

## Dr. Flutterby Skit

**Bible Point:** God is our creator.

**Props & Prep:**

- costume consisting of outdoor wear such as hiking boots, a khaki vest, and a T-shirt



— butterfly net



— shoulder bag

- piece of paper, folded (you may want to write the pronunciation of Lepidoptera Glosata Maxima **Pulchritudo on it-LEP-ih-KOP-ter-eh GLOSS-ah-tuh MAX-eh-muh PULL-kree-too-duh**)



As Katie Grace is ready to transition into the next portion of the program, Dr. Flutterby wanders in from the side of the stage and interrupts Tori. Dr. Flutterby is glancing up and around, as if searching for something.

**Tori:** **Excuse me—can I help you?** (Dr. Flutterby doesn't respond, just moves closer to Tori and seems to be tracking an insect with great intensity.) **I said, "Can I help you?"**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Shhh! Keep your voice down! You'll scare her away!**

**Tori:** (Looks around.) **Scare who away? What are you doing?**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Quiet!** (Pauses, focused and excited, then tracks an imaginary butterfly until it settles down onto Tori's head, then suddenly brings the butterfly net down on Tori's head.) **Aha! At last! I've got you!**

(Lifts the net, looks into it, picks out an imaginary bug, and gently tosses it up so it can fly away. Shrugs, disappointed.) **Nope. Just an ordinary, everyday stink bug.**

**Tori:** (Holds nose.) **A stink bug—oh no! Wait, who are you, and why are you here?**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **I'm here because this rainforest is swarming with butterflies and I'm the world's leading butterfly expert:** (extends hand to Tori) **Dr. Flit Flutterby, Ph.D. You've probably heard of me.**

**Tori:** (Shakes head.) **No...can't say I have.**

# Day 1– Monday

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Oh. Well, you will when I capture this...** (Pulls a piece of paper from pocket and shows Leader. Dr. Flutterby and the Leader examine the paper as if there's a picture of a butterfly on it.) **It's the Lepidoptera Glosata Maxima Pulchritudo** (LEP-ih-KOP-ter-eh GLOSS-ah-tuh MAX-eh-muhPULL-kree-too-duh). **It's the world's rarest butterfly, found only in this part of this rainforest.** (Glancing around) **There's got to be one flapping around somewhere...**

**Tori:** **And it only lives here?**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **(Excitedly) The rainforest has incredible biodiversity. We scientists call it a "hyperdiversity hotspot." It has cloud forests, swamps, beaches, coastal mangroves...just look around.** (Raises arms overhead.) **It's amazing! You might even say, it's** (flings fingers wide) **a wow.**

**Tori:** (Looks around.) **It is pretty.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Pretty?** (Spreads arms wide.) **It's beautiful! There are plants and animals here you won't find anywhere else—including my special butterfly. When God created the world, I think he spent some extra time here. Just look at all this!**

**Tori:** (Motions to kids in audience.) **Well, my friends and I will be here for a few days, so I suppose we could keep our eyes open for your butterfly.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** (To Tori) **Would you?** (To kids) **All of you? That would be so helpful!**

**Tori:** **We're here exploring the nature of God—learning who God is and what he's like. It'll be fun to explore** (motions to the decorations) **this kind of nature, too.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** (To Tori) **Great!** (To kids) **If you see it, don't approach it. This is the only butterfly on earth that has teeth, and they have a nasty bite.**

**Tori:** **Wait...I thought butterflies just sucked nectar out of flowers.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Yes, but when there aren't enough flowers, they order lots of cheeseburgers for lunch.** (Looking out at kids) **And some of you might look pretty appetizing to a butterfly.**

**Tori:** (Doubtful) **Hmmm, nobody told me about there being attack butterflies here at Rainforest Falls...**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Oh, don't worry. They usually stay hidden, which is why I need help finding them.**

**Tori:** **OK, we'll do our best.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Thanks! I'm heading back to my camp to build a butterfly trap. I'll see you around!**

Dr. Flutterby exits.

You can crank up kid participation by having Dr. Flutterby enter from the back of the room. Before reaching the stage, he or she will drop the net over the head of an older child.

## Dr. Flutterby Skit

**Bible Point:** God is our safe place.

**Props & Prep:**

- costume for

**Dr. Flutterby, including butterfly net and shoulder bag**



**mosquito net or several yards of tulle to represent a mosquito net**

You may want to have Dr. Flutterby enter the room from the back and walk through the kids. Then, instead of the Leader trying to untangle the net, invite a child to try. Just make sure Dr. Flutterby thrashes around enough to ensure the child can't do it.



Before the skit, wrap the mosquito net around Dr. Flutterby.

**Tori: I'm so glad to see you all today. It's not a party until you're here, we're praising God, and...**

Dr. Flutterby enters from side of stage, tangled up in a mosquito net. He or she is struggling to get untangled.

**Tori: Dr. Flutterby! What happened to you?**

**Dr. Flutterby: I happened to me—and now I'm stuck!**

**Tori: Here—let me help...**

Tori and Dr. Flutterby attempt to remove net but can't do so. They talk as they work together...without success.

**Tori: I thought you were trying to catch butterflies with a net. When did they start trying to catch you back?**

**Dr. Flutterby: You know how sometimes you have a great plan, and it sort of backfires? This was one of those...**

Tori and Dr. Flutterby give up trying to untangle the net.

**Tori: I give up. You'll be wearing that forever.**

**Dr. Flutterby: (Sadly) There are scissors back at camp. They should do the trick.**

**Tori: So how did this happen?**

**Dr. Flutterby: Butterflies like having a safe place—somewhere they can rest where they don't have to worry about being eaten by bats.**

**Tori: Or getting caught by you.**

# Day 2– Tuesday

**Dr. Flutterby:** **That, too. Anyway, at night butterflies sleep on the bottom of leaves. Bats can't find them, and they're safe.**

**Tori:** **Oh, wow—that's cool. We're talking about safe places today, too. God is our safe place.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **That's so true! God is a great to talk with no matter how, (motions to self) um, tangled up we feel!**

**Tori:** **OK, but back to how this all happened.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **So I found a crabwood tree where I thought my butterfly might camp out at night.** (Motions up, as if hanging the net in a tree.) **I strung up this net in the branches, and early this morning,** (tiptoes, acting out what happened) **I snuck up to the tree and pulled the rope that let the net fall.** (Pretends to pull a rope.)

**Tori:** **Let me guess...you were standing under the tree.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Yep.**

**Tori:** **Did you catch your butterfly?**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Nope. But I did catch a whole bunch of giant creepy-crawly spiders.** (Shivers and brushes imaginary creepy-crawly things off shoulders.) **And they were not happy. me, either.**

**Tori:** **Dr. Flutterby, with you around, I think we all need a safe place.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Well, that butterfly better find a super-duper safe place because I'm done messing around. Tomorrow, I try something that's never been tried in the entire history of butterfly collecting. That little wing-flapper will be mine!**

**Tori:** **You need any help getting back to camp?**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **I'm good. Unless I can't find my scissors. See you all later!**

Dr. Flutterby exits.

## Dr. Flutterby Skit

**Bible Point:** God is love.

**Props & Prep:**

- costume for Dr. Flutterby, including butterfly net and shoulder bag
- butterfly wings
- antennae headband (or just a headband with chenille wires attached for “antennae”)
- oversize sunglasses



**Tori:** It’s so good to see everyone here today! I was just telling—

Dr. Flutterby enters from side of stage and joins Leader onstage. Leader stares.

**Tori:** Dr. Flutterby, what are you wearing?

**Dr. Flutterby:** (Disappointed) How did you know it was me?

**Tori:** Um...lucky guess?

**Dr. Flutterby:** Rats! If this disguise doesn’t fool you, it probably won’t fool my butterfly. And I worked so hard on this.

**Tori:** Are you trying to sneak up on the butterfly?

**Dr. Flutterby:** No—I’m trying to lure it to me. If it decides to love me and be my friend, then I’ll be able to catch it.

**Tori:** And you think this disguise will work?

# Day 3– Wednesday

**Dr. Flutterby:** (Hesitantly) **Now I'm not so sure. Hey, maybe one of the kids.**

**will make a better butterfly than me.** (Takes a step forward and addresses the audience directly.) **Everyone, flap your wings like you're a butterfly.** (Demonstrates.) **Now make antennae.** (Uses index fingers on head to demonstrate.) **Now everyone pretend to be sucking nectar out of a flower.** (Demonstrates by using both hands to make a straw.) **Wow—some of you make really good butterflies...**

**Tori:** **Is tricking the butterfly into loving you the big plan you talked about yesterday?**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Let me explain: When we love someone, we just naturally draw closer to that person. So if the butterfly thinks I'm a loving friend, it will flutter on up, and wham! I've got it!**

**Tori:** **I'm not sure that "wham" is a very loving way to treat a friend. We can look at God's example, though. God is love. And we don't have to pretend to be something or someone we're not—God loves us for who we are.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **That's pretty special.**

**Tori:** **I'll say it is! God is our creator, so he made us. And God knows everything, so he knows us inside and out. And God is our safe place, so it feels great to be God's children. And because God is love, it's easy for us to love him, too.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Wow. Just...wow! You know so much about who God is!**

**Tori:** **Dr. Flutterby, even if your butterfly sees through your disguise and doesn't come to you, you're still having a good day. Any day that God loves us is a good day!**

**Dr. Flutterby:** **Can't argue with you there. Look, these wings are starting to droop, so I'm going to buzz on back to camp to see if maybe the butterfly is there. But thanks for the reminder: God is love!**

**Tori:** **See you later, Dr. Flutterby.**

**Dr. Flutterby:** (Glances around during exit, calling) **Here, little butterfly. I'm your giant friend, little butterfly... Yoo-hoo! Come here...**

Dr. Flutterby exits.