Dear Diary,

Tomorrow is the Big Day. I can't really believe that Marcia is really, truly, absolutely going to get married tomorrow! I mean, how can my sister (who has been my sister living in the same house as me ALL OF MY LIFE) get married tomorrow and just leave? And never come back. I don't mean that she'll never come back at all. But she'll never come back and be here and just be my regular old sister, and push me out of the bathroom, and fight with me about who gets to hold the TV clicker and stuff anymore.

We had to go to the church tonight and practice the wedding. We didn't wear our beautiful new dresses - just regular clothes. It felt funny to walk down the aisle and go up on the platform. I had to practice standing up there on a piece of masking tape that marks My Spot. Tomorrow when I do it, the church will be packed full of people looking at me. I hope I don't trip or do something awful!
Your Response to the Lesson

What was most interesting in the Bible story?
What activity was most enjoyable?
What new things did you learn?
Activity A

A New Creation

How do we become new creations when we make a commitment to Jesus?
A Change for the Better

Activity B

How can you live as a Christian consistently?

What do you do when challenges arise and you find it hard to be Christlike?

How can you be like Jesus today and every day?
The Perfect Wedding

• How do you imagine the perfect wedding?
• How does the life of a couple change after they make a lifelong commitment to marry each other?
• In what ways does life change when a person makes a commitment to live for Jesus?
• How is baptism a symbol of the commitment to Jesus?
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
(2 Corinthians 5:17).
Jesus transforms our lives when we commit our hearts to Him.
How Was Your Week?

Good things?
Challenges?
Special events?
“As for Me” (He Is Our Song, no. 144)
“Yes, Lord” (He Is Our Song, no. 145)
“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” (He Is Our Song, no. 146)
New Zealand

South Pacific Division

Working With Jesus

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PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayer Time

“Pop-corn” Prayers
Take turns to say short prayers, telling God how much you love Him and reasons you have for praising Him.
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INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

Conversion

• How can we experience a new beginning in spite of our sins and mistakes?
• How does our commitment to Jesus help us start a new life with Him?
INTRODUCTION TO THE STORY

The Story

You may listen to a podcast recording of the story: www.juniorpowerpoints.org
Jesus transforms our lives when we commit our hearts to Him.
Participate in the responsive reading: Matthew 13:45, 46.

According to this story how much are you worth to Jesus?
EXPLORE THE BIBLE

The Difference

• Acts 9:1-22
• John 18:15-18, 25-27; 21:15-17
• Acts 16:22-34

If you made a commitment to Jesus, how did it change you?
How often should you renew your commitment to Jesus?
“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”
(2 Corinthians 5:17).
What can you say to someone who wants to live an authentic Christian life?
Why is it necessary to renew your commitment to Jesus daily? What is the evidence of your connection with Him?
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Vows

Wedding vows represent the lifelong commitment of a couple who enters marriage.

Can you think of a symbolic act that is a public celebration of your commitment to God?

Have you thought about sealing your vows to Jesus through baptism? Committing your life to Jesus is the best decision you will ever make in life!
Coming Up Next Week

“WELCOME BACK, JESUS”

Jesus is coming back soon
Study your Sabbath School lesson each day
Complete the daily activities
Memorize the Power Text
Dear Jesus,
Some of us have already made a commitment to You. Some of us want to do that now. We all need to be committed to You daily so that we can live our lives for You. We want to be changed. Thank you for transforming our lives. Amen.”