Be The Change!

Denise's BIG Difference!

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Have you ever wondered how a little girl can make a big difference? Denise Andrews believes she has the
answer. Denise is a thoughtful girl with a big heart who enjoys helping others.
One day while visiting
Santa Monica Pier, Denise
notices a shimmering object
leaping in the water. As the
object gets closer to shore,

she realizes that it is a

MERMAID! Denise is

amazed and can't believe

her eyes. She races to

The water below.
"Why are you swimming so close to the shore?"

Denise yells. "The mermaid replies, "I'm looking for"
Help. My name is Gemma

and I'm from the underwater

Kingdom of Camrynspis.

I've traveled many miles.

My Kingdom is in danger.

and I'm worried that

Ocean pollution will threaten

my home." Denise asks
how she can help. Gemma explains that she would like to have legs to be able to leave the water and interact with people to talk about her kingdom and the hazards of ocean pollution.

Denise is excited and quickly exclaims, “I have an idea!”
Denise loves using her imagination and passion for design, medicine, and engineering to solve problems. She
Hurries home to construct legs for Gemma using sustainable materials such as aluminum, bioplastic, paint and glitter, for a little extra shimmer. Denise also creates a magical necklace using platinum.
crystals, and an iridescent
gem and sprinkles it with
fairy dust so Gemma can
use it to change her
mermaid tail to legs
whenever she wants.
Denise returns to the beach to show Gemma what she created. Gemma is ecstatic and shrieks, "OMG, these are..."
wonderful! She puts on the necklace and immediately changes her tail to legs.
Gemma walked to the pier to tell people about her dilemma and gather ideas on how to get rid of ocean pollution.
Denise experiences their home and
meets her friends. Denise is invited...
delight fully accepts and

is grateful for the

adventure. She is thrilled

that she was able to help

Gemma protect her home.

Denise believes this is

how a LITTLE girl

makes a BIG difference.