



Connect with your Community

Parents: We are Christ's ambassadors in our homes and communities—called to share the important message of hope that we've found in Jesus Christ. How is that possible? Let's take a look with our children at 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Discuss: What compels or drives us? *Christ's love.* Who did Jesus Christ die for? *All people.* If we are in Christ, what are we? *A new creation.*

What does it mean that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ? *Not counting people's sins against them.* How? *Even though Christ did not sin, He took all of our sins on His shoulders when He went to the cross and died for us.*

How do you feel hearing that Good News? *So thankful and full of love for Jesus Christ's sacrifice for me.* What actions can you take? *Be a representative of Christ and share with others in my family and community by my words and actions.*

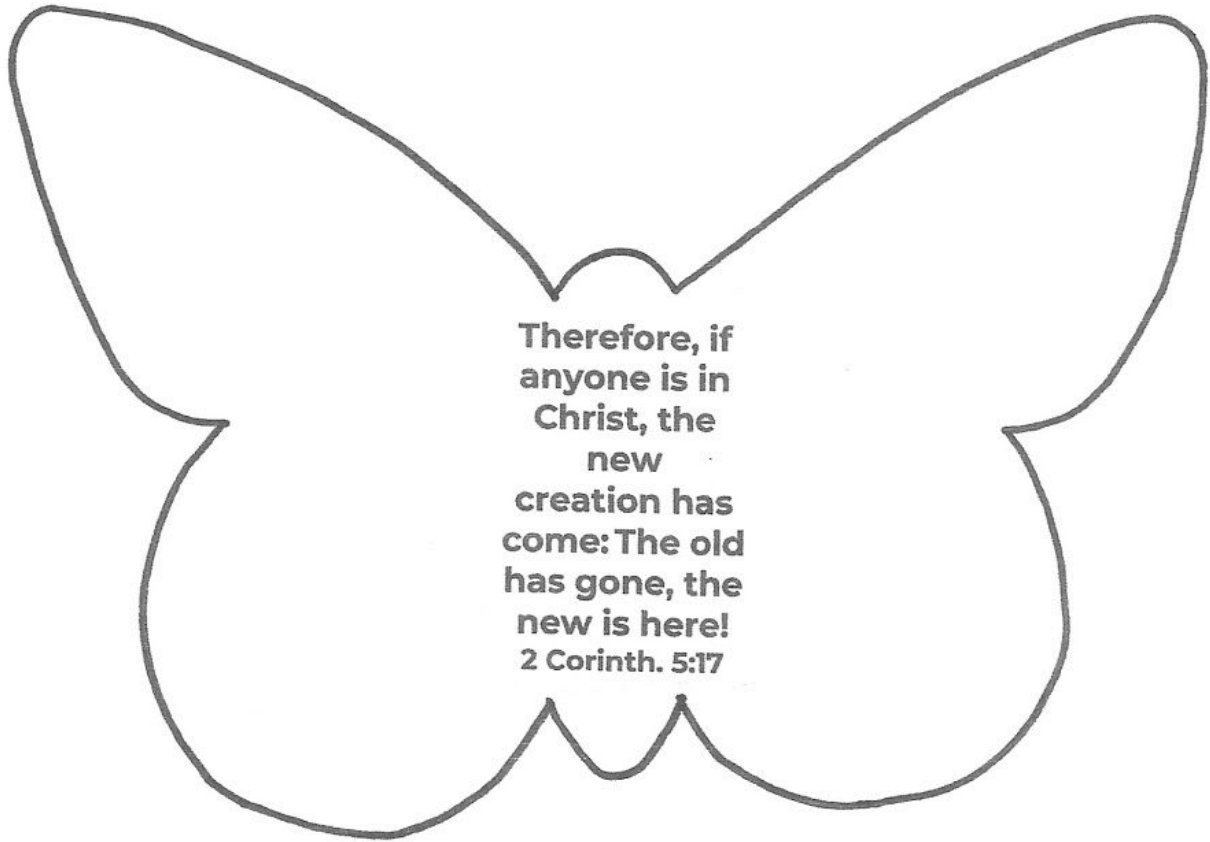
Key Point: I'm New In Jesus Christ

I'm New (Point to yourself, make a scoop with one hand and raise it up)
In Jesus Christ (Point finger to middle of opposite palm)

Family Activity: The change from a caterpillar to a butterfly is truly an amazing process! God designed it in His plan just as He made us a new creation in Christ. Use tissue paper or materials you have on hand to decorate the butterfly, making a beautiful piece of art.

Prayer: Dear God, We praise You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to save us from our sin. Thank You for making me a new creation. Help me represent You and Your great love in my home and community. Amen.

Next Steps: Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!



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