

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

**1 Everything on earth
has its own time
and its own season.**

²There is a time
for birth and death,
planting and reaping,
³for killing and healing,
destroying and building,
⁴for crying and laughing,
weeping and dancing,
⁵for throwing stones
and gathering stones,
embracing and parting.
⁶There is a time
for finding and losing,
keeping and giving,
⁷for tearing and sewing,
listening and speaking.
⁸There is also a time
for love and hate,
for war and peace.

⁹What do we gain by all our
hard work? ¹⁰I have seen
what difficult things God
demands of us. ¹¹God makes
everything happen at the
right time. Yet none of us
can ever fully understand
all he has done, and he puts
questions in our minds about
the past and the future.
¹²I know the best thing we
can do is to always enjoy life,
¹³because God's gift to us is
the happiness we get from
our food and drink and from
the work we do. **14 Everything
God has done will last
forever; nothing he does can
ever be changed. God has
done all this, so that we will
worship him.**

Memory
Verse
Challenge

**Memorize the highlighted verses. Who will
be first to commit these verses to memory?**

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God Won't Let You Fall

Activity Instructions

Step 1: As a family, read this quarter's Scripture (back) and "Seasons Change but God Remains" (below).

Step 2: Discuss the Scripture using the Family Discussion Questions (right) to learn how to apply it to your lives.

Step 3: Take the Memory Verse Challenge and complete the *Candy Corn Fall Challenge* family activity as a reminder of how great our God is in this season and always.

Seasons Change but God Remains

Crisp air, crunchy leaves, pumpkin spice everything. Summer is fading, which signals we're entering the new season of fall. This is a change we expect, because it happens every year.

Some changes are like this—expected, refreshing, and welcomed. While other changes are frustrating, hard, and unexpected—like a last-minute PCS to a less than desirable location.

But God's Word says everything has a time, a season, a beginning, and an end. So, we can be assured that, just like the season changes from summer to fall, the circumstances that surround our lives will also change. Close friends may come and go; we may have to change homes and churches; we may feel completely alone after a season in

which we felt surrounded by the joy of close community.

While change is inevitable, God never changes; he never leaves or abandons, his love remains, and he will complete the good work he has started in our hearts and spirits.

So, what is our job in this ever-changing life? God's Word tells us to worship him only, and to enjoy the many blessings he gives us, even when they are a bit more temporary than what we thought or expected. When he is the focus, the sting of hard changes will feel a bit more manageable.

Seasons change, but God remains. So, during this fall season, embrace the hard changes, while expecting the upcoming good changes. Worship him in all seasons, and trust that his timing is always for our good.

Family Discussion Questions

Eagle Squad

- Which of the four seasons is your favorite, and how can we thank God for each new season?
- Who is always there for you when you experience changes that make you sad? How does knowing this help?

JV Squad

- What is a change that was hard to go through as a family? In what ways did you experience God's help during that time?
- What is a good change for which you can always thank God?

Varsity Squad

- Is it ever hard for you to accept that God has full control over "everything on earth" and everything on earth "has its own time and its own season?" Why or why not?
- How does knowing that God never changes give you peace and security?



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Have you checked out our **Digital Resource Library** yet? Just scan the QR code with your phone to access it. There you will find all of our Hero Squad children's devotionals and family activities available for download. Check it out today for Bible-based fun on the go!



Fall Candy Corn Challenge

Parents, strategically hide (*a time to plant*) your candy corns throughout the house, varying the difficulty to find them based on age.

Have your kids search for (*a time to reap*) as many of the hidden sweet gems as they can find.

Before they can eat each sweet candy corn, they must share a reason they are thankful for who God is and how he never leaves us even when seasons change.