

## Reality – Bible Lesson for October 4, 2020 – Preschool

### Discipleship New Identities in Christ

#### Lesson 1

**1. Lesson: New Identities in Christ**

**2. Scripture:** John 1:12, John 15:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:10

**3. Memory Verse:** “When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

**4. The Jesus Storybook Bible:** Page 329 (mid-page – “They had seen...” – bottom of 331)

**5. Materials useful in teaching the lesson: Craft:** 2 colorful cupcake liners per child; one clothespin per child; glue; pipe cleaners or yarn; decorations **Memory Verse Game: Preschool** – a bedsheet to wave up and down (like a parachute)

**Craft: Clothespin Butterflies**

<https://www.craftymorning.com/cupcake-liner-clothespin-butterfly-craft/>

**Song: 2 Corinthians 5:17**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5DBY3Bo\\_NA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n5DBY3Bo_NA)

**Instructional Videos:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjM6QxXknms>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDIS4otedvY>

**1. Prayer and Welcome Activity:** Pray with your children – then introduce the following rhymes:

**Jesus Watches over You:** (Opposites rhyme – encourage your little ones to guess the missing word.)

Jesus watches over you in the morning.

Jesus watches over you at \_\_\_\_ (night)

Jesus watches over you when you’re sad.

Jesus watches over you when you’re \_\_\_\_ (happy)

Jesus watches over you when you’re brave.

Jesus watches over you when you’re \_\_\_\_ (scared)

Jesus watches over you when you laugh.

Jesus watches over you when you \_\_\_\_ (cry)

Jesus watches over you when you're quiet.  
Jesus watches over you when you're \_\_\_\_\_(loud)

(You can add your own opposites)

### **The Fuzzy Caterpillar:**

(Sung to the tune of "Itsy Bitsy Spider – you can make your own movements)

The fuzzy caterpillar  
Curled up on a leaf,  
Spun her little chrysalis  
And then fell fast asleep.  
While she was sleeping  
She dreamed that she could fly.  
And later when she woke up  
She was a butterfly!

### **2.Bible Story: (You can use the lesson below and/or read it from "The Jesus Storybook Bible" – page 329 (mid-page –"They had seen...") – bottom of 331)**

Now let's see what the Bible has to say about the things we are learning today...

Today we are going to be talking about what happens to us after we become Christians. In fact, I think we should go to our memory verse first today because it talks about just that - "When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!" – **2 Corinthians 5:17**

There is just something about being human that causes us to mess up in life (it's called sin). Lots of times we choose to do things that are just not good for us. And, as we get older, the decisions get tougher. If we don't have Jesus in our lives, we live our lives according to our own plans - which is never as good as God's plan.

The verse we just read tells us that when we become a Christian, we become completely new people! We become new creations! When we become a Christian, we get this amazing fresh start. That wonderful transformation happens through Jesus, and by us believing in what He did for us by dying on the Cross. Because of Christ's sacrifice, we now have the Spirit of the Living God living inside of us. That changes the way we think, what we want in life, and who we are. That is so amazing! - We need to always stay connected to Jesus.

Jesus tries to help us understand this idea of staying connected to Him when we become a Christian better through one of His "I Am" statements. He says, "I am the vine. You are the branches. If you remain joined to me, and I to you, you will bear a lot of fruit. You can't do anything without me." Jesus says that He is the vine. People in Jesus' day would have been familiar with a certain type of vine that was a grapevine. They grew everywhere. But, for our lesson, we can also picture a tree. (As you talk,

draw a diagram of a vine or a tree on the whiteboard – with branches and fruit. Jesus is the trunk of the tree or the solid part of the vine – label that part “Jesus”. The roots go deep into the ground. All of the branches are connected to the tree or the grapevine. Label the branches “us”)

The branches cannot produce leaves and fruit by themselves. If you break a branch off an apple tree and keep it in your room, are apples going to grow off that branch? Of course not! The branch cannot grow fruit unless it is attached to the tree trunk. Grapes don’t grow unless the branch is attached to the grapevine. So, Jesus is the grapevine. And who are the branches in this illustration? (Allow a student to answer.) That’s right, we are the branches. We can only grow and bear fruit when we are attached to Jesus. The branches need the vine to survive, but the vine does not need the branches to survive.

The Bible also says, “We are God’s creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.” If we stay connected to Jesus, we will do good works for His glory. Let’s think about a potter with a big lump of clay. Jesus is the potter and we are the big, gray lump of clay. As the potter begins to shape and mold the clay, it becomes a beautiful work of art. When we accept Jesus into our lives and stay connected to Him, our lives become His work of art and He makes something beautiful out of our lives.

As we understand God’s love towards us, we will seek to help and serve others with kindness, love, and goodness. We will work to bring glory and honor to Him. We will become disciples of Jesus.

Jesus became sin for us so that we could have eternal life. He was perfect and sinless, but He took on all of our sins so that we could have a relationship with God. This gives us a new life, living as a new creation in Jesus. It may be hard at times to fully understand this, but it was done because of God’s great love for us. Jesus died for us so that we might live for Him.

### **3. Bible Application – Craft**

#### **Cupcake Liner, Clothespin Butterfly**

**Remind the children that when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly, it becomes a “new creation”. In a similar way, when we become Christians, the old is gone – the new is here!**

Start by opening up 2 cupcake liners and folding them in half. Then fold them again and glue them together so it looks like a bow tie.



Decorate a clip-clothespin with marker or crayon. Clip the clothespin over the cupcake liners and add a strip of glue on top. Sprinkle on some pretty decorations and add a pipe cleaner or yarn for the antennae.

**4. Memory Verse:** Have the children say the memory verse – “When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come. The old is gone! The new is here!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17

### **Preschool: Parachute Game**

Say the memory verse while moving a bedsheet up and down. (like you would a parachute)

**5. Closing Prayer:** Lead the children in a closing prayer. Encourage your child/children to also say their own individual prayers about any additional concerns they have.

