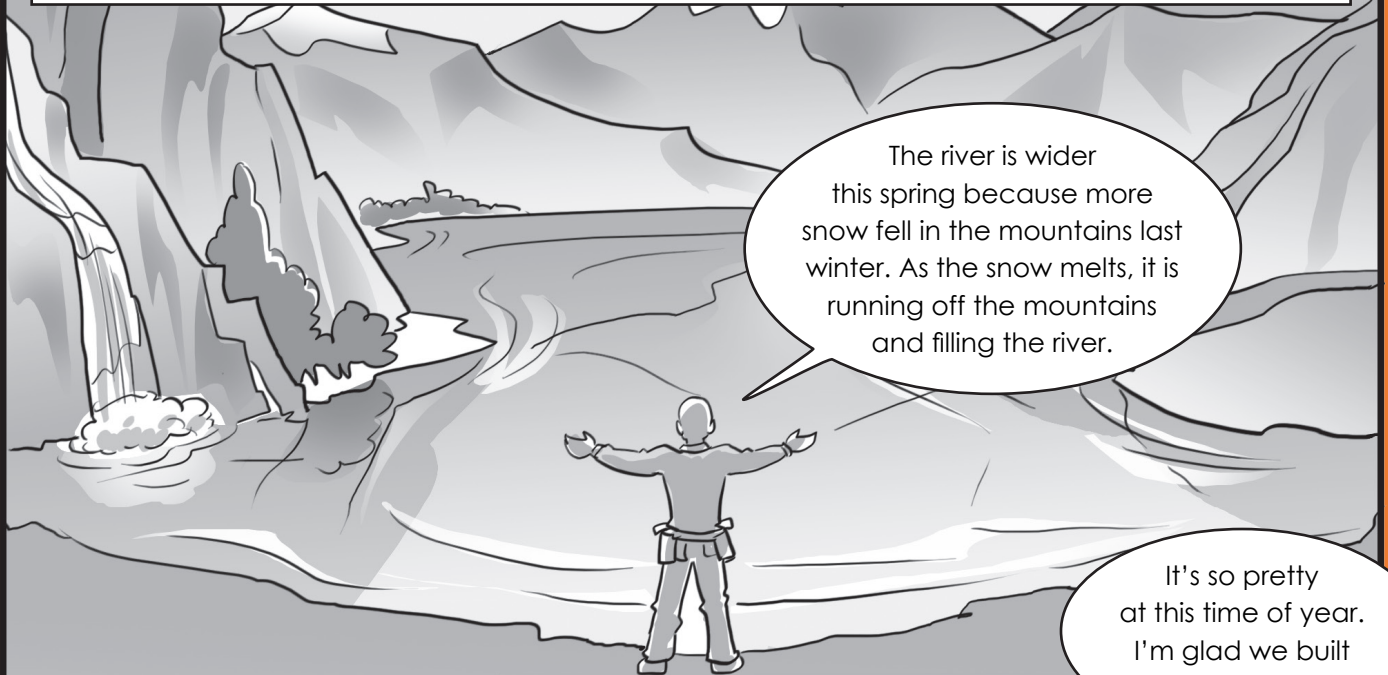
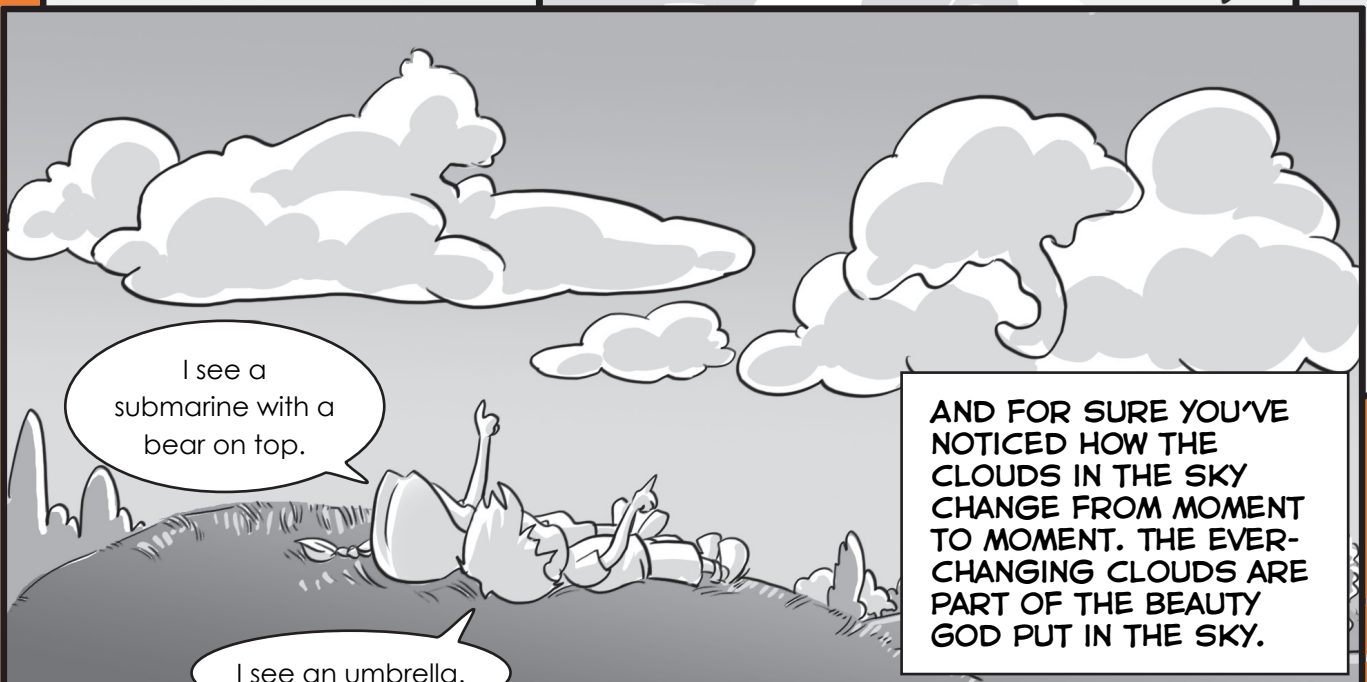


The Wonders of Change



GOD MADE HIS CREATION IN SUCH A WAY THAT EVERYTHING CONTINUES TO CHANGE. FOR EXAMPLE, RIVERS GET BIGGER OR SMALLER DEPENDING ON HOW MUCH SNOW OR RAIN FALLS.

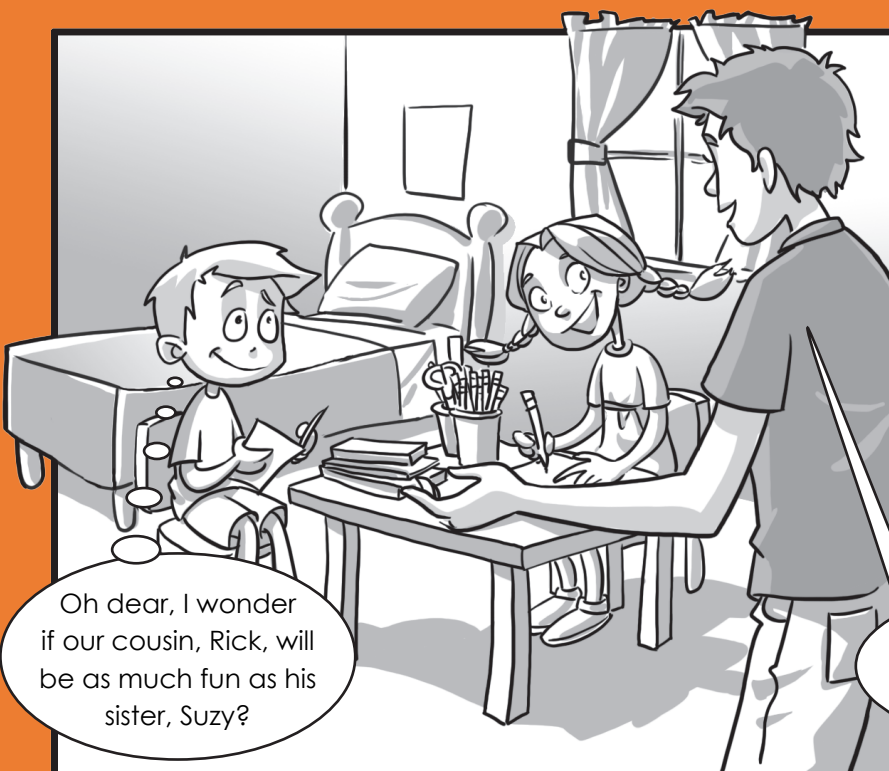
SOME BIRDS MIGRATE. THAT MEANS THEY FLY TO DIFFERENT AREAS WHEN IT'S TIME TO BUILD A NEST TO LAY THEIR EGGS IN.





THE BIBLE SAYS THAT YOU WERE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE AND LIKENESS. SINCE GOD CREATED CHANGE, HE MADE EACH PERSON TO BE HAPPIER IF HIS OR HER LIFE INCLUDES CHANGES.¹

CHANGES ADD VARIETY TO YOUR LIVES, AND HELP YOU TO BE ADAPTABLE TO NEW SITUATIONS THAT MIGHT COME INTO YOUR LIFE.



Oh dear, I wonder if our cousin, Rick, will be as much fun as his sister, Suzy?

Suzy is sick today, so I'm taking her place. Would you like to go to the park?

HERE'S AN EXAMPLE: WHEN YOU WERE A SMALL BABY, YOUR MOTHER WOULD HOLD YOU THE WHOLE TIME WHILE YOU WERE IN THE BATHTUB. THAT'S BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T SIT UP AND YOU MIGHT SLIP UNDER THE WATER IF SHE LET GO.

BUT NOW THAT YOU ARE OLDER, YOUR MOTHER NO LONGER HOLDS YOU WHILE YOU TAKE A BATH. IN FACT, YOU'RE NOW OLD ENOUGH TO TAKE A BATH ON YOUR OWN.

¹Genesis 1:26 KJV

Hey! Rick turned out to be so much fun!

THE WORLD AROUND YOU CHANGES TOO. AS YOU GROW, YOU CHANGE AND EXPERIENCE NEW THINGS. IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO GIVE CHANGE A CHANCE, BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW, YOU JUST MIGHT DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW YOU LIKE. IMAGINE IF EVERYTHING REMAINED EXACTLY THE SAME ALL THE TIME. LIFE WOULD BE DULL AND BORING, RIGHT?

EVEN THOUGH CHANGES CAN SOMETIMES BE A LITTLE DIFFICULT TO MAKE, OR YOU WONDER IF YOU'LL BE HAPPY WITH WHAT HAPPENS, YOU CAN ALWAYS TRUST THAT JESUS WILL BE THERE WITH YOU THROUGH IT. HE LOVES TO SEE YOU HAPPY, AND HE KNOWS JUST WHAT YOU NEED.

CHANGE IS A WONDERFUL PART OF LIFE, AND JESUS WILL BE THERE TO HELP YOU IN WHATEVER CHANGE YOU FACE. HERE'S A PROMISE YOU CAN CLAIM:

"BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO."²

How about we each take turns jumping and praising Jesus for what we like about change.

Changes mean something new!

Change keeps us from getting bored!