

A close-up photograph of a handprint pressed into the sand. The handprint is dark, suggesting it was made with a dark object or ink. The sand is light-colored and textured. There are some small twigs and debris scattered around the handprint.

*It Sneaks Up On You*

**Luke 2:39-52**

# *The New Testament*

Matthew

Mark

Luke 2:39-52

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

I & II Peter

I, II & III John

Jude

Revelation

Most change sneaks up on you.

A few introductory observations:

1. The timeline of Jesus' early years is fairly sketchy.
2. Jesus' earthly father Joseph is still alive.
3. Later Mary becomes a single mom, but not yet.



I. Traditions over time highlight change.

A. Every year they established a more deeply rooted tradition.

B. The primary point of this annual journey was to remember... but it was also to tell those who had not learned it yet.

C. This tradition would never look the same.





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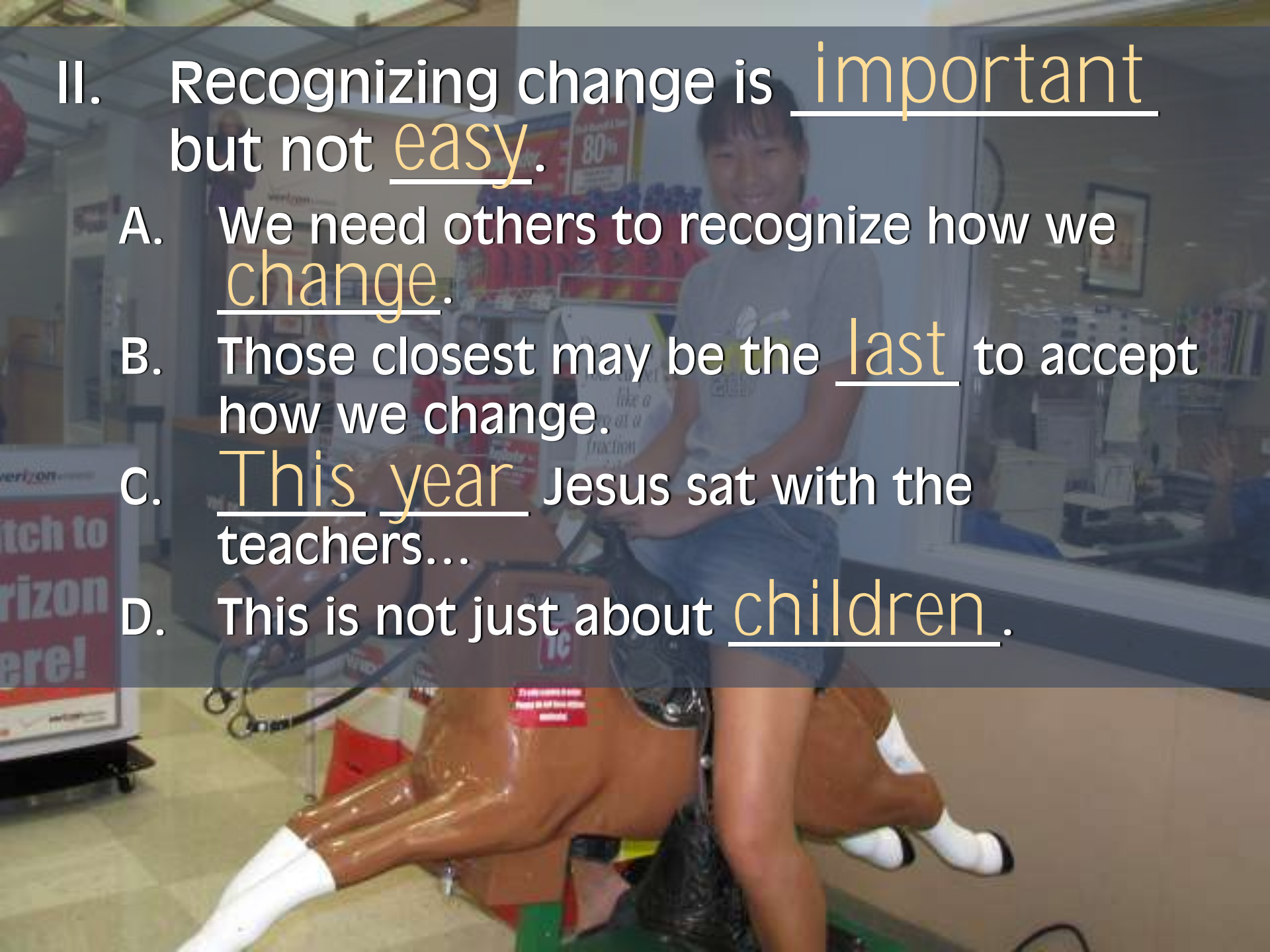
II. Recognizing change is important but not easy.

A. We need others to recognize how we change.

B. Those closest may be the last to accept how we change.

C. This year Jesus sat with the teachers...

D. This is not just about children.





III. Change is rarely complete over night.

A. Joseph and Mary did not fully understand...

- Sometimes quietly treasuring is about all you can do.
- When change happens it may not register...
- See people for who they are becoming...

B. God has blessed us with calendars and clocks.

C. We have the chance to re-set our minds.

It is time to re - set ...

Others need you to see their growth  
and change .

Without your affirmation others are more  
likely to limp into the next stage  
of their life.

And then be patient .



A sunset scene over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow. The sun's reflection is visible on the water's surface. In the foreground, there are some dark rocks in the water. The background shows a dark silhouette of trees and a distant tower.

REACH

TEACH

CARE

PRAISE

BLAZE

This week  
be in special prayer for:



Pastor Jim, Pam and Abby Bartholomew

You are invited to share  
hot drinks which will be  
available for 15 minutes  
following the conclusion  
of the worship service.

