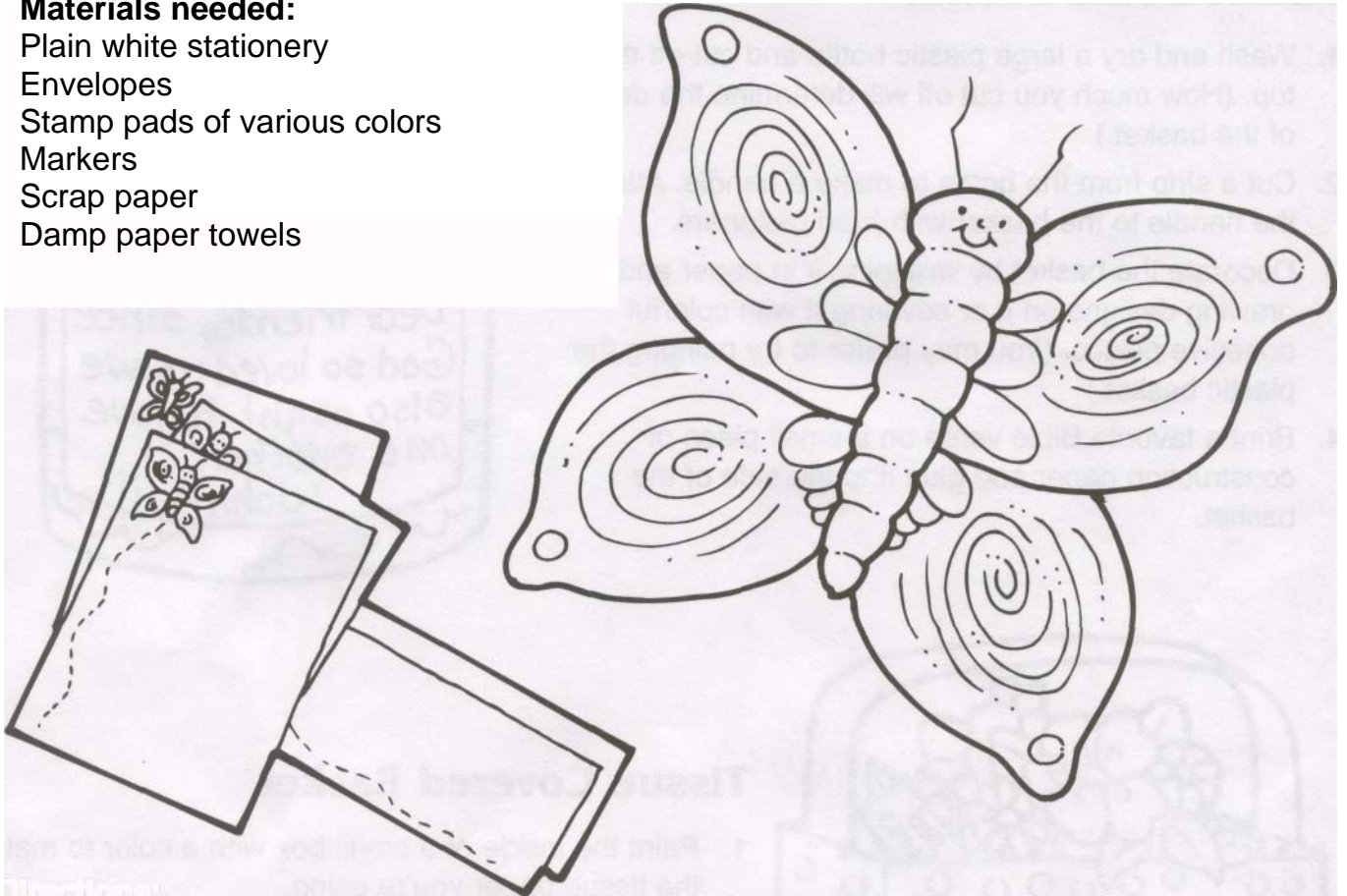


Fingerprint Butterflies

The butterfly emerging from the cocoon is often used to illustrate a new, transformed life. Children will enjoy making these simple butterflies as you discuss the many examples of new life in the spring (daffodil and crocus plants poking through the soil -- growing from bulb to shoots to flowers; leaves sprouting from branches, etc.)

Materials needed:

Plain white stationery
Envelopes
Stamp pads of various colors
Markers
Scrap paper
Damp paper towels



Directions:

1. Practice pressing a thumb or index finger onto a stamp pad, then onto a piece of scrap paper. Four prints are needed to form the wings of a butterfly.
2. After several successful tries, make one or more butterflies on blank stationery, in a corner or across the top or bottom.
3. Use markers to draw each butterfly's body, face, antenna, and wing details.
4. Decorate several sheets of stationery and some envelopes.
5. Give the butterfly stationery to someone as a gift and a reminder of how we can find new life through faith in Jesus.