KidSlot # 4
God is Unchanging

Lessons are available at http://www.yorkalliance.org/resources/kidslot for you to print copies of the necessary materials for each child in your group.

Materials Needed
- 1 copy of past, present, future page per child
- 1 copy of coloring page per child

Today’s Objective
Children will know that God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Scripture
*Malachi 3:6  I the Lord do not change.
*Hebrews 13:8  Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.
Numbers 23:19  God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man that He should change His mind.
James 1:17  Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.
*Isaiah 40:8  The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever.

* Use these verses with preschoolers.

Introductory Activity

1. Tell the children that the Bible tells us a lot about who God is. From the Bible we know that God is All-Powerful, All-Knowing, Ever-Present, Unchanging, and Faithful. Tonight we will learn about how God does not change. He is Unchanging.

2. Ask the children to tell you what the word “change” means. Then play a simple game with them by choosing one child at a time to leave the room and change one thing about their appearance. After they have made a simple change such as messing up their hair, turning their shirt around, switching shoes or untying their shoelaces, have them return and allow the other children to guess what change they made. Continue to play until each child has had a turn. You may have to help younger children decide what to do. When finished tell children that there are many things about us that change, but God never changes.

Bible Lesson and Activities

1. Have children find and read Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8, Numbers 23:19, James 1:17 and Isaiah 40:8. For preschoolers use Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8 and Isaiah 40:8 only. Be sure to explain what change is. Discuss these verses for a few minutes. Point out that God and His Word do not change.

2. Discussion Questions - Use some or all of the following questions. Be sure to end with the FINAL question. Questions that can be used with preschoolers are bolded.
   - What is something that changes?
   - How does your hair change? (grows longer, gets cut)
   - How does the trees change? (leaves change colors, gets buds, leaves fall off)
   - How does the weather change? (cold, hot, summer, winter, snow, rain, etc)
   - How do you change? (grow taller, learn more, tastes, etc.)
   - How does the grass change?
   - Do you ever change your mind?
   - Does God ever change?
   - Does God always love you?
   - Does God ever change His mind and decide He doesn’t love you? (NO!)
• Does God’s Word (the Bible) ever change? (NO!)
• Name some things that change
• How does the world change? Countries? Towns? Neighborhoods?
• How do you change?
• How do your friends change?
• Are there any people that don’t change?
• Is there anyone who never changes their mind about something?
• How do you feel when people keep changing their mind a lot?
• What do you change your mind about? Why?
• How have you changed in the past year?
• Name some things that have changed that have been good.
• Name some things that have changed that are not good.
• Can Jesus change your life? How?
• How has Jesus changed your life?
• Has Jesus changed your life for better or worse? How?
• What things need to change in our lives?
• Are there things that need to change about God? Why or why not?
• What would it be like to never change?
• Name some other things that don’t change.
• How and why does a chameleon change?
• Do you ever change depending who you are around or the circumstance like a chameleon? Why? Is this good?
• Why doesn’t God change?
• Has God’s direction or rules for our lives changed? Has He had to change His Word? Why or why not?
• When will we stop changing?
• Is it easier to know what to do when people don’t keep changing their minds?
• How does it help us knowing that God does not change His mind or standards or His love for us?
• FINAL question - What does Jesus still need to change in your life?

Creative Application

Give each child one of the pages with Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8 on it. Notice there are 3 columns labeled Past, Present and Future above and below the scriptures. Remind children of some of the things that change that they have already mentioned. Have each child pick at least one thing and draw how it might have looked in the past, present and future. For example, if a child picked a tree they could draw an acorn in the past column, a small tree in the present column and then a big tree (or a pile of boards) in the future column.

Other suggestions – the weather, plants, seasons, a frog (from tadpole), a chameleon (different colors), people, the sky, etc.

When finished remind children once again that all the things they have drawn change but that God never changes!

Preschool Coloring Pages with Isaiah 40:8 on them are included for groups with preschoolers.

Prayer

Encourage children to thank God that He does not change like many other things and people in the world. He was always perfect, is perfect now and will be perfect forever. Thank Him that He can change us to be more like Himself and ask Him to continue to work in the lives of the children and adults in your LIFE group. Have each child in the group pray for an adult in your LIFE group as well as for another child present. Remember to pray for any other requests children may have and for their friends who do not yet know Jesus.
**I the Lord do not change.**  Malachi 3:6

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Isaiah 40:8 (NIV)