

NEW CREATURES

I want you to meet my friend, a caterpillar. Today I want to tell you a special story about the caterpillar.

The Bible tells us that God created everything in the world. He even created the caterpillar. As you look at the caterpillar you can see that there is nothing too special about him. He's long, he can only crawl around on the ground and he's even a little bit ugly! But, did you know that God has a special plan for the caterpillar?

The caterpillar starts out as an egg. Once the caterpillar hatches from his egg, he eats his eggshell and then he eats lots of leaves. The only purpose the caterpillar has is to eat and eat!

After a few weeks, the caterpillar stops eating and growing and looks for a place to change... remember, God has a purpose for this ugly caterpillar!

The caterpillar goes inside a hard shell. Inside the shell, God is changing the caterpillar. After several weeks of waiting and waiting and waiting.... Out from the shell comes a BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLY!! The butterfly can now fly around and show the world the beauty of God!

Just like God made the caterpillar for a special purpose, the Bible says that He made each of us for a special purpose, too. When we are born we are ugly like the caterpillar. The Bible says that our hearts are full of sin. Sin is all the bad things we do... telling a lie, being unkind, and disobeying our parents.

God wants to change our heart into something beautiful just like the butterfly! This is why Jesus came to die on the cross. If we ask God to clean our heart He begins to change us just like when the caterpillar was in the shell. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, Jesus said, "If any man is in Christ (shell) he is a new creature (butterfly); the old things passed away, behold, new things have come."

Do you want God to make you into a new creature? All you need to do is ask Him. Ask Jesus to wash away all your sin and make you into something beautiful!!

I hope each of you will trust Jesus and then live your life to please Him!