



# **KIDS**

**weekly devotional**



# verse

## Romans 8:28

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”





"What a wonderful day it is, Zack," said Anna.

"Why . . . what . . . ah, what are you talking about," he asked.

"The birds are singing, the breeze is blowing, the clouds are flowing," said Anna. "It's like a painting."

It was a beautiful day, but it was still a school day and Zack did not see anything wonderful about being stuck in a classroom as such a "wonderful" thing.

"I don't think so," he said. "It just doesn't seem like a wonderful day."

Anna was in too good of a mood to let Zack's attitude take her away from her joy. Sun, birds, breeze, and wispy clouds were simply too wonderful to let anything else matter. Still, she was a little worried about Zack.

"Come on, buddy," she said. "Look around you. Today is a great day. What's bothering you?"

He wasn't sure he wanted to tell Anna what was really wrong. Sure, he didn't want to go to school when it was so beautiful outside. This was a day meant for hiking, baseball, swimming . . . Anything but school

But that was not what was really bothering him.

"What is it, Zack," she asked, genuinely concerned for her good friend. "There is something going on."


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"We're moving and I will have to go to a new school and a new church," he said. "All my friends are here. What am I going to do?"

Wow, that is not what Anna expected. She thought maybe he got a bad grade on a test or wasn't going to be able to play in the big baseball game on Saturday. This was big news.

"I didn't know that Zack," she said. "I mean, you never said anything to me about moving."

"I just found out," he said. "What am I going to do? Everything is changing. I won't know anyone."

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# point

Anna knew exactly how Zack felt. Four years ago, when she was only eight, her family moved, and she had to start going to a new school and a new church.

“Do you remember when we first met each other,” Anna asked.

“Yeah, we were in Miss Cole’s class,” Zack said. “We were in second grade. You, me, Jimmy, and Macie. We all became really good friends and still are.”

“So, you remember why Miss Cole introduced me to you guys, right,” asked Anna.

“Not really,” said Zack. “That was a long time ago . . . Wait, It was because you had just moved here. I remember that.”

“When I had to move from my old school, I felt just like you do right now,” she said. “But look what has happened over the last four years. I have really good friends, go to a really good church, and have a best buddy in you.”

“I’m scared,” said Zack.

“I know,” she said. “I remember being there.”





# point

Just then, Anna remembered something that Pastor Danny said at church. It was from Romans 8:28 about how God will make everything work out for those who love Him.

“Hey, do you remember what Pastor Danny said on Sunday,” she asked. “You know, about letting God take control in your life.”

Zack did remember but did not see how that could help him with this problem.

“Think about it Zack,” she said. “I was scared when I moved here, but God did amazing things. And now I’m in a great church and doing really cool things in the kids ministry.”

“You think God can do the same thing with me,” he asked. “I mean, give me new friends and a new church and maybe do cool things in their kids church?”

“I know He can, and I know He will,” she said. “Let’s pray about it and ask God to help you be excited about the new things He’s going to give you.”

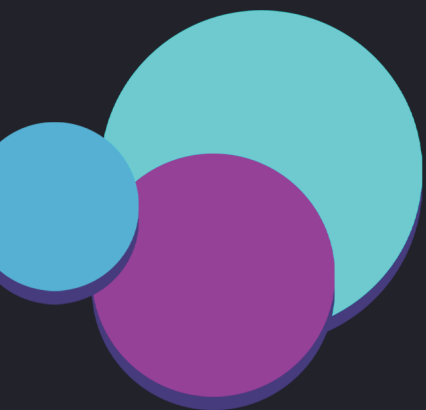




# lesson



Change can be really scary. God knows how hard it is to move to a new school or to leave your best friends behind. He even understands how difficult the little things are like losing a big baseball game or failing an important test. But He promises us that even those things can turn out to be good. A new school offers new opportunities; new friends can help you grow in Christ; losing a big game can help you become a more gracious winner; and failing a test teaches you to study harder. God works all things together for our good. Don't be afraid of change; just ask God to help you through it.





# prayer



Father in heaven I ask that you help me to grow through change. Help me, Lord, to see how you can make all things good in my life, even the things that scare me. Show me, Jesus, how to follow You in the good times and the tough times.

