

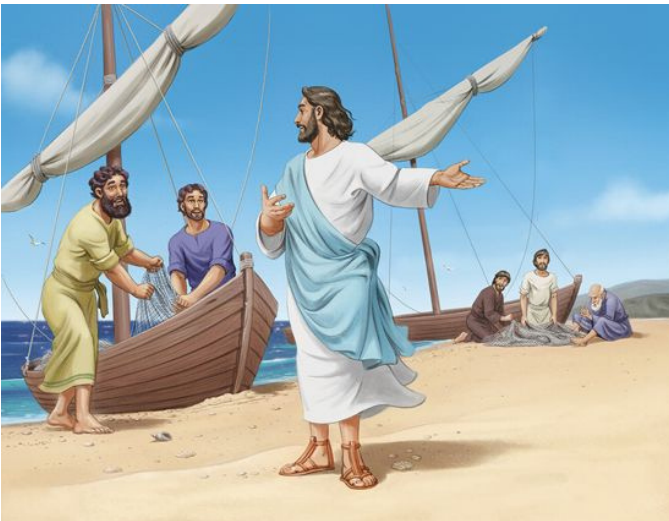
JESUS CAN CHANGE OUR LIVES

MARK 1:16-20 & JOHN 1:43-50

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENS...

Jesus calls four fishermen to follow him. They immediately leave their nets to follow him. Jesus also calls Philip, who recruits his friend Nathanael. Nathanael is impressed by Jesus' knowledge of him. Jesus changes all of these men's lives, and Jesus can change our lives, too.

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17



WHAT YOU'LL NEED THIS WEEK...

- Bible
- Paper Towels or Coffee Filters
- Washable Markers
- Pipecleaner or Bread Tie
- Spray bottle with water
- Scissors
- Tape
- Glue
- 15-20 Household items

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

A NEW CREATION - Families will repurpose items to make new creations and talk about how Jesus can change us.

BUTTERFLY CREATIONS - Students will make beautiful butterflies using coffee filters and washable markers.

GUESS THE CHANGE - Using random household items students will have to pay attention to see changes that occur.

A NEW CREATION:

Repurpose trash to show how Jesus can make us new.

- 1) Go through your trash and recycling to find clean trash items or things you can easily clean...water bottles, cans, paper, etc.
- 2) Grab some tape, glue, and scissors.
- 3) Make new creations out of the old trash.
- 4) Read together 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- 5) Show off your new creations and talk about:
 - How did you think of ways to use old things in a new way?
 - What are some ways Jesus makes us new?

GUESS THE CHANGE:

- 1) Pick out 15 random household items, such as a kitchen spatula, a teddy bear, a ball, a pencil, etc.
- 2) Arrange 5 of the items on a table where all kids can see them. Arrange them in a pile, but where all things are visible.
- 3) Have kids try to memorize where each item is located.
- 4) After a minute, have kids close their eyes and rearrange the items in the pile.
- 5) Have kids open their eyes and see who can identify what has changed.
- 6) Repeat as many times as you want, adding and subtracting items and have kids take turns rearranging the piles.

BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES:

- 1) Cut a paper towel in a circle shape about the size of a coffee filter or use a coffee filter.
- 2) Color the circle or coffee filter using any assortment of colors you want.
- 3) Lay on a paper plate or cookie tray and spray with water.
- 4) Let dry completely.
- 5) Gather center and twist pipe cleaner or bread tie in the center to make a butterfly.

Just like butterflies change from caterpillar to a cocoon to a butterfly, Jesus changes us. Just like we colored the coffee filter and the water made the colors run together to change.

