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**Week 3 Sunday School Activity Suggestions: Real Life**

*Resources adapted from ministry-to-children.com*

**Memory verse: “**By being baptized, we were buried with Christ into his death. Christ has been raised from the dead by the Father’s glory. And like Christ we also can live a new life.” (Romans 6:4 NIRV – shorten if necessary, depending on the ages of the children)

**Bible Story Videos**

Change <https://crossroadskidsclub.net/context-change/>

**Songs**

*Dance Laugh Love* <https://crossroadskidsclub.net/song/dance-laugh-love/>

*I’m Yours* <https://youtu.be/NPEYRxuE2lA>

**Group Activities**

* Have a large cross cut out of cardboard or drawn on paper. Invite students to write down sins and mistakes they have made, and then “nail” (tape or write) them to the cross, showing that Jesus has paid for our sins on the cross.
* Remembering baptism…uniquely! Play a water game (especially if the weather is hot) to recall the joy of baptism and how it cleanses our sins. Consider a sponge relay (passing a wet sponge and squeezing into a container), “leaky cup relay”, or even a water balloon toss.
* Trading up: Give children an old worn out item, or an empty paper wrapper. Then trade them for something new and better, or a treat inside, to show how God takes our sins and gives us new life.
* Washed clean: watch a powerful object lesson of sin cleansing. Show students a jar with colored water (use food coloring). Demonstrate how the water is made clean by pouring bleach inside. When we have Christ in our lives, our sins are wiped out and we are made new and clean!

Share with students that this lesson comes from the book of Romans, and focuses on how we are made new and clean in Jesus. We give up the old sinful ways and have new life in Christ.

**Craft Activities**

*Seeds to flowers flipbook*

1. Fold a piece of paper or cardstock in half widthwise.

Option: glue two different colored pieces of paper together prior to folding.

1. On the outer side of the card, glue or tape several seeds. Add verses and captions to acknowledge the significance of the seeds.
2. Inside the card, create a sprouting garden: make flowers out of coffee filters or cupcake liners. Attach pipe cleaners for stems.
3. Add extra verses or captions inside with the flowers.

*Butterfly bag*

1. ****Decorate the paper bag to look like a chrysalis, adding verses or captions.

Extra option: draw or cut and paste a caterpillar to the outside of the bag.

1. Cut a butterfly shape out of a piece of paper or cardstock.
2. Add features to the face and wings. Attach curled pipe cleaners for antennae. Take pieces of bright tissue paper and crunch up, gluing onto the wings with each piece of tissue.
3. Place the butterfly in the chrysalis and remove to celebrate transformation and new life in Christ!

Other craft ideas:

Thumbprint caterpillar and handprint butterfly <https://funhandprintartblog.com/may-handprint-butterfly-and-thumbprint-caterpillar.html>

Clothespeg caterpillar to butterfly  
 <https://preschooltoolkit.com/blog/caterpillar-clothespin-craft/>