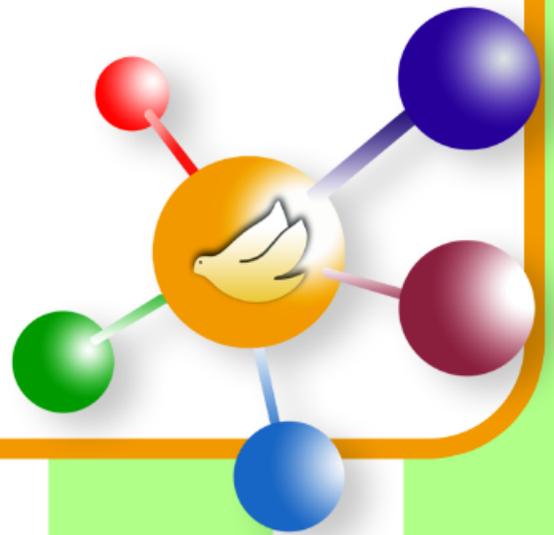


HOLY SPIRIT DISCOVERY

LESSON 3

The Holy Spirit and New Birth



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Lesson Objective:

In this lesson, kids will learn that when Christ is received as Savior, the Holy Spirit gives new birth to our spirit that was dead because of sin.

Bottom Line:

Those who have received Christ, have new life from the Holy Spirit.

Bible Foundation:

John 3:1-8 (Nicodemus); Ephesians 2:1-9; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Teacher Insights:

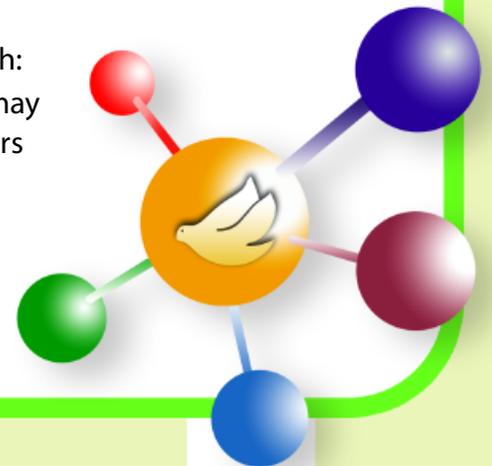
"We must remember that the Spirit is sent by the Father for the purpose of bringing man to the realization and the successful attainment of his created purpose. Being that redemption and eternal life with God are only obtainable through faith in the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is understandable that the principal work of the Holy Spirit is to bring man to the place where they will believe on Christ and enter into the life obtainable only through such belief."

"Jesus emphasized and designated that the basic Holy Spirit ministry would be that which would bring man to this place of faith. No one can produce conviction in the heart of another. Only the Holy Spirit can overcome the blindness and deceitfulness of the sinful, human heart and make a man realize the greatness of his own iniquity." (Nathaniel M. Van Cleave, Guy P. Duffield, and Luther U. Meier, from *Declaration of Faith, Unit Two*, p. 24, International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Foursquare Publications, 1983.)

Discussion Questions:

For individual study of the teacher or for application as you teach:

1. Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus at night time? He may have been afraid of what the other religious leaders thought.
2. Why did Jesus say that we need to be born again? Because we were dead in trespasses and sin.



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3. What does it mean to be born again? The Holy Spirit gives new birth to our spirit when we receive Jesus as our Savior.
4. What kind of things does a person do who is spiritually alive to God? They love God, love others, pray, read Bible, etc...
5. Have you been born again? Allow for kids to each respond. If not, spend time praying with them to receive Christ.

Memory Verse: (see page 3)

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Object Talk:

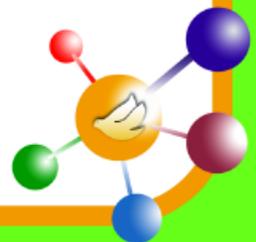
New Life (see page 5)

Activities:

Game – Butterfly Wrap	(see page 6)
Craft – Butterfly Origami	(see page 7)
Handout – Butterfly Message	(see pages 8 and 9)

Take Home:

Reinforce learning from this lesson using the Take Home summary. (see page 10)



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John 3:6-7

Memory Verse Activity:

Display on paper and have students look up in their Bibles John 3:6-7. Students form groups. Assign each group one phrase of the verse. All students say reference. Repeat the verse several times, each group saying its phrase while doing one of these motions: Clapping, stomping or finger snapping. You may assign the motions the first time students say verse; then let groups choose different motions for succeeding repetitions.



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Object Talk

New Life

Theme: The Holy Spirit and New Birth

Teaching Point: Much like the toy that receives “new life” when it receives new batteries, a person who receives Christ as Savior receives new life from the Holy Spirit.

When we accept Christ as Savior, the Holy Spirit makes us new creations in Christ. We are able to soar above the sin and mire that we once lived in.

Supplies:

- Toy with dead batteries and new batteries.
- Picture or video of butterfly transformation.

Scripture:

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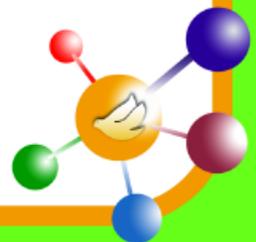
Instructions:

Take an electronic toy and have a kid try to operate the toy with dead batteries (flashlights work good too). Explain that because of sin, we are spiritually dead like these batteries. Have the kid replace the batteries with new ones. Explain that like these new batteries, the Holy Spirit gives new life to those who accept Christ.

Show picture or video of butterfly transformation. Explain that the caterpillar who once crawled in the mud and dirt is completely transformed into a beautiful butterfly when it comes out of the pupa. The butterfly flies above the dirt it once crawled in. In much the same way, when a believer is transformed by Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit give new birth. The Bible says that we become new creations in Christ, old things are passed away and behold all things are made new! (II Corinthians 5:17).

Prayer:

“Lord, as our kids hear the message of new birth, help them to accept Christ as Savior, that the Holy Spirit may enter in and give new birth. Lord Jesus, because of Your work on the cross, the Holy Spirit is now able to enter into us. Thank you Lord, In Jesus name, Amen.”



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Game

Butterfly Wrap Game

Teaching point:

When a butterfly wraps itself into a cocoon a transformation or metamorphosis takes place. When a person receives Christ, the Holy Spirit comes in and a spiritual transformation takes place.

Supplies:

- 1 Package of toilet paper per team.

Instructions:

Give each team a package of toilet paper. On go the first team that uses all the toilet paper to cocoon there team member wins.



Craft

Butterfly origami

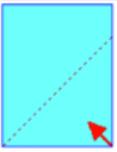
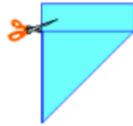
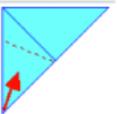
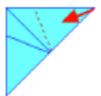
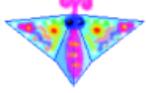
Teaching Point:

When we receive Jesus and we are baptized with the Holy Spirit, we become a new person just like when a butterfly comes out of the cocoon and is a new creature.

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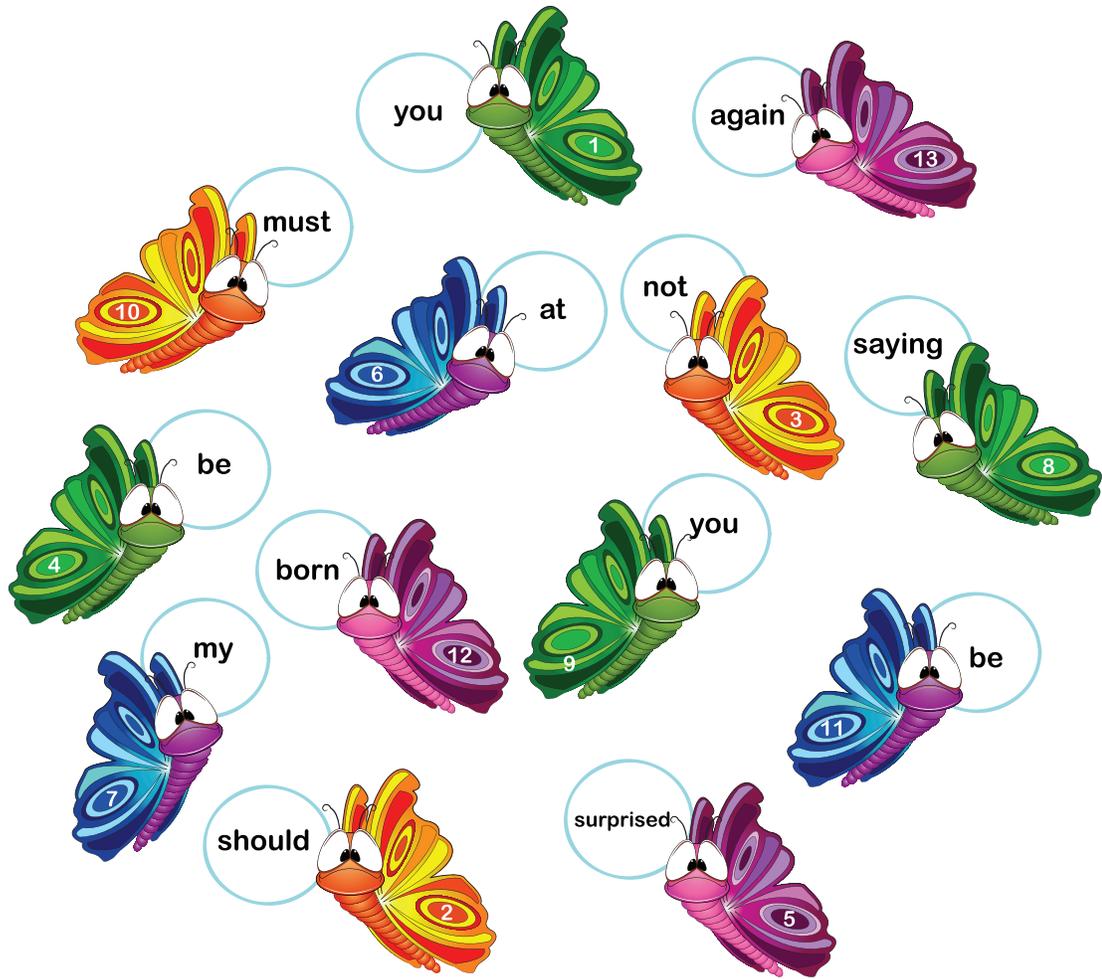
- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- A pipe cleaner or curling ribbon for antennae

Directions

	Start by making a square piece of paper. To start making a square, fold the corner of a piece of paper over.	
	To finish making the square, cut off the small rectangle, forming a square (which is already folded into a triangle).	
	Fold the triangle in half.	
	Open up the fold you just made. Put the triangle on the table with the central fold pointing up (like a tent). Fold one corner over.	
	Open it up again. Fold the other corner over.	
	Open it up. You now have a butterfly shape.	
	Decorate the butterfly. Attach two antennae made of pipe cleaners or curling ribbon (curled by pulling along a scissors).	



Butterfly Message



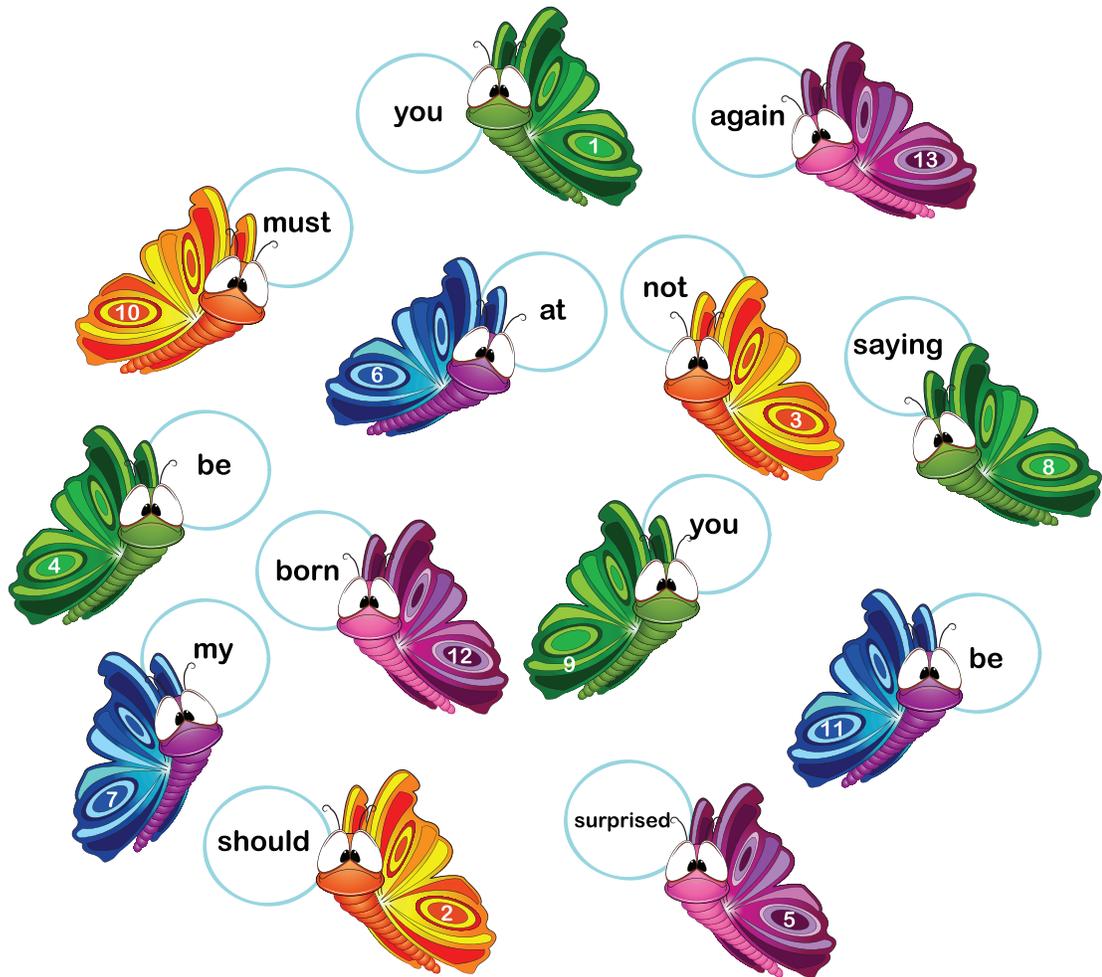
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Butterfly Message



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Bottom Line week 3

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Memory Verse

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John 3:6-7

We are learning about:
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The Holy Spirit and New Birth

Talk About It

Talk about these questions as a family on your way home or during a meal.

Kid's Question: How is the Butterfly and example of being born again?

Parent's Question: What does it mean to be born again?

Today's Bible Story is:

Nicodemus
John 3:1-8

