

Changed by God's Word Script

Characters: Lilly, Emma, Andrew, Mason

Lilly is sitting, reading her Bible. Her friends Emma, Andrew, and Mason approach her.

Lilly: Hi, guys! What's going on?

Emma: Hey, Lilly! We are on our way to the fields. There are some good soccer games going on this morning.

Andrew: Yeah, do you want to come with us?

Lilly: Oh, thanks. But I'll pass. I have some more reading to do. I have to be ready for class tomorrow.

Mason: Ummm. Lilly! Tomorrow isn't Monday! Tomorrow is Sunday; we don't have school.

Lilly: I know, Mason! I'm not talking about school. I'm talking about church.

Emma: What? You have classes at church? And you have to get ready for them?

Andrew: That sounds like a drag.

Mason: Not much fun, Lilly! You poor thing.

Lilly: Oh no! You don't have to feel sorry for me. I love it! I'm doing some of it right now.

Emma: Well, what are you reading?

Lilly: The Bible!

Andrew: The Bible? Let's go guys, let's get out of here. It's going to get deep!

Mason: Stop it, Andrew.

Andrew: Sorry! Do you read that book every Saturday?

Lilly: Well, actually I try to read it every day!

Emma: What? Every day? Don't you get tired of reading the same thing over and over?

Lilly: It might seem like I would. But first of all, it is a very big book! And I can't always remember everything I read. So reading it over isn't bad at all.

Mason: But still, every day? I often wondered why people do that. We know it is about God. But it seems like once you know who God is, you shouldn't need to read it anymore. What is the big deal?

Lilly: Well, I don't think we can get to know God that easily. This whole book is about God and what He has done and how He has done it. It talks about so much—from the very beginning—from Creation.

Emma: Well, why do you read it? What's the point?

Lilly: It's kind of hard to explain. But, reading the Bible has changed me. It has changed how I think, how I act, what I want to do. It has really taught me a lot. I find that I want to do what honors God, because He is so great!

Andrew: Yeah. I've noticed that. It's like you aren't the same. You actually seem nicer!

Lilly: Thanks, Andrew, I think! If I'm different, it is because I'm reading God's Word. And it seems like the more I learn about God, the more I WANT to learn about Him.

Mason: That's kind of weird how that works. You learn about God from the Bible, and then you read the Bible more so you can know Him better, right?

Lilly: That's it. Perfect!

Emma: Well, isn't the Bible about Jesus? How does He fit in?

Lilly: Jesus is God! And the Bible has taught me sooo much about Jesus, too! In fact, when I think about it, learning about Jesus is what REALLY changed me.

Andrew: Like what? What about Him changed you? His miracles? Didn't He heal people and stuff?

Lilly: Yes, He did amazing things while He was alive, but what really changed me was how He died! And why He died.

Mason: Didn't He die for sinners? On the Cross?

Emma: Yeah! That's right. It was horrible. I saw the movie. But how did that awful death change you?

Lilly: Well, because He died for me.

Andrew: What? What do you mean?

Lilly: God sent Jesus to die for sinners. The Bible says that ALL of us are sinners. Think about it. Have you ever told a lie? Or stolen something? Or used God's name like a cuss word?

Emma: Oh, yeah.

Andrew: Sure!

Mason: Who hasn't?

Lilly: That's my point, we all have sinned. And God hates sin. He is holy and can't look at sin.

Emma: That sounds like trouble, Lilly. What do we do?

Lilly: Well, that is what changed my life. And Jesus's death did it! You see, the Bible taught me about God and His holiness. And the Bible taught me that I was a sinner and that God hates my sin! It made me feel terrible!

Andrew: So, what about Jesus?

Lilly: Hang on. I learned from the Bible that God has to punish ALL sin! And that punishment is eternal! And it means going to hell forever.

Mason: Hell? Really? For lying?

Lilly: Yes, Mason. For lying. For telling even ONE lie. But that is where Jesus comes in. He is very good news for us. God knew we would all sin and we would all need to be punished. But, God made a plan. And that plan included someone taking our punishment for us. It had to be someone perfect who never sinned. Well, that couldn't be any normal person.

Emma: And that's why Jesus came! And that's why He died.

Andrew: So, what are you saying? Jesus took our punishment on the Cross?

Lilly: Yes, Andrew. Jesus did do that. And He said that whoever would believe in Him, repent of their sins, turn away from sin, and turn to God, would be saved by His perfect sacrifice. It is such good news. It is all in the Bible. And it has changed my life!

Mason: Do you think it could change my life?

Lilly: Yes, it can change anyone's life who will humbly turn to Jesus and accept the free gift of His forgiveness for their sins.

Emma: Lilly, could you bring me with you to your class sometime? I think I'd like to learn more about Jesus!

Mason: Me, too! I'd like to learn how to change like you have.

Andrew: Let me know when you go. I'll come with you.

Lilly: Sure! I'd love to!