

AMPLIFY: The Unchanging God

Lesson 1: God Eternal

What we want students to learn: That God is unchanging.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To realize that God's unchanging nature leads to their being able to express great confidence in who He is.

Scripture Focus: Psalm 102:25-27, Malachi 3:6-7, James 1:16-18

Overview: There is a characteristic of God we know as His immutability. That's a fancy way of saying that God is unchanging. As people seeking to know and serve God, it is important that we know He is unchanging. He is predictable, in a good way. We don't have to worry that He will be one way one day and different the next. We can trust and rely on God because He has always been and will always be.

Lesson 2: An Unchanging Gospel

What we want students to learn: That God's unchanging plan has always been to call people to Himself.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To help students process what it means that God has always wanted to be in relationship with them.

Scripture Focus: Ephesians 1:4-6, 1 Peter 1:17-21

Overview: Scripture makes it clear: God has always known who He would call to saving faith in Himself. Regardless of how your denomination views the issue of predestination, whether you believe God's call to be irresistible or that we have the will to choose or reject it, the point for everyone is this: in God's sovereignty, He knows the outcome. Because God is outside of time and can see the entirety of our journeys at once (whereas we're stuck in the moment-by-moment flow of time), He knows who will come to saving faith in Him. And because He is unchanging, His desire that people would come to saving faith in Him is unchanging as well. This is a profound truth that changes the way teenagers view how God values them. This lesson will help your students process the fact that God has always been in the business of saving people, and that they were always on His mind.

Lesson 3: The God of Forever

What we want students to learn: That God takes an eternal perspective on our trials and challenges, promising to make all things right.

What we want students to do with what they've learned: To have confidence that God will restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish those who are His.

Scripture Focus: 1 Peter 5:8-11

Overview: It's not easy living the Christian faith. We know that our students undergo challenges as they try to navigate their world each day. The stronger they stand for their faith, the more they find themselves at odds with the culture around them. The comforting thing for Christ-followers is that this isn't lost on God. God knows the struggles we deal with. He sees them. And because He is unchanging and eternal, He sees them from the perspective of eternity. He knows that while things may be tough in the here and now, His children will ultimately be restored and uplifted. This lesson will help your students take confidence in God and trust in His ability and desire to build them up when they go through tough times.