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Change

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Change can be difficult.

For something new to happen,
something old must finish or die...

For fresh buds to appear on a
tree, the leaves need to fall to the
ground; for a butterfly to be born, a
caterpillar must evolve. So it is with
us... if we want to change for the
good, then our old habits must die.

**Be born again and live a new life
with Christ!**

Wendy



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Why Change?

"Why should I be different?" asked Bobby one night as he came in from after school Kid's Club. "No-one else does the things that they expect me to do!"

"What sort of things do they think you shouldn't be doing?" asked Mum as she filled a glass with some juice.

"We-e-ll, they think I shouldn't be saying some of the things they say, and sneaking off school early and that sort of thing", he replied.

"Well, do you really want to do those things just to be like your mates?" Mum asked.

"No-o-o, not really", said Bobby after thinking about it for a bit, "No-one likes them much for it, and they are always getting into trouble with the teachers".

"Well", said Sally from the other side of the table where she was sitting eating her apple, "It's not much point in doing it just because they think it's cool. I know what I'd sooner do!"

"What?" said Bobby.

"Just what I'm supposed to", Sally said airily, "You feel better for it, and you don't get detention like the others do!"

Dad came in then and put his brief case down on the table.

"Hullo, everyone", he said, "What's this I hear? Some great discussion going on?"

"Bobby wonders why the other boys are making fun of him for not doing the things they do", said Mum, "They say he should do the same things that they do".

"Well, you see it's like this, " Dad said, " It's not just you Bobby that it affects, but it also affects what people say about those who go to church and say they love God. They all know you go to church, and if you go along with them, they will say if that is what a Christian is like they don't want to be one!"

"Oh", said Bobby, "I never thought of that! Well, if that's the case, I don't want to make them be able to say that. I'll have to really stand up for what's right".

"That's good Bobby", Dad said, "You know it's all part of what Jesus meant when He said 'take up your cross and follow Me'. It means you do what's right and it's hard to do. Maybe you would like to be one of the crowd like the other boys and not be different, but deep inside you would feel you had let the Lord Jesus down".

"Yes, I guess that's true", said Bobby as he picked up his apple and headed outside, "Thanks for that Dad. I'll remember all that, and it'll help me to do what's right. I really do want to please God".

"That's great Bobby! I pray for you every day remember. In a decision like this, you've taken the first step and God will take the next nine to help you....He always honours those who honour Him!"

Dad smiled as he watched Bobby go out and call the dog. He remembered having the same questions when he was Bobby's age, and how he had proved God's faithfulness over the years.



THE SILVER LINING

By Judith Hill



The air was hot and humid. Lynne blew a strand of damp hair off her forehead and slapped angrily at another pesky sandfly as it landed on her arm. Through the open window, clouds gathered on the horizon, dark as her gloomy mood. She sighed, brushed away a homesick tear, and plugged in the computer.

Bleep. Bleep.

Two messages popped into her inbox. Lynne smiled as she recognised the address. It seemed the twins had both decided to write at once. She clicked on the first message.

From: Jorja
To: Aunty Lynne
Subject: wet wet wet

To Aunty Lynne, I wish I was in Fiji with u, it's freezing here and has been raining all day. Netball was cancelled, it makes me mad 'cos i shot 10 goals in practise and I was sure we were gonna win. I've been stuck inside all day and baby Max has been a real pain. He broke my lego and stole my lollies. Gotta go, Jamie wants the computer, Jorja.

Lynne grimaced. It was nice of Jorja to write but a shame that she had nothing cheerful to say. She hardly dared open the next message in case it sent her even further into the dumps. Oh well, might as well get it all over in one hit.

From: Jamie
To: Aunty Lynne
Subject: hi

Hey I wish u could see the mountain, it looks great when it is covered in snow. Today I made fudge. It was delish. When Max went to sleep we built a lift for the dolls house out of lego and it really worked. After that it was still raining but we went for a walk anyway and Max

splashed in all the puddles we all got wet but it was fun! Pity Jorja didn't think so. Well gotta go, Dad wants the computer. Jamie. ps guess what? i can shoot 10 goals.

That made Lynne laugh out loud. It was hard to imagine the two messages had been written on the same day and just proved there was always another way to look at things. Quickly she created a new message.

From: Lynne|
To: Jamie and Jorja
Subject: wish u were here

Bula, as they say here in tropical Fiji. Thanx for your emails, I can hardly imagine snow and rain any more. Today I am wearing a sarong and not much else and still I feel hot and sticky. Through my window I can see the clearest water lapping on the golden sand and there are palm trees and bright flowers all around. It's so beautiful here I just know you would love it. Do you think Mum would let you both come to visit for a week in the holidays? We could paddle out to my favourite island and pick bananas.

When you come, I'll show you the fantastic fish that live among the coral. They're incredible.

Give Max a big hug and kiss from me, Love,
Aunty Lynne

Lynne closed down the computer and looked out to sea. Waves breaking on the coral reef beyond the lagoon glistened in the intense sunshine that streamed out beneath the thunderclouds. Each one had the brightest silver lining she'd ever seen.

change

**'Do I need to change?' is a question
That I must ask myself,
Are there friends I have been unkind to
By the things I say and do?**

**Do I sometimes use bad language?
What games do I choose to play?
Will the books I am reading help me
To be the best I can be?**

**Do I listen when others ask if
I'll help them with simple tasks?
Do I growl when someone needs me
To help with dishes from tea?**

**I need to change in so many ways
But it's not that easy to do,
But I will come to God and pray
'Lord, change my heart today.'**



CHANGED FROM

Most children get into trouble from time to time, but Terry was different – he was always in trouble. One day he overheard his father say, “I think some people are just born bad.”

“That’s me,” he thought, “that’s why I’m always in trouble. I was born bad.”

Throughout his teenage years, Terry made friends with the wrong crowd. He drank alcohol, smoked, took drugs and became a liar and a thief. Before long he was arrested and spent time in prison.

During the next few years, Terry became involved in serious crime. Finally, he stood before a judge, who, after examining his bulging criminal file, announced, “Young man, it seems you are never going to learn, despite having many chances. In view of all these crimes, I sentence you to a total of 100 years in prison.”

“A hundred years! That’s more than a lifetime. No way am I going to spend the rest of my life in prison. I’ll find a way to escape,” vowed Terry.

But when he arrived at the prison gates and saw the enormous walls, barbed wire and high towers manned with guns, he realized an escape was going to be difficult.

Unable to escape physically, Terry tried to escape mentally by taking drugs. But when the supply ran out, he lapsed into a terrible state.

In 1988, Terry did manage to escape and on the way out he stole guns from the guards’ office. No way was he going to be caught this time. But God had other plans for him.

Back before the same judge, Terry was told he would never see daylight on the outside again, and an extra 25 years was added to his sentence.

Alone in a padded cell, handcuffed and heavily sedated, Terry went through a long distressing time of darkness and depression. When he asked a guard for something to read to relieve his boredom, he was told, “You’re not getting anything to read. You’ll only make a weapon with it to harm yourself or one of us.”

Terry flew into a rage and passed out on the floor. When he awoke he discovered a small brown book on the floor beside him. He turned to the back and three words jumped out at him: God loves you. It was a long time since he’d heard anyone say they loved him.

THE INSIDE

By Julia Martin



He read on:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Terry continued to read that all are sinners, and he knew that he qualified for that. He also read that God had made a remedy for his sin, and that the remedy was available right there and then.

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Terry dropped to his knees in floods of tears and cried out,

“Oh God, I’ve made such a mess of my life. I’ve hurt so many people and done so many bad things. I don’t want to live like this anymore. Please save me!”

Immediately, Terry experienced the brightest light he’d ever seen, and he felt the love of God flowing through him.

When the guard unlocked his cell, Terry held up his Bible and said,

“I’ve been talking to God and something has happened.”

The guard didn’t believe him, but over the weeks that followed, they watched Terry and noticed that he had truly changed.

Terry explained to the prison chaplain what had happened that day in his cell and asked if it would last as he’d never known such peace and joy.

“Terry,” explained the chaplain, “When you cried out to Jesus, he came into your heart. You’ve been born again and you’re a new creation in Jesus Christ.”

The chaplain encouraged him to join a Bible study and prayer group in the prison and to spend time with other believers.

Three years later, a miracle took place. Against all expectations, Terry came up for parole. In 1991, he was released from prison as a free man, and soon after, God restored his marriage and relationship with his children.

Can the Word of God transform a person’s life? Yes it can. Terry is proof of that. Today he returns to prisons throughout the USA with the Word of God and places it in the hands of prisoners just like him.

Bible Readings: September

DATE	BOOK	VERSE	DATE	BOOK	VERSE	DATE	BOOK	VERSE
1 Thu	Eph.	4:17-24	12 Mon	Ezek.	37:7-10	23 Fri	Est.	5:9-14
2 Fri	Eph.	4:25-32;5:1-2	13 Tues	Ezek.	37:11-14	24 Sat	Est.	6:1-6
3 Sat	Eph.	6:1-4	14 Wed	Est.	1:1-12	25 Sun	Est.	6:7-13
4 Sun	Eph.	6:5-9	15 Thu	Est.	1:13-22	26 Mon	Est.	6:14;7:1-10
5 Mon	Eph.	6:10-13	16 Fri	Est.	2:1-11	27 Tues	Est.	8:1-8
6 Tues	Eph.	6:14-17	17 Sat	Est.	2:15-23	28 Wed	Est.	8:9-17
7 Wed	Eph.	6:18-20	18 Sun	Est.	3:1-9	29 Thu	Est.	9:1-5;24-28
8 Thu	Ezek.	1:1-3,26-28	19 Mon	Est.	3:10-15	30 Fri	Est.	9:29-32;10:1-3
9 Fri	Ezek.	2:1-7	20 Tues	Est.	4:1-9			
10 Sat	Ezek.	36:22-32	21 Wed	Est.	4:10-17			
11 Sun	Ezek.	37:1-6	22 Thu	Est.	5:1-8			

Congratulations for years completed!!

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Sam Kuipers
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Campbell Loudon
Hamish Moffat
Luisa Ravai
Nikita Sutton</p> <hr/> <p>2 Diana Jago
Angelina Riley
Ashley Russell
Jake Russell</p> <hr/> <p>3 Peter Chijindu
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Readers' Response



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Change

A lot of people get impatient with the pace of change.

James Levine

All change is not growth, as all movement is not forward.

Ellen Glasgow

All changes, even the most longed for, have their melancholy; for what we leave behind us is a part of ourselves; we must die to one life before we can enter another.

Anatole France

Always remember that the future comes one day at a time.

Dean Acheson

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing himself.

Leo Tolstoy

"And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

Consequently, I entreat you by the compassion of God, brothers, to present your bodies a sacrifice living, holy, acceptable to God, a sacred service with your power of reason. And quit being fashioned after this system of things, but be transformed by making your mind over, that you may prove to yourselves the good and acceptable and complete will of God."

Romans 12:1 – 2

Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.

1 Corinthians 15 : 51

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

"Surely you heard of [Christ] and were taught... to put off your old self... and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."


Ephesians 4:21-24 (NIV)

See if you can find the missing letters. Start with the shaded word. Every following letter must touch the previous one. Letters can be used again.

By Janet Fleming 

W	E	A	L	L	S	L	E	E	P	B	U	T
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 verses f _ _ _ _ one and 52 .

 There are still some letters over. Take the ones that have not been used in order from top to bottom, and left to right, to fill the spaces below.



I really would love to be a cat
To sleep by the fire upon the mat,
But oh when it comes to eating a rat
Do I really want to be a cat?

Perhaps instead I could be a dog
To run by my master who takes a jog
But then, to be ripped apart by a hog,
I'm not so sure I'd be a dog.

It could be okay being a bird,
To mimic a visitor saying a word,
But to live in a cage - now that's absurd,
I could not possibly be a bird!

It must be much better being a horse
To run like the wind, with strength and force,
Unless I was beaten and then of course,
It could be dreadful being a horse.

I wonder if I should just be me
To face every day with expectancy,
To be the person God meant me to be
Yes, I would rather simply be me!





Find the words in the wordfind and fit them into the spaces to discover the verse.

S	T	R	O	N	G	Y	T	H	G	I	M	I
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_____ verse _____ .





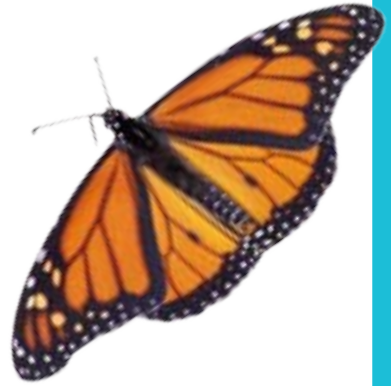
Transformation

A popular children's toy is a transformer. It's an object that a child can change from one thing into something else. eg. a car may change into a spacecraft.

All around us there are things that change into something else

See if you can use joining lines to correctly match the following pairs.

Tadpole	butterfly
gold	bread
tree	frog
wheat	chicken
caterpillar	jewellery
water	compost
leaves	paper
egg	ice



The Bible tells us that God can change each one of us.

1. When we become a Christian, God changes us on the inside and we become a new creation. **2 Corinthians 5 : 17**
2. As we read the Bible, pray and seek to follow Jesus each day, we are changed and become more like Him. **2 Corinthians 3 : 18**
3. When Jesus returns for His followers, our bodies will be changed immediately into new bodies, and we will live with Him forever. **1 Corinthians 15 : 51-52**

Do you need to change? **Yes.**

Can you change yourself? **No.**

Do you want to change? **Yes or No?**

People whose lives were changed

In this wordfinder there are 12 people from the Bible whose lives were changed. These names will fit in the following sentences.

- Luke 19:8 – He repaid what he stole

- Ruth 1:16 – She chose to follow God _____
- Joshua 6:25 – She hid the spies _____
- Acts 2:38 – He preached to a large crowd

- Acts 9:4 – Jesus spoke to him from heaven _____
- Luke 8:2 – Jesus healed her _____

- Acts 16:34 – He was saved Phi _____
j _____
- Jonah 2:9 – He made a promise to God _____
- 2 Timothy 4:11 – He was helpful to Paul _____
- Philemon 10 & 11 – He was useful to Paul

- Luke 23:43 – Jesus forgave him. He had been a
_____ (see also Matthew 27:38)
- Genesis 17:15 – God changed her name to Sarah

R	M	S	S	V
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L	R	E	R	L
I	Y	A	A	U
A	M	H	I	A
J	A	C	F	S
N	G	C	E	Z
A	D	A	I	O
I	A	Z	H	N
P	L	J	T	E
P	E	O	B	S
I	N	N	A	I
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P	E	T	E	R

HELP ME TO CHANGE

Liam slid the window up quietly and slipped into the house. His heart beat faster. He knew exactly what he was looking for. Moments later he had the iPod in his hand and was back on the lawn. Soon he was running down the driveway towards his home.

When he reached his bedroom he flopped onto his bed and studied his new treasure. He had wanted an iPod like that for such a long time.

At that moment he heard footsteps coming along the passage. Quickly he slipped the iPod under his pillow as his mother walked into the room.

"Where have you been?" his mum asked.

"Nowhere," he responded.

"That's strange," she said, "I called out to you just a short time ago and there was no reply."

"Maybe I didn't hear you," he replied, as she walked out of the room.

At that moment his eyes noticed the picture on the wall. The writing underneath said. 'If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.'

Liam thought back to the decision he had made at Kidz Club the other day. He had thanked the Lord Jesus for dying for Him and had asked God to forgive his sin and come into his life. Already

he had mucked up by stealing the iPod and now he had lied to Mum as well. What could he do?

The answer came quickly. I must go and give it back and own up to what I have done. Then with God's help I'll try not to do it again.

Liam pulled the iPod from under his pillow, crossed the room, went along the passage and slipped out of the house. Quickly he walked down the driveway and across the lawn to the Rogers' house. He knocked on the door.

As the door open Liam held out the iPod. "Mrs. Rogers," he said, his voice shaking, "I'm really sorry. I came into your house a little while ago and stole this iPod."


"Thank you for bringing it back, Liam, and I do hope that you won't do it again."

"I'm going to ask God to help me not to steal again," he replied.

"That great," she said, as Liam set off for home.

As he walked, he prayed. "Dear Lord Jesus, please forgive me and help me to change and be the person you want me to be."

Liam felt so much better. He reached home and went to look for his mother. He knew he'd feel even better when he'd told his Mum how sorry he was for stealing and for lying to her.

A dirt path leads towards a bright sun in a field. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare effect that illuminates the path and the surrounding grass. The path is made of brown earth and small stones, and the grass is a vibrant green. The overall scene is bright and hopeful.

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he is a new creature:
old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new.”**

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)