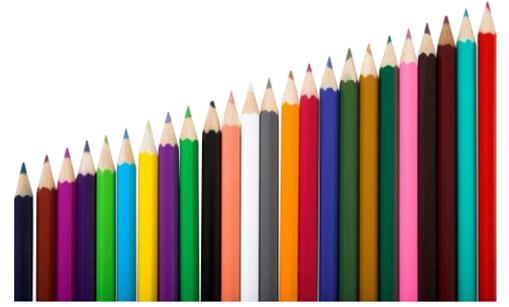


# Christians are like Pencils (God wants to use each of His children)

Did you know that boys and girls (and adults) who have trusted the **Lord Jesus as their Saviour** are like **pencils**? I want to tell you about **6 ways** in which you and I as **Christians** are **similar to pencils**:



## 1. Pencils are made, not grown.

Did you ever see a **pencil tree**? So **Christians** are not grown like a tree but **MADE by God**. *He makes us Christians when we trust Jesus Christ as our Saviour.*

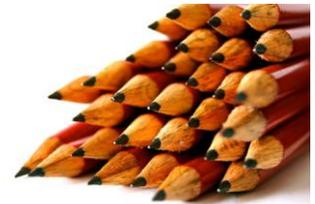
### How are pencils made?



A) A tree is **cut down** from its place and shaped by the maker of a pencil.

*You and I must be "cut down" - our pride must be taken away by **God's Word**. We must see ourselves as we really are (Romans 3:23) "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"*

B) A **new heart** is put into the pencil (a heart of graphite or lead). *Those who trust Jesus Christ become new people (2 Corinthians 5:17). "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."*



## 2. Pencils are made for a Purpose.

Their **purpose is to write!** *God saved you for a purpose - not just that you will go to heaven, but He saved you and me so that we might serve Him.*

## 3. A Pencil can do nothing by itself.

A pencil writes nothing - it is the **hand which holds it** which writes it.

- *Christian boys and girls can do nothing by themselves. The Lord*

*Jesus said: "without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5). He will use you in His service.*



## 4. The outside colour doesn't matter.

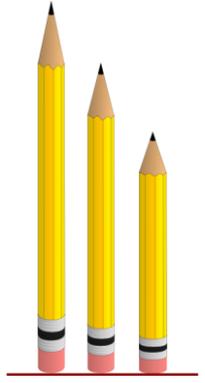


Whether **red, brown, yellow, black or white**, **all pencils are alike**. They will all write down what you want them to write down, just in **different colours**.

*So all Christians, whatever their colour or race can serve God and do what He wants them to do.*

## 5. Size doesn't matter.

The **smallest pencil** and the **longest pencil** write the **same message**. - *The small pencil might represent a Christian child and the long pencil a pastor or teacher, but both can be used by God. But we can also switch it around...make the longer pencil the Christian child and the smaller pencil the adult, why? Because the child still has his whole life ahead of Him to serve God while the adult already lived half his life.*



## 6. To be useful, a pencil must be prepared.



The pencils must be **sharpened**. Sometimes we have a handful of pencils in the house but none works!

*So Christians, to be used, must be prepared. They must be sharpened by Bible Study, (the Bible is a two edged Sword), by prayer and by meeting together with other Christians. The bible says that Christian friends can sharpen us as we serve God (Proverbs 27:17). "As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his*

*friend."*

*So you and I as Christians can be used by God, no matter our size or colour, the most important thing is that we must be well prepared and at our best to bring Glory to God.*

*Adapted from "Bible Talks for children" from Sam Doherty*