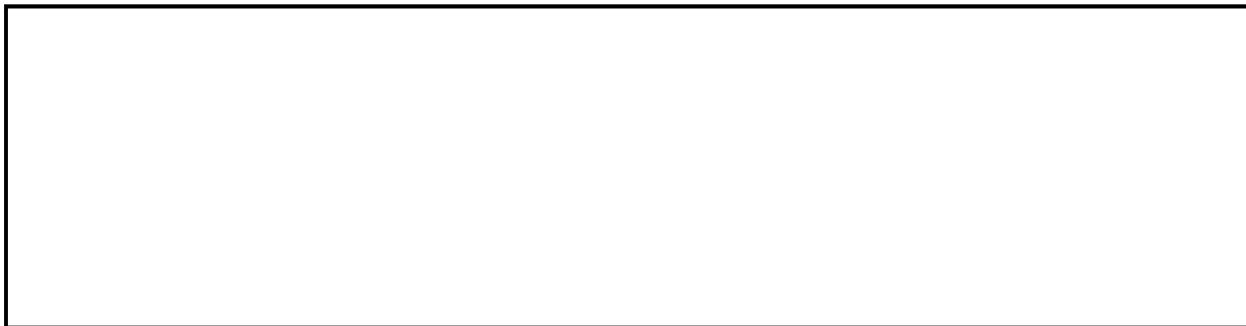


PATHFINDER THURSDAY MORNING WATCH

 **PRAY.** Ask God to show you how He changes you when you love Him.

 Can you think of an animal that totally changes its appearance during its lifetime? Here is a hint if you need one: this animal crawls when it is young but flies after it is changed. Draw this animal or the one you thought of.



Did you know that when you belong to Jesus, you change, too?

 Look up 2 Corinthians 5:17. Then unscramble the dark words in the sentence that is most like the sentence in your Bible.

 **eonayn** _____ who belongs to **rthsiC** _____ has become a
ewn _____ **osnrpe** _____

Or

Therefore, if **eonayn** _____ is in **rthsiC** _____, he is a **ewn** _____
ateoncir _____.

 Just like the butterfly (or the other animal you thought of) changes so much, when you belong to Jesus, He changes you inside so you do things in a new, better way. The list on the left is how a person might act before belonging to Jesus. The list on the right is how that person might act after belonging to Jesus. Write the letter to match the better act.

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| A. Saying rude things to a teacher | _____ Petting your dog |
| B. Pouting when you don't get your way | _____ Being polite to your teacher |
| C. Kicking your dog to get him out of the way | _____ Paying for your candy |
| D. Telling lies | _____ Being OK with not getting your way |
| E. Stealing a candy bar | _____ Telling the truth even when it hurts |

Acts 6 tells us about a man named Stephen. The disciples needed help serving the food to the people in the church. Stephen was one of the seven men chosen to serve. God had a vision and a purpose for Stephen.  Read Acts 6:1-8 to learn what kind of person Stephen was after he belonged to Jesus.

 Now find the words that came from this verse: miracles, spirit, wisdom, faith, power

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Stephen loved to tell people about Jesus, but this made some men mad because they could not do the miracles Stephen could do. They got some men to lie and say Stephen did bad things. They arrested Stephen and brought him to trial. Stephen began to tell the story of God's people, the Jews. When Stephen told the men they killed Jesus who God sent to save them, this made the men so mad they dragged Stephen outside and began to stone him.

 Acts 7:59-60 tells us how Stephen's life on earth ended. Fill in the words of Stephen's prayer. "Lord Jesus, receive my _____ . Lord do not _____. " Stephen was asking God to forgive the men who killed him! Do you think you could do that?

 At the end of his trial Stephen looked up to heaven. Read Acts 7:55-56 then write or draw what Stephen saw in the box below.

Stephen kept his eyes focused on Jesus when he helped serve food to the church and when he told people about Jesus and finally during his trial and death.

MEMORY VERSE

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. 2 Corinthians 5:17

To live as a new person, we must keep our eyes focused on Jesus