

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Changes, Challenges, Choices

Going back to school in September always brings a mixture of excitement and concern for boys and girls. Some children will only be starting out in P1. Others will be moving up into new classes with new teachers. Older kids however, will be going to 'big' school for the first time.

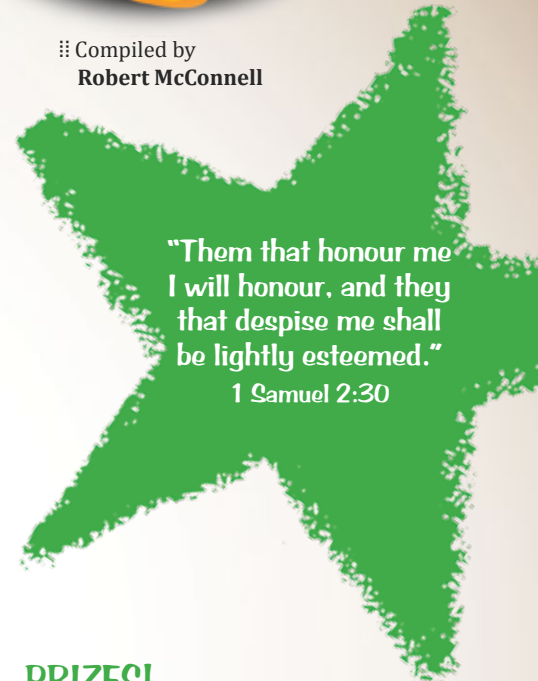
God, in His wisdom, knowing every circumstance in life, has given us a good example to follow in the life of Daniel. He too had to face similar situations. In the Bible, we read of Daniel attending school in the royal court at Jerusalem along with other young noblemen and princes. However, this all came to an end when Nebuchadnezzar invaded Israel. This Babylonian king had big plans. These included taking away the brightest of the young students and retraining them, so that Babylon would become a world leader in knowledge and scientific advancement.

Daniel and three others were numbered among those taken away to

Babylon. Suddenly he was confronted with many **changes** in his life. As well as his new school, new teachers and new fellow pupils, poor Daniel was completely unfamiliar with Babylon, its language and its people. Those changes then brought Daniel face to face with some difficult **challenges** to deal with. He was urged to fit in with the ungodly crowd around him, and to do as they did by eating and drinking at the king's table. Being away from home and not having his parents there to guide him, Daniel could have very easily turned his back on God. God, however, gave Daniel the grace and the strength to make the right **choices**. The Bible says that this young man, in spite of all the pressure, "purposed in his heart" not to defile himself and sin against God.

I hope, boys and girls, that whatever changes and challenges come your way, even as you change schools, that you will shine bright for the Lord and depend on His guidance to make all the right choices.

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"Them that honour me
I will honour, and they
that despise me shall
be lightly esteemed."
1 Samuel 2:30

PRIZES!

Are you 12 or under? Send your answer, name, address and church to:

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- » Leah Graham (Lisburn IMC)

Quiz:

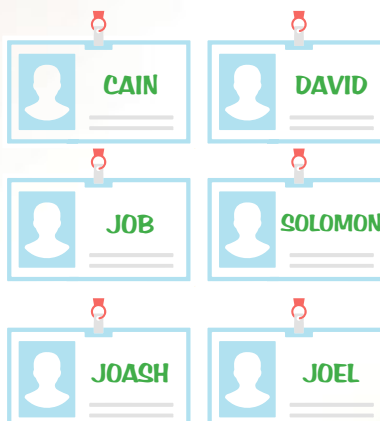
All of the young men listed here, except one are mentioned in both the Old and New Testaments. Which is the odd one out?

Answer:

Name:

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EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T WIN THIS TIME, PLEASE
KEEP TRYING - MAYBE NEXT TIME!