

PECULIAR TREASURES LESSON

IT'S A NEW SEASON 4 - Senior

- Lesson 4:** To Change or Not To Change
- Text:** Isaiah 43:18, 19; Joel 2:25-27; Philippians 4:6, 7; Genesis 12:1-3
- Central Truth:** The only constant thing in life is change.
- Memory Verse:** Philippians 4:6 "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God."

GETTING STARTED

1. The children will mention material things they or their parents change and why they change those things. For example, they get new clothes, new story books, new cars, move to new houses. OR
2. The children will mention situations that change. For example why they change schools or why their parents change jobs or why they change where they go and have fun (e. g. swimming pools, eateries, cinemas) or the market where they buy things. OR
3. The children will talk about changes in life. For example they will talk about someone getting married, someone getting pregnant, a baby being born, someone dying, someone gaining admission, someone graduating.

THE WORD

Most people resist change at the initial stage. The process of change can bring out various feelings depending on the type of change and whether the change was planned or it just happened. Some of the feeling are fear, anxiety, peace, happiness, pain, and excitement. Changes can take place in the form of changing schools and changing city. When changing schools a child can be happy because he is going to secondary school or a better school, but at the same time the child could be scared wondering whether he would make friends and whether he would like his new teacher. This type of change is a planned change. In the case of the death of a grandparent, an unplanned change, the child can feel pain and have a sense of insecurity, especially if he was very close to the grandparent. Other changes include an older person, not nuclear family but someone who the child was close to, leaving the house or the vicinity due to admission into a higher institution, marriage or a change in employment.

Abram was told by God (Genesis) to leave his people and his land to go to another place. It would have been scary on one hand because Abram was leaving a place he was used to with people he was used to go to a place he knew nothing about and nobody. However, he believed that the change would do him good at the end of the day and so he heeded God's voice.

The story of the rich young ruler is an example of someone who did not want to change. He was so comfortable with his riches that he didn't want to leave his financial security. He didn't know that God is our provider and that the cattle upon a thousand hills are his. (Matthew 19:16-22) This is in contrast to when Jesus called Peter, James and John. They had successful fishing business, but they left it to follow Jesus. They were willing to change. Matthew, too, decided to forsake his bad business to follow Jesus. He did not only change his profession, he also had a change of heart.

What does God want you to change? A habit? The way you view a particular subject? The way you relate with some people? It might not be easy, especially at the beginning, but God's grace is sufficient for you. At the end of the day, when you see the results of the change you will be pleased with yourself.

MEMORY VERSE

Philippians 4:6 "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God."



AT OUR LEVEL

- What change have you been told to make that was difficult at first, but when you did it you were happy with the result?
- Is there any change that you made that you wish you had not made? Why?
- Has your family ever had to change plans on where to spend the holiday? What necessitated this change? How did you feel about it?

CONFESSION

I have entered into my new season. I am not afraid of change. I know that the unchangeable changer has special plans for me. I am not alone. I am surrounded with favour as with a shield. Where the Spirit leads I will go.

REVISION

1. The topic for today is _____
2. The memory verse for today's lesson is _____
3. How do people sometimes feel about change?
4. What major change did Abram face?
5. What kind of change did God want from the young rich ruler?

ACTIVITY

The students will play the game *Last letter first letter*.

IN CLOSING

Conclude and pray.

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Memory Verse: Philippians 4:6 "Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything."

GETTING STARTED

1. The teacher will ask the children about whether they have ever thrown away /given away old clothes and gotten new ones and why. The teacher will ask the children whether their parents had gotten a car within the last two years and how they feel about it; whether it is the first car, or an additional car or a change of cars. OR
2. The teacher will ask the children if any of them have changed schools. If any of them can say why, they should say it. They should talk about how they felt about the change. OR
3. The teacher will demonstrate different changes in life and the children will describe the changes. For example the teacher can demonstrate someone getting married, someone getting pregnant, a new born baby, someone dying.

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MEMORY VERSE

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AT OUR LEVEL

- How do you feel when your parents or an older sibling change the channel when you are watching a program you like? Do you know why they changed the channel?
- Have you ever picked an outfit you want to wear to a party or to go and visit someone and your parents told you to go and change? How did you feel about it? When you got to the place and you saw what other people were wearing, did it make a difference about how you felt about the change?

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ACTIVITY

The students will take turns to mention objects / animals that start with the letters of the alphabet.

IN CLOSING

Conclude and pray.