

2025-03-16 Unchanging

Praise and Worship (15 mins)

Parents: The parent and child scheduled for this week will lead us in singing on Sunday. Please take time to practice the songs together at home, helping your child feel confident and joyful as they prepare to lead.

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Prayer and Offering (5 mins)

Parents: Please encourage your children to bring an offering to church. You may help your child prepare by setting aside a coin for them to bring on Sunday. This is a great opportunity to teach them about giving to God with a thankful heart and trusting Him to provide.

What is Offering?

Offering is when we **give something to God** to show our love and thankfulness. In church, we often give money as an offering, but we can also give our time, talents, and kindness to God and others.

Why Do We Make an Offering?

1?? **To Thank God** – Everything we have comes from God! Giving back is a way to say, “Thank You, God!”

2?? **To Trust God** – When we give, we show that we trust God to take care of us.

3?? **To Help Others** – Offerings help the church teach about Jesus, help people in need, and share God’s love.

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 9:7,

"God loves a cheerful giver!" That means God is happy when we give with a joyful heart!

Prayer for Offering



Dear God, thank You for giving us everything we need. We want to give back to You with joyful hearts. Please use our offering to help others and share Your love. Help us to always trust You. In Jesus' name, Amen!

Review Verse from Last Week

- God is our refuge ? (make hands like a house)
- and strength," ? (flex muscles)
- a very present ? (point to eyes)
- help in trouble." ? (wave hands like an alarm)

Bible Story (10 min): "God is Always the Same"

Introduction (1 min)

? Activity: Show two pictures of yourself (one as a child, one as an adult) or hold up a baby doll and a grown-up doll.

- Ask: What's the change of these two pictures?
- Ask: "Do people change as they grow up? or became older" (Yes!)
- "What are some ways we change?" (We grow taller, learn new things, change likes/dislikes.)
- change their mind about something.
- Show a piece of worn-out clothing
"Things in life change, but today we'll hear about someone who trusted in a God who NEVER changes!"

Bible Story (5 min)

(Use storytelling props, dramatic expressions, or even simple role-play to make it engaging!)

? Set the Scene:

- Daniel was a man who loved God and prayed to Him every day, no matter what!
- King Darius liked Daniel and planned to make him an important ruler, but some jealous men tricked the king to make a law: "Anyone who prays to a god besides the king will be thrown into the lions' den!"

? Daniel's Unchanging Faith:

- Did Daniel stop praying? No!
- He knew that God never changes, so he kept praying just as he had always done.
- The wicked men saw Daniel and told the king. King Darius was sad, but he had to follow his own law.
- Daniel was thrown into the lions' den! ?could you make a sound like lion.

? God's Unchanging Protection:

- That night, the king couldn't sleep. Would Daniel's God save him?
- In the morning, King Darius rushed to the den and called out: "Daniel, has your God saved you?"
- Daniel answered, "Yes! My God sent an angel to shut the lions' mouths!"
- God didn't change! He was still powerful, still in control, and still able to protect His people, like Daniel.

? Wrap-Up:

- The king was amazed! He made a new law: "Daniel's God is the living God, and His kingdom will last forever!" (Daniel 6:26)
- God NEVER changes—He is always strong, always faithful, always trustworthy!

Wrap-up & Discussion (4 min)

Ask:

1. "What are some things that change?" (People, weather, clothes, feeling..like, dislike.)
2. What did Daniel do when the law changed? (He kept praying to God.)
3. Did God change when Daniel was in trouble? (No! God was still powerful and saved him.)
4. How does this story show us that we can trust God no matter what?

Memory Verse Activity (Malachi 3:6a)

- Say it together with hand motions:
 - "For I the LORD" (point up)
 - "do not change." (shake head "no")

Craft & Game (10 mins)

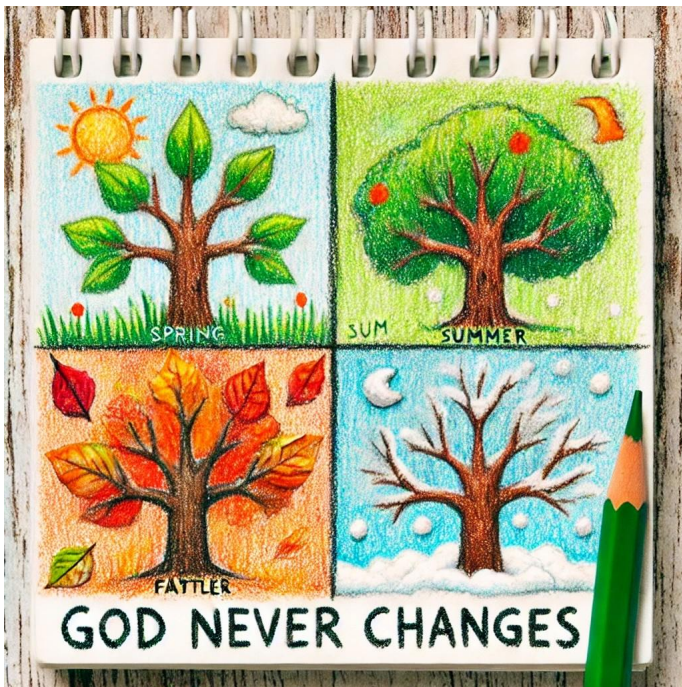
Craft (5 min): "Seasons Change, But God Stays the Same"

? Materials:

- White paper
- Markers/crayons
- Cotton balls (for winter), tissue paper (for fall leaves)
- Glue

? Steps:

1. **Draw a tree** with four sections (spring, summer, fall, winter).
2. **Color & decorate each section:**
 - Spring: Green leaves ?
 - Summer: Full tree ?
 - Fall: Orange/red leaves ? (use tissue paper)
 - Winter: Bare tree ? (glue cotton balls for snow)
3. Write **"God Never Changes"** in the middle.



Game (5 min): “Changing vs. Unchanging” (optional)

? Setup:

- One side of the room is “Changing” ?
- The other side is “Unchanging” ?

? How to Play:

1. Call out things that change (kids run to “Changing” side):
 - Weather
 - Clothes
 - Our age
 - Toys
2. Call out things that NEVER change (kids run to “Unchanging” side):
 - God’s love ??
 - God’s power ?
 - God’s promises ?

? Wrap-up:

- “God never changes! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!”
- Let kids recite Malachi 3:6a together one last time!

Closing Prayer, Announcement, Birthdays & Snack Time (10 mins)

Dear God, thank You that You never change. We can always trust You. Thank You for loving us forever! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Snack Prayer

Say: God is great, God is good, God never change. let us thank Him for the snack right now.

We Fold Our Hands

We fold our hands.

We bow our heads.

We thank you, God,

For this daily bread.

Amen

Free Time & Children Pickup (15 mins)

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