

A Changing Story

In 1961, Wilbert Rideau robbed a bank in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and killed a bank teller. His death sentence was changed to life in prison. During his 44-year incarceration, a number of things happened. Rideau was re-tried several times, with the defending lawyer claiming that he didn't get a fair trial because of racial prejudice. He also became a well-known journalist and author, writing articles and books about life in prison. He also won several awards for journalism and traveled to events as a speaker on the subject of prison journalism—all while still incarcerated. In 2005 a jury changing his crime to manslaughter. It was determined that Rideau had served the required amount of time, and he was released.

Conduct of Caron

333

★ Lay
Now
WAT
Orange
La.

Retired
ant E
trial
growi
\$800

★
Pr
Exp

Faith on the Go!

We want to be like the son in today's story that does what his father asks him, but first we want to say "Yes!" This week, wait for someone in your family to ask you to do something reasonable (it could be a household chore or a personal favor) and as soon as they ask, say "OK!" Then stop what you're doing and get it done. While they're standing there with their mouth open, whip out this leaflet, and ask,

- How did it make you feel when I did what you asked?
- Which would you prefer, if I told you I would do something and DIDN'T do it, or if I told you I wouldn't do it, and then changed my mind?
- Is this a change from how I usually act? Why?

Memory Verse



[The son] answered, "I will not;" but later he changed his mind and went. Matthew 21:29

The Chief Priests



Matthew 21:23-32



We can **change** our ways.



How do you "un-know" something?

Rhyme Scheme

For each of the words you see below, there's a rhyming (or near-rhyming) word that means its opposite. Some might even have more than one! How many can you come up with? Write your words over the mirror image of the original word.



Elder-vator

Today we'll hear about some church leaders who weren't entirely respectable. Are there leaders in your church who deserve your respect? In this elevator, write some questions that you'd like to "raise" to your church leaders. They might actually want to listen!



Did You Know?



The praying mantis is the only creature on earth that can turn its head 360 degrees—but it only has one ear!



Look it up!

Look in your Spark Bibles for **Isaiah 43:18-21**. In this passage, who's the one who says they are going to do something new? Do you think of God as someone who does new things a lot?

Good Questions

After playing a fun game with your group, use this journal to write down the funniest, most creative, or strangest question you heard, pretend someone is asking it of you. Now, write the question again, but change one word so it asks something totally different.



Pressure Cooker

During this activity, you're going to be listening for specific details. On the two recipe cards below, try to record as many of the details as you remember, then take them to your partners to see how close you got!

RECIPE FOR: _____
Directions: _____



RECIPE FOR: _____
Directions: _____

