

It's a job to be Job—Kids' Lesson #14
Job 15-21; 19:25

Hook: One of my favorite things about springtime is butterflies! Before a caterpillar can become a butterfly it has to eat, grow and make a cocoon. Then, it waits inside. Just when it seems like the caterpillar is asleep or even dead and we think it's never coming out, the most wonderful thing happens! The caterpillar struggles out of its cocoon to reveal a new body. God gives the caterpillar beautiful wings and turns it into a butterfly! Seeing a butterfly's beautiful wings gives me HOPE. I have HOPE in God's good plans for me. I have HOPE that God will help me grow to be more like Him. Each day, God gives me new life and makes me more beautiful in His sight.

Book: "Hope" means waiting with excitement, believing that something wonderful is going to happen. Hope is like waiting for a caterpillar to become a butterfly! The best thing about hope is that we can have hope, even when things aren't going our way. Do you remember our friend Job from the Bible? His family and animals died, Job himself got very sick, and his friends and wife were unkind to him. Just when Job thought he couldn't take any more sadness, He remembered his true hope in God. Job remembered that God was with him and had a bigger plan in mind. Job declared, "I know that my redeemer lives...I will see God...with my own eyes." (Job 19:25-27)

Look: We know that Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Jesus' death was very sad. Just when it seemed like all was lost, after three days in a cold, dark tomb, Jesus came back to life, just like He said He would! He told his friends, "I'm not dead! I am alive." Soon after, Jesus went up to Heaven.

Took: Someday, Jesus will come again and we will see Him, too. Right now, we can know Jesus in our hearts. The Bible tells us that Jesus is our *living hope*. Next time you see a butterfly, remember that Jesus gives new life and hope and that God's plans are perfect.

Bible Verse: "I know that my redeemer lives..." Job 19:25a

Prayer: "Dear God, Thank You for making beautiful butterflies that remind us of the new life we have in Jesus. Your plans for our lives are good and perfect. Please fill us with Your hope. Amen."

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What We Learned: We can have hope in God’s good plans for us. Job had some very difficult things happen in his life. Just when he thought he couldn’t take any more sadness, Job remembered that God was with him and had a bigger plan in mind for him. God is alive and well, caring for us and giving us hope.



Memory Verse: “I know my Redeemer lives...” Job 19:25a



Parent/Child Activity: Take a walk out in the garden together and search for a butterfly (or, find a picture of a butterfly in a book or on the internet). Briefly tell your child the life cycle of a caterpillar as it turns into a butterfly. Tell him that seeing a beautiful butterfly’s wings are a sweet reminder that, though the caterpillar struggled in its cocoon, God had plans for it to turn into a butterfly. God has a plan for each of us, too. We don’t become butterflies, of course, but we can have hope in his wonderful plans for us even when we struggle.



Daily Prayer: “Dear God, Thank You for the new life we have in Jesus. Your plans for our lives are good and perfect. Please fill us with Your hope. Amen.”