



## Santa Claus is Coming to Town

The real story is that Jesus Christ changes lives.  
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God filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 1:14

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. 1 Timothy 1:12

I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man. I too was convinced that I ought to do all I could to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. I put many of the believers in prison, and when they were condemned to death, I cast my vote against them. I frequently had them punished in the synagogues, and I tried to make them blaspheme. In my raging fury against them, I even went to foreign cities to persecute them. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

1 Timothy 1, Acts 26

### How does Jesus change my life?

Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23

And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a responsive heart. Ezekiel 11:19

Be kind and tenderhearted to one another... Ephesians 4:32.

### What do you want different about yourself?



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## Accept Jesus as the One who can save me.

"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." -Jesus, Luke 9:23

## Invite God to change me.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. Psalm 123:23-24

## Trust in His power to change by living like the change has come.

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

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