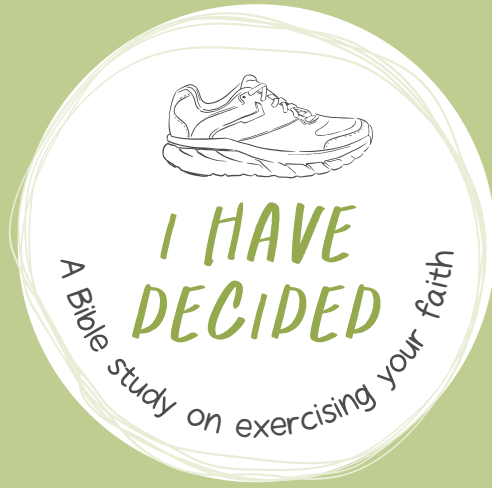




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for your life after salvation

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Primary Level

Ages 5-7

All Things New

Have you ever seen a caterpillar? How about a butterfly? Do you know the caterpillar changes to become a butterfly? When Jesus saves us, we change as well! He begins a good work in us. This good work God does allows us to exercise and work out our salvation.

Read ^{KEY VERSES} **2 Corinthians 5:17-19**.

What does God do so we can live for Him instead of ourselves?

When God saves us, He makes us new! The old way of living in sin and serving ourselves passes away, and everything about us is made new.

Read **Romans 6:17**. Before you were saved, what were you a slave or servant to?

Before we are saved from our sin, we are slaves to it! Sin controls us and rules our hearts. When we live for sin, we are living for ourselves, not Jesus Christ.

Now read **Romans 6:18-19**.

What do we serve when God frees us from sin and makes us new?

When Jesus makes us new creations, our lives completely change so that we live for righteousness. Rather than ignoring God's Word, we want to do RIGHT. This doesn't mean we're perfect, but it does mean we change. This change is what verse 19 calls "sanctification" or "holiness."

**Those who are in Christ by salvation
are made new through sanctification.**

Sanctification does not happen all at once—it continues through our entire lives! But as we serve righteousness and seek to do what's right every day, the Holy Spirit works to sanctify and change us. The Holy Spirit's work in our lives will be completed one day when we go to be with Jesus in heaven!



In the first box, draw one way you served sin before you were saved.
In the second box, draw a way you can serve righteousness now that Jesus gives you power to say no to sin!

Serving Sin

EXAMPLES:

- unkind to siblings
- disobeying
- having a bad attitude
- telling a lie

Serving Righteousness

EXAMPLES:

- obeying
- being kind
- having a right attitude
- telling the truth

Today pray and thank God for making you new and for the work He is doing in you through sanctification.

Junior Level

Ages 8 - 12

DAY 2

All Things New



Have you ever seen a butterfly come out of its chrysalis? The caterpillar body completely transforms inside the chrysalis and emerges in a new beautiful form—a butterfly! This process is called “metamorphosis,” which means “to change.”

When Jesus saves us, we change as well! He does a whole lot of good work in us, which we will look at for the next couple of days. This good work He does enables us to then exercise and work out our salvation for the rest of our lives!

Read **2 Corinthians 5:14-15**. Why did Christ die?

Christ died so that we no longer live for _____
but instead live for _____!

Read **KEY VERSES** **2 Corinthians 5:17-19**. What does God do so we can live for Him instead of ourselves?

When God saves us, He makes us new! The old way of living in sin and serving ourselves passes away, and everything about us is made new.

Read **Romans 6:16-17**. Before you were saved, what were you a slave or servant to? **»»** _____

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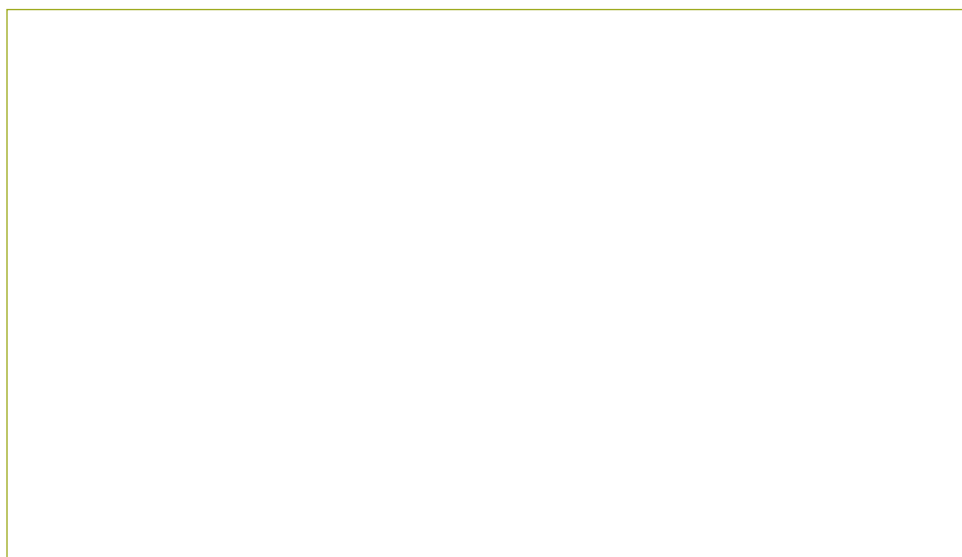
Now read **Romans 6:18-19**. What changes when God frees us from sin and makes us new?

When Jesus makes us new creations, our lives completely change so that we are free to live for righteousness. That means that rather than ignoring God's Word, we want to do RIGHT. Instead of having hatred in our hearts toward people, we have God's love. This doesn't mean we're perfect, but it does mean we change. This change is what verse 19 calls "sanctification" or "holiness."

Those who are in Christ by salvation
are made new through sanctification.

Sanctification is something that every Christian experiences. Right when we ask Jesus to save us, His Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. Immediately, the Holy Spirit starts working in our hearts to help us become more like Jesus.

How will your life look different as you serve righteousness instead of serving sin?



Don't get overwhelmed if you feel like you haven't changed enough or like there are too many ways you need to change. Sanctification does not happen all at once—it continues throughout our lives! But as we serve righteousness and seek to do what's right every day, the Holy Spirit works to sanctify us. The Holy Spirit's work in our lives will be completed one day when we go to be with Jesus in heaven!

Today pray and thank God for making you new and for the work He is doing in you through sanctification.

Youth Level
Ages 13 and up

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What does God do so we can live for Him instead of ourselves?

When God saves us, He makes us new! The old way of living in sin and serving ourselves passes away, and everything about us is made new.

This is how we work out our salvation—living for Christ as His new creation. Trust me, this is very hard work. That’s why people sometimes doubt their salvation. Even though they made a decision for Christ, their life still isn’t perfect like that beautiful butterfly. Let’s find out why.

Read *Romans 6:16-17*. Before you were saved, what were you a slave or servant to? *>>>* _____

Slaves obey their masters. They do what their masters tell them to do. They live for the purpose of serving. Before we are saved from our sin, we are slaves to it! Sin controls us and rules in our hearts. When we live for sin, we are living for ourselves, not Christ.

How did you see sin controlling you before you were saved?



Now read *Romans 6:18-19*.
What changes when God frees us from
sin and makes us new?

What do you think it means to be a
slave or servant to *righteousness*?
(Look up the definition of
righteousness to help you answer.)

When Jesus makes us new creations, our lives completely change so that we are free to live for righteousness. That means that rather than ignoring God's Word, we want to do RIGHT. Instead of having hatred in our hearts toward people, we have God's love. This doesn't mean we're perfect, but it does mean we change. This change is what verse 19 calls "sanctification" or "holiness."

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Sanctification is a process that every Christian experiences. Right when we ask Jesus to save us, His Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. Immediately, the Holy Spirit starts working in our hearts to help us become more like Jesus and less like our old selves.

What have you already seen change in your life as you serve righteousness instead of sin?

Don't get overwhelmed if you feel like you haven't changed enough or like there are too many ways you need to change. Sanctification does not happen all at once—it continues throughout our lives! But as we serve righteousness and seek to do what's right every day, the Holy Spirit works to sanctify us. The Holy Spirit's work in our lives will be completed one day when we go to be with Jesus in heaven!

Pray and thank God for making you new and for the work He is doing in you through sanctification.

Parent Guide

All Things New

The process of a brown, chubby caterpillar turning into a graceful, beautiful butterfly reminds us of the incredible truth about what Jesus does when He saves us. He does a whole lot of good work in us, which we will look at for the next couple of days. This good work He does enables us to then exercise and work out our salvation for the rest of our lives!

Read *2 Corinthians 5:14-15*. Why did Christ die?

Read 4 VERSES *2 Corinthians 5:17-19*.

What does God do so we can live for Him instead of ourselves?



When God saves us, He makes us new! The old way of living in sin and serving ourselves passes away, and everything about us is made new.

This is how we work out our salvation—living for Christ as His new creation. Once the newness of salvation wears off and we're faced with everyday life, living for Christ is very hard work! We don't always feel like a beautiful, new creation. We get discouraged, and we even sin. This may cause us to doubt our salvation or wonder if living for Jesus is worth it.

Read *Romans 6:16-19*. What do these verses say is true of us before salvation? What about after salvation?

This passage uses the word “slaves” to describe our relationship to sin and then also to righteousness! This might surprise or worry your kids because the idea of being a slave is scary to us from what we have learned in history. You can help them understand this wording by explaining the concept of service to a master. Before we are saved, our master is sin. But after we're saved, we get to serve righteousness in gratitude and love toward Jesus because of all He has done for us! This “slavery” is not scary—it's the best life imaginable!

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Sanctification is a process that every Christian experiences. Right when we ask Jesus to save us, His Holy Spirit comes to live inside of us. Immediately, the Holy Spirit starts working in our hearts to help us become more like Jesus and less like our old selves.

How have you seen this change in your own life?

How have you seen your kids change as they serve righteousness instead of sin?

Maybe your kids will be a little overwhelmed or feel like they haven't changed enough. If there is truly no change, it might be good to talk with them again about their salvation decision and see if they have any questions or if they were unsure of what they were doing by asking Jesus to save them. It's better for this to be clear now than for them to wonder about their salvation later in life!

If you do see change in your kids, encourage them by mentioning you have noticed these changes and together give God the glory for them. It's important for kids to realize that it's not just on us—the Holy Spirit helps us change as we seek to obey God! Your kids will learn about how the Holy Spirit helps us become more like Jesus as they go through this study.

Today pray and thank God for giving you and your kids a new Master to serve. Ask Him to give you wisdom and help you give Him glory for the changes you see in your life and the lives of your kids.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17–19

Key Truth: Those who are in Christ by salvation are made new through sanctification.

Discussion: How are we made new when Jesus saves us? What master do Christians serve? How does the Holy Spirit help us serve righteousness?



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I HAVE DECIDED

The best day of your life is the day you asked Jesus to save you from your sin. But have you ever wondered what comes next? How does being a child of God affect your life every day?

Just like running and lifting weights will help an athlete become physically stronger, we as Christians must daily choose God's way and "*work out our salvation*" (Philippians 2:12) to become spiritually stronger and more like Christ. This is our purpose in life—living for God! Have you decided to follow Jesus? Then get ready to grow!

