR HE/SHE HAS JESUS AND CAN GROW WINGS. HELPS HIM/HER INTO COCOON.

BUTTERFLY TURNS TO MEAN CATERPILLARS, GENTLY REPRIMANDS THEM, AND OFFERS TO HELP THEM INTO THEIR COCOONS.

MEAN CATERPILLARS GET INTO COCOONS.

HEART MAN CLOSES.

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

Narrator reiterates with the kids through question and answer what happened the day before, especially hitting on what the cocoon really is.

The four caterpillars have come out in their cocoons and are standing onstage. Inside, they are already wearing their wings because they will later emerge from their cocoons as butterflies!

Enter butterflies.

Butterfly 1: These caterpillars have been in their cocoons for a long time! I know that their wings have been growing and getting real big inside those cocoons! Someday soon they will fly!"

Butterfly 2: But how can you be sure? Look, all I see is an ugly brown little shell. They should be out here with us, working hard and helping people.

Butterfly 3: When they get their wings they will be able to help so many people and work harder than ever because their wings will carry them. Just give them time to let Jesus grow inside of them and you will see the difference!

Enter Heart Man and Father Abraham.

Heart Man: Hello, kids! So our caterpillars are still in their cocoons. It might seem like they will never come out! I bet sometimes they even feel like they will never have the life of Jesus carry them like wings high above the earth, but remember! We must not look with our eyes! Right Father Abraham?

Father Abraham: That's right! Everyone put on your heavenly Father's eyes! *(Father Abraham puts on his glasses and each child puts on the Father Abraham glasses they made the day before. If this seems like it will be too much for the children to handle, it can be omitted and Father Abraham can be the only one who puts on glasses.)*

Father Abraham: There, that's the truth, right there! I see Jesus is growing in each one of those caterpillars.

At this point, the caterpillars could sing the "Cocoon Song" from inside their cocoons. Or the butterflies could sing "You Can Be A Butterfly" to them, or could sing in conjunction with the caterpillars' singing. Or everyone could sing "The Way To Become A Butterfly" (the whole thing or just the chorus). It could be good to bring some of these songs back to the kids' remembrance at this point. Eventually, the caterpillars, who have been squirming a little here and there all along, and occasionally dancing outright, really start to move and squirm in their cocoons. All singing could stop abruptly to watch this process or the singing could aid them in their exit from the cocoons. This could also be a time for the butterflies to sing "Rise Up" as the caterpillars are coming out of their cocoons. Regardless, they emerge from their cocoons and reveal their beautiful new wings! They start to fly around the room rejoicing!

New Butterfly 1: Praise God! Jesus has given us His wings! What we could not do, Jesus in us can do!

New Butterfly 2: Now that He has grown in us, we can fly! We don't have to crawl around on the earth in our own strength anymore!

New Butterfly 3: Now we can live in the heavens and be carried by our wings! Look at the view from up here everything looks different!

New Butterfly 4: We can fly to so many caterpillars now and share how beautiful the heavens are and let them know that they too can fly! Soon the sky will be filled with butterflies! *(All the butterflies fly around the room, flying around the kids, singing "You Can Be A Butterfly" to all the kids as they fly around. Perhaps then they all come together on stage and sing "Rise Up," and it may also be a time for the Final Skit/Song with the Baby Butterfly and the Wise Old Owl.)*

Everyone exits. Enter Heart Man.

Heart Man: Ok, kids. As you saw, the caterpillars finally got their wings. They were tired of crawling around in the dirt, dirty and yucky and full of bad attitudes and meanness and sadness and fears, and so they went into their cocoons, and used their faith to believe what the Word of God said, and used their Father's eyes to see Christ growing in themselves and others even when it didn't feel like it, and after a while, the life of Jesus broke out of them and gave them wings! But there is something you must know about these wings. They are not just for flying around to feel free and happy, though they do that. They have a much more important use that I want you to see.

Enter a caterpillar (not one of the original four) sad and crying and crawling heavily and having a very hard time. Once she is onstage, two other caterpillars come out with lots of crumpled pieces of paper to throw at her.

Mean Caterpillar 1: We might not be butterflies, but at least we aren't as bad as you!

Mean Caterpillar 2: Yeah, you're the dirtiest, most hopeless crawler of us all! I'm practically a butterfly compared to you!

Mean Caterpillar 1: You should just give up. You will never, ever, ever be a butterfly, or even a good caterpillar!

(As they are saying these things, they are throwing the crumpled pieces of paper at her, essentially "throwing stones." The abused caterpillar is crying saying things like, "I know, I know I'm the worst, please just leave me alone" as they hurl insults and throw stones.)

Enter one of the new butterflies.

New Butterfly: *(Flies between the mean caterpillars and the abused caterpillar, using her wings to shield the abused caterpillar. The mean caterpillars continue to throw stones and hurl insults, but now they hit the butterfly.)* Don't listen to them, you have Jesus living inside of you.

Abused Caterpillar: I do? I know I asked Him into my heart, but I'm so bad, I figured maybe He left.

New Butterfly: No, Jesus never leaves us. Once you ask Him into your heart, He is there forever. He never ever leaves us. And if you will get into your cocoon and trust that your old caterpillar life was crucified at the cross, then Jesus will be able to grow in you and you *will* have wings!

Abused Caterpillar: Are you sure?

New Butterfly: I am positive. I used to be a crawler *just* like you.

Abused Caterpillar: Really?

New Butterfly: Yes. Are you ready to get into your cocoon?

Abused Caterpillar: Yes! *(Two of the other new butterflies come out with a cocoon while the first one continues to shield the abused caterpillar from the stones, all the while getting hit and maybe even reacting to the pain, but not in a way that lashes out or makes a big show, because the butterfly also has a heart for the accusers. Between the three butterflies, they manage to get the abused caterpillar into the cocoon. Then they turn and face the accusers, who, when they see all three butterflies standing there between them and the abused caterpillar in her cocoon, stop what they are doing, put down their "stones" and face the butterflies.)*

New Butterfly: Jesus lives in you too. And at the cross, He crucified that meanness in you that feels like it has to abuse others. If you get in your cocoons, and thank Jesus that His cross got rid of the old you and ask Him to be your life, you will also grow wings. *(The mean caterpillars look at each other, and then hang their heads.)* Would you like us to help you into your cocoons?

Mean Caterpillars: Yes. *(The two butterflies that entered before to help the abused caterpillar now retrieve two more cocoons and help the mean caterpillars put them on. After this, the butterflies exit.)*

Heart Man: You see? Our wings are not to make us special. They are so we can show people how the life of Jesus carries you far above the earth, and they are also so we can come down and protect people who are still stuck in the earth until they too grow wings and fly. We don't just want the life of Jesus for ourselves. We want to share Him with others too. *(End with one more song. Either "You Can Be A Butterfly" or "Rise Up" or maybe now is the time for the Finale Skit/Song with the baby butterfly and the wise old owl or...whatever. 😊)*