

### LESSON 5 NEW CREATION

#### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** Jesus Makes Us New

**SCRIPTURE:** Romans 5

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** God loves us so much that He sent His Son to die, so we can be forgiven. Because of Jesus, our relationship with God is healed, and we are made new!

**WORD OF WONDER:** Jesus makes us new. —from 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Object Lesson: Dirty to Clean Heart**

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**Wonder@Home™**

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Object Lesson: Dirty to Clean Heart

**SUPPLIES:** dark scratch art pad/paper, stick that comes with the scratch pad (can be found in craft section of dollar stores)

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome! I'm so glad you're here today! We are going to learn about how God makes us new, even though we do wrong things. He makes our hearts new. Look at this heart.**

Draw a heart on the scratch pad. Hold up the scratch pad with the heart on it and show kids the dark heart, telling them it's full of sin and bad choices.

**This heart is starting out dark, full of sin, or bad choices. Sin separates us from God. It's the bad things that we do that make God sad.**

Take the stick that comes with the scratch pad and slowly scratch away the black inside the heart, letting the kids watch as the colorful paper is revealed underneath.

**The heart is becoming more and more beautiful as I clean away the darkness. In the same way, God cleans away the sin, or bad choices, from our hearts and gives us new and beautiful hearts when we believe in and trust Him!**

## Activity: Caterpillar and Butterfly

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Caterpillar to Butterfly Picture

Ahead of time, print the Caterpillar to Butterfly Picture.

**Today we're talking about changing to become new creations. God makes us new when we believe in Jesus! Did you know a caterpillar doesn't stay a caterpillar? It changes into a new creation: a butterfly!** Hold up the picture and point out the caterpillar and then point to the butterfly.

**Let's pretend to be caterpillars and butterflies! When I call out, "caterpillar," you'll crawl and slither on the ground like a caterpillar. When I called out, "butterfly," you'll stand up and pretend to fly around the room like a beautiful butterfly!**

Call out each word a few times (or hold up the pictures) and encourage the kids to do the actions.

**We'll learn today how Jesus makes us new, kind of like butterflies!**

**Our Wonder Truth today is: JESUS MAKES US NEW!**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**JESUS**—Point up.

**MAKES**—Start with both hands bunched up in front of you and then have them explode to open hands like you're creating something out of thin air.

**US**—Point to yourself.

**NEW**—Put your hands and arms over your head in a Y shape with open hands.



## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [Created New Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we'll learn about how God makes us new creations! Let's sing about how God makes us new!

Play songs from the [Created New Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, magnets (2)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Caterpillar to Butterfly Picture, [New Creation God's Big Story Video](#), Bible Story Picture (optional)

Ahead of time, print the Caterpillar to Butterfly Picture, if you haven't already.

**Our God's big story today is about how God makes us into new creations. Can you repeat after me and say, "new creation"?** Encourage kids to say, "new creation."

Tell the kids God's big story is found in the book of Romans, which is in the New Testament. Read the story from the Bible in Romans 5:12–20, read from the Script included, or show the God's Big Story Video. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

**A man named Paul wrote a letter to people in Rome, and it's part of the Bible. Paul told the people that everyone is separated from God because of our sin.** Start with your hands touching and then pull them apart so they are separated. **Sin is anything wrong things we think, say, and do.**

**Sin keeps us apart from God. But there's good news! God made a plan to save us so we can be forgiven and close to Him.**

**Paul said when we believe in Jesus, God's Son, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us and gives us a new heart! When we have a new, clean heart, God forgives our sin, and we can be close with Him again!** Hold up the picture of the caterpillar. **A caterpillar starts like this. It makes a cocoon and crawls into it. After a while, the caterpillar comes out of the cocoon, but it's not a caterpillar anymore.** Hold up the butterfly picture. **It's a butterfly!**

**When we trust in Jesus, God changes us and makes us new. He forgives us. He's our close friend. The Holy Spirit helps us be like God and helps us obey God. Even when things are hard, we can be strong and can still be happy because God is with us. God takes our old heart with sin and makes it brand new and clean and beautiful!**

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Created New Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

### WORD OF WONDER

Jesus makes us new.

—from 2 Corinthians 5:17

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **Our Word of Wonder for the Created New series is from 2 Corinthians 5:17. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **JESUS**—Point fingers from left hand into right palm, then right hand into left palm (sign language for “Jesus”).
- **MAKES US**—Both hands over your heart.
- **NEW.**—Bring both arms out in front of you and down to your sides.
- **FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

## Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God. When I say, “new creation” you put your hands up in the air.

**God, thank You for taking our sins and our hearts and turning us into a new creation (hands in the air). Thank You for loving us and sending Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** May you go today with energy, passion, and excitement—knowing that you are a new creation in Jesus—and may you live in the peace that God gives, even when you go through difficult things!

## Activity: Butterfly Bursts

**SUPPLIES:** toilet paper (1–2 rolls)

For this game, kids will pretend to be new butterflies emerging from their cocoons. Wrap toilet paper around the kids a few times and have them squat down and then stand up and burst out of the cocoon. You can do this one at a time or wrap them all up and have them jump up at the same time.

**Today we learned about how God changes us into new, beautiful creations, like a caterpillar who goes into a cocoon and comes out a beautiful, new butterfly! We can thank God for Jesus loving us and making us new.**

**Leader Tip:** For toddlers younger than 18 months, instead of using toilet paper, they can jump up from the ground, bursting open their hands, then pretend to be a butterfly flapping its wings.