

## CONSISTENCY – Week 1 Skit

**Definition:** Constantly following God and His Word

**Verse:** “You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands.” – PSALM 119:4-6

**Week 1:** God is the same now, then, and forever

**Main Scripture:** Deuteronomy 6:1-7 + Mark 12:28-31 (Greatest command to love God & others)

**Other Scriptures:** Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6, Psalm 100:5

**Characters:**

- Ollie the Oak
- Hammer the Woodpecker

**Props:**

- Trees on stage for forest scene
- Larger tree with cut out for Ollie’s face
- Green long sleeve shirt for branches
- Woodpecker costume
- Hammer – big, oversized, cardboard

**At Home Suggestions:**

- Choose an area in or around your house for the stage. This week is set in the forest, so use your backyard...or go on an adventure to a park! You could have a picnic after!
- Use leaves and feathers to make a fun, creative costumes

**Helpful Hints:**

- Stage directions (what the characters are intended to do or how they are intended to act) are written in *ITALICS*.
- Talk with your kiddo about how much has changed just in the past year! Remind them that God never changes and we can trust Him. Then, read through scripture together and show your kiddo how God’s commands to us have never changed either!

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### **SFX: FOREST NATURE SOUNDS**

**Ollie:** Ahhhh...another beautiful day. I think it is time for my nap. *(Yawn)* It’s hard work standing here so straight and tall, making oxygen for all of the people. *(Yawn)* YI think I’ll close my eyes, just for a moment... *(yawn, closes eyes)*

**Hammer:** *(Enters stage as if flying, begins tapping on trees with hammer)* Oh! I’ve never been to this part of the forest before. *(Tapping on trees)* What an adventure! This is a great spot! No other woodpeckers around, so I have these trees all to myself *(begins tapping on Ollie)*

**Ollie:** *(Eyes pop open)* OW!!!!

**Hammer:** Woah, who said that? *(Looks around stage, then begins tapping again)*

**Ollie:** OWEEEEEE!!!!

**Hammer:** Tree...was that YOU?!?!?

**Ollie:** Of course, it was me. Who else would it be?

**Hammer:** I didn't expect a tree to talk!

**Ollie:** Well, you're a talking bird...

**Hammer:** Hmm... you make a good point...well then, I think we should be friends! My name's Hammer, Hammer the Woodpecker.

**Ollie:** Nice to meet you. My name's Ollie, Ollie the Oak.

**Hammer:** Ollie? What a fantastic name. If we are going to be friends I should probably tell you a little about myself.

**Ollie:** *(Chuckles)* Well, alright, that sounds like a plan.

**Hammer:** I'm 8 and a half years old. I like exploring new parts of the forest... but my mom tells me not wander off and get lost, so I don't travel too far. I love pecking new trees, seeing new things, learning new tricks – watch this *(tries a trick – maybe balances hammer but can't do it)* I'm still working on that one. And I want each day to be different. *(Ollie smiles, nods "Oh, I see". Both wait for a moment, Hammer looks expectant, then gets fidgety, then whispers)* Ollie, now is when you tell me about you.

**Ollie:** Oh, ok! Yes, well...I'm 493 years old. I've been here all my life, in this very spot. I stay put and enjoy the same day over and over and over again.

**Hammer:** No offense, Ollie...but that sounds terribly boring.

**Ollie:** You think? I'll be honest...in my 493 years I sure have seen *a lot*.

**Hammer:** You have? Like what?

**Ollie:** Well, first there were no people around here. Then, there WERE people, and they walked by me or rode horses through the forest. Then they had buggies, and NOW there are roads and people zoom around in cars.

**Hammer:** Wow, that does sound like a lot of change...

**Ollie:** Oh! There's more...the clothes the people wear change, too. From poodle skirts, to bell bottoms, to acid wash jeans... you know, I've noticed, though...that every 20-30 years or so...fashion trends seem to repeat.

**Hammer:** Woah...cool! I wish I could change MY outfits.

**Ollie:** And don't forget about the seasons – from snow to sunshine, things are *always* changing.

**Hammer:** Sometimes it's windy too. It gets a little hard for me to fly against the wind. But when I fly with it... (*Proudly*) I'm basically as fast as Superman.

**Ollie:** Superman? That is fast...

**Hammer:** Ollie! You sure have seen lots of excitement. What's the *best* part of all that change?

**Ollie:** Ohm that's easy...that...God never changes. **God is the same now, then, and forever.**

**Hammer:** Wait, that **God is the same now, then, and forever** is the best part about everything changing? I'm kinda confused...

**Ollie:** Well, Hammer...there is so much changing all around us all the time. I love knowing that God is **consistent**. That the God I read about in the Bible, is the same God I get to talk to and worship today! He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**Hammer:** But... don't you think that is kind of boring?

**Ollie:** Not in the least! Long before I was a little seedling, God told his people the most important thing in being one of His kids is to "Love God and love others."

**Hammer:** He did?

**Ollie:** And then when Jesus was on earth, He told people the very same thing – Love God and Love others. And guess what? He wants the same thing for us today – to love God and love others.

**Hammer:** Well, it must be important if God hasn't changed His mind about loving Him and loving others...

**Ollie:** I'd say so, Hammer. And I want to be consistent, just like God, so I can do my part to point people to Him.

**Hammer:** How do you do that Ollie?

**Ollie:** By **constantly following God and His word.**

**Hammer:** But how do you know what to do?

**Ollie:** He already told us right there in the Bible – Love God and love others. Remember, **God is the same now, then, and forever**, so His word never changes. And He gave it to us so we could know Him and know how to live in a way that pleases Him.

**Hammer:** You know Ollie, I think it is pretty cool that **God is the same now, then, and forever**. Hmm...maybe I could come back here tomorrow. Would you teach me more about God and what the Bible says so that I can practice being consistent and constantly following God and His word too?

**Ollie:** I'd like that, Hammer! But are you sure you wouldn't mind pecking in the same part of the forest?

**Hammer:** Nah, I think I kinda like it here. Maybe a little consistency will be good for me... for a change. *(laughs to himself)*

**Ollie:** *(Laughing)* Alright, see you soon, Hammer!

**Hammer:** See ya, Ollie!

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