

PROJECT FOR PRESCHOOLERS

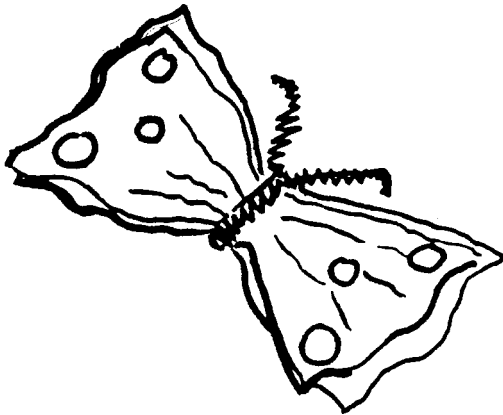
A Tissue Paper Butterfly

Adapted from an Early Childhood Project for 2-3 year olds

Materials:

- Tissue paper, cut into 2 pairs of butterfly wings (one or 2 colors)
- Brown or black pipecleaner for butterfly
- Fuzzy brown pipecleaner for caterpillar (could substitute thick yarn, regular pipecleaner, or strip of fake fur)
- One piece of green floral tape (could substitute masking tape or ribbon)
- One piece of gold thread
- Colored round stickers or magic marker for decorating wings

Instructions for Butterfly:



1. Cut out two pieces of tissue paper for pairs of butterfly wings.
2. If you are using 2 different colors of tissue paper, cut one set of wings slightly smaller than the other. Then put the smaller piece on top.
3. Have your child decorate the outer parts with dots using marker or stickers.
4. Gather the tissue in the middle and have your child hand you the long pipe cleaner.
5. Wrap the pipe cleaner around the tissue and twist it to fasten it. You can curl the tips to look like antenna.
6. Put the butterfly aside for now.
7. After making the caterpillar (described below), let your child play with it. Take this opportunity to finish the butterfly by taking the gold thread and tying it to the butterfly body so that it can be flown like a kite! Then put it aside for later.



Making the Caterpillar:

1. Take the fuzzy pipe cleaner (or substitute material) and bend the ends over so that it looks like a caterpillar.
2. Let your child play with the caterpillar, perhaps hiding it for him to find in your plants, a book, *etc.*



Making the Chrysalis or Cocoon:

1. Next, wrap the caterpillar in the green floral tape (or substitute) and talk to the child about the caterpillar going to sleep for awhile.
2. You could hook it onto a stick or branch with the pipe cleaner end.



The Surprise Ending:

Tell your child that when people die, the Lord takes them into heaven. It seems as if the people are gone (or dead), but they are still alive—just like the butterfly! Now bring out the butterfly (with gold thread attached) and let your child “fly” it.

PLEASE NOTE:

The entire Early Childhood Program may be ordered through the Office of Education. It provides monthly mailings for each of these age levels:

infants and one-year olds

two to three year olds

four to five year olds