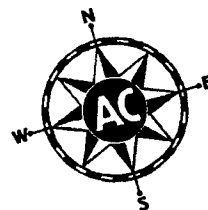


# Lesson 27: New Beginnings

2/24 - Salvation  
- Att. Activity  
Chat with Leader



Adventure Club

## Concept

God brings life from death

## Goals

- To understand that our bodies cannot live forever.
- To learn that we will receive new bodies when we go to heaven.
- To hear the plan of salvation.

## Memory Verse

"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"  
**1 Corinthians 15:57.**

## Bible Exploration

**The Resurrection Body:**

1 Corinthians 15:36-38; 42-55

**Key Verse:** John 3:16

## Response

Adventurers will be encouraged to receive Jesus as Savior.

## Editor's Note:

This is a very important lesson. Ed will receive God's gift of salvation during Setting the Compass. You might want to have Apocalypse lead Ed in a prayer asking Christ to come into his heart at the end of the skit. Or have the Emcee lead in a prayer at this point inviting the adventurers to participate. Make sure you follow-up on any decisions adventurers make for Christ.

## Music Time

Lead adventurers in 2-5 songs from music CD included in the Adventure Club Kit.

## Setting the Compass

**Stage:** Ed is sitting at the window in his office looking out at a **tree**.

## New Beginnings

**Cast:** *Apocalypse; Ed Venture*

**APOC** — Hey, Ed, what'cha doin'?

**ED** — Oh, just sitting here, pondering the physics of metamorphosis. (*Ed continues to look out the window.*)

**APOC** — Uh, I was think'n about Sponge Bob. Don't you think if he was a sponge and he's in the water all the time, all that water is soaked up into him. Wouldn't that make it hard for him to move around? And what about Spiderman, do you think he eats spiders when no one is looking?

**ED** — *(looks at Apoc and rolls his eyes)* This from a talking computer bug. Apocalypse, look at this. You see that puffy brown leaf-like thing hanging off that little branch? *(That's the scientific description.)*

**APOC** — Yeah - what is it?

**ED** — It's a cocoon.

**APOC** — A cocoon?

**ED** — Yes. It's a house, of sorts, that a caterpillar makes. You see, it climbs all the way up the trunk of the tree, then makes its way out onto a branch and spins a cocoon.

**APOC** — What does it do that for?

**ED** — Well, while it's in the cocoon it goes through dramatic changes in its body structure. In fact it emerges from the cocoon days or weeks later with a brand new body - a better body - a body with a completely new look. Its own mother wouldn't recognize it.

**APOC** — Really!

**ED** — Yeah. No more climbing. It turns into a moth or butterfly. Now it can fly anywhere it wants to go. Pretty good deal, going from a crawling worm with hair to a beautiful winged butterfly!

**APOC** — Guess what?

**ED** — What?

**APOC** — Some day we will become butterflies.

**ED** — What?

**APOC** — In the Bible it tell us that some day we will have new bodies, but better than butterflies, better than Spiderman or even Sponge Bob!

**ED** — Tell me more. *(Ed turns his full attention to Apoc.)*

**APOC** — Well, tell me, Ed. Have you ever been sick?

**ED** — *(Coughs and pulls at his throat.)* Well, yes, I sometimes get sick.

**APOC** — Your new body will never get sick and will never die. It'll be different, but everyone will recognize you. . . even your mom! We'll all have superbodies! SUPER APOCALYPSE!  
*(Puffed up)*

**ED** — When will this happen? *(Looking at his arm and potbelly)*

**APOC** — The Bible says "it will happen in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds." *(Trumpet sounds)* When Christ comes back he'll give us these new and glorious bodies so we can go to heaven with Him. First the dead Christians will rise, and then the living Christians will be transformed into their new wonderful bodies - just like the butterfly.

**ED** — What a happy day that will be.

**APOC** — It'll be like every Christians' birthday at the same time. And our new bodies will be presents from God.

**ED** — So God is more powerful than science, and he's wiser than my computer. *(Ed thinks)* He really must love us to do all these wonderful things. Apocalypse, . . .

**APOC** — Yes, Ed?

**ED** — I want a new body when Christ returns. I want to go and be with God forever . I want to worship at His feet and praise Him and all His holiness. He deserves our love.

**APOC** — Ed, I'd say you're ready to be harvested. You've matured in these last weeks. You recognized God for who He is. I'm just a little computer bug, but I know if you trust God and accept Him into your heart when the day comes He'll give you a new body and then you'll be able to follow Him up to heaven.

**ED** — That's what I want. Now how do I do it?

**Close with leader (or Apocalypse) who can present the plan of salvation.**

# Small Group Activities

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## Bible Discovery Questions:

- 1) What had capture Ed's attention outside his office window? (A cocoon)
- 2) What is a cocoon? (A covering that a caterpillar spins)
- 3) What has happened to the caterpillar when it comes out of its cocoon? (It has changed into a moth or a butterfly)
- 4) How is this similar to what will happen to us one day? (When we go to heaven our bodies will be changed into heavenly bodies)
- 5) How long will it take for that to happen? (Not long - in the twinkling of an eye)
- 6) Why do we need new bodies? (Our bodies we have now are perishable - they were not made to last forever)
- 7) How can you know for sure if you're going to heaven and will then receive a new body? (If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God who died for your sins and you receive Him to be your Lord and Savior)

## Memory Verse:

1 Corinthians 15:57

**Preschool:** "... thanks be to God!"

**Primary:** "... thanks be to God! He gives us the victory."

**Middler/Junior:** "... thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

## Activity Page:

Follow the directions on the suggested activity page.

## Additional Exploration:

- ✓ Look up and read John 3:16. Who does God love? Is there anyone God doesn't love? How did God show how much he loves us? Who can have eternal life?
- ✓ Have adventurers draw the bridge illustration. People on one side of the **paper** and God on the other, with a chasm separating them. Draw 4-5 bars that attempt to reach from people to God. What are some ways people try to get into heaven? Write these in the bars. What is the only way to heaven. Draw the cross as the bridge. For younger adventurers, you may want to do one group drawing. Pray and thank God for sending Jesus to save us.

Spend some time in prayer.