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## Something from Nothing

[2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;  
look, new things have come into being!*

When our sons were small our neighbors on either side also had two boys each. We hosted a birthday party at our house one year and all the boys and their parents were there.

Young toys are (in my opinion) so much more fun than today's tech toys: cars to run in the dirt, balls to throw, Play-Doh to use to craft a kingdom. True of that time as now--restaurant kid's meal toys were ever plentiful.

One series of toys we had all over the house were the miniature Beanie Babies. One particular toy I remember was a purple-ish gray animal--the exact same purple-ish gray as a wad of Play-Doh floating around the living room.

One of the dads, when he sat on the fireplace hearth, happened to pick up both. As he sat and talked to the boys he pushed and squeezed on the Play-Doh. The kids seemed rather enthralled, wondering what he might be going to make.

He talked...he formed...they watched. And then in a great reveal, unbeknownst to them he had switched the Play-Doh for the Beanie-Baby. He opened his hands with a flash and there rested the toy animal. The Play-Doh was nowhere to be seen. The boys were speechless and breathless and amazed.

On Easter, God takes the work of a teacher, the work of a carpenter, the work of a Son and in an amazing display of something from nothing (death) reveals everlasting life.

***Prayer:*** *Gracious Lord, this Easter season may we see with new eyes and a new heart, the new things you have made. Amen*

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