**Sunday School Lesson Plan July 26**

**Theme – Our unchanging God**

**Objective Summary**

The seasons in our life might change but our heavenly Father is unchanging.

**Resources needed**

Bibles

Printed sheet (see below)

**Bible verses**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

**Memory verses -**

Malachi 3:6 “For I the Lord do not change”

Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

**Discussion**

* How many seasons do we have in one year?
* Which season is your favourite?
* Do you know that God created every season for a purpose? Sometimes our farmers use the different seasons to decide which crops to plant.
* Not only seasons have a purpose but times in our lives have a purpose too. There are times when we laugh, cry, mourn and grieve.

Because of COVID many things have changed – School, Church, going to the movies, playing with our friends and many other things in our lives have changed.

But our God will never change.  If you have a relationship with Him, He will never leave you.  He will always be there to help you through.  God says that He has made everything beautiful in its time.  That means that He can take even the worst seasons of life and turn them into something more beautiful than we could ever have imagined.  Our God is incredible!

(Encourage the younger children to jump as high as they can and shout NO as the answer the following questions.)

Is there ever a time that God was not almighty? NO!
Is there ever a time that God was not good? NO!
Is there ever a time that God was not righteous? NO!
Is there ever a time that God was not truth? NO!
Is there ever a time that God was not love? NO!
Is there ever a time that God was not just? NO!

(Sit around the table as a family. Take turns to read and answer the following questions. Encourage discussion where appropriate.)

• What is something that changes?

 • How does your hair change?

 • How do trees change?

• How does the weather change?

• How do you change?

• How does the grass change?

• Do you ever change your mind?

• Does God ever change? (Malachi 3:6)

• Does God always love you? (Psalm 136:26) (Romans 8:37-39) (Psalm 103:17)

• Does God ever change His mind and decide He doesn’t love you? (Romans 8:37-39) (James 1: 17)

• Does God’s Word (the Bible) ever change? (Isaiah 40:8)

• Name some things that change

 • How does the world change?

•How do Countries/Towns/Neighbourhoods change?

• How do you change?

• How do your friends change?

• Are there any people that don’t change?

• How do you feel when people keep changing their mind a lot?

 • What do you change your mind about? Why?

 • How have you changed in the past year?

• Name some things that have changed that have been good.

 • Name some things that have changed that are not good.

• Can Jesus change your life? How?

• How has Jesus changed your life?

• What things need to change in our lives?

• What would it be like to never change?

• Do you ever change depending who you are around or the circumstance like a chameleon? Why? Is this good?

 • Why doesn’t God change?

• When will we stop changing?

• Is it easier to know what to do when people don’t keep changing their minds?

 • How does it help us knowing that God does not change His mind or standards or His love for us?

 • FINAL question - What does Jesus still need to change in your life?

Prayer: Father, we thank you for the seasons of our lives. We ask you, dear Lord, to help us get through the good times and the bad times. Allow us to see you at work in our lives through the laughter and the tears. We thank you for always being there for us. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

God made a lot of things to change. Colour the butterfly, the baby, the puppy.

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