



Unchanging

MAIN IDEA

- **God never changes.**

MEMORY VERSES

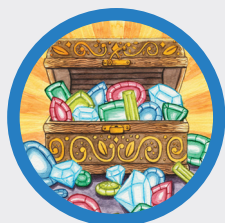
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For I the LORD do not change.—Malachi 3:6a

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
—Hebrews 13:8

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 102:25-27
- 2) Proverbs 18:10
- 3) Malachi 3:6a
- 4) John 10:9a
- 5) Hebrews 13:8



LESSON SUMMARY

We live in an ever-changing world, a world filled with unpredictability. Whether it be relationships, the natural world, employment, health, technology, politics, or societal norms and values, everything seems to be in a state of flux. But over and above all, there is a God who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow (Hebrews 13:8). This is bedrock assurance.

In this lesson, we pointed out the changes we experience during the natural aging process—some of these make us better and stronger, while some are to our detriment. We then contrasted this to God's unchanging nature: Unlike everything else in creation, God does not change. He cannot change and become better because He is already perfect—He is the best. He cannot change and become weaker or worn. He will always remain perfect—He will always be the best. This is great news for God's people, because will never change His mind about His promises or purposes either. We also used the "God is our refuge" tower illustration from the previous lesson to emphasize that because God is unchanging, His people can depend on Him both now and always. He is a strong tower that will never grow weak or crumble. Jesus will always be there for His people.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...

- *that your child's heart would be gripped by the beautiful depth and riches of the unchanging nature of God.*
- *that your child would come to a greater understanding and appreciation of the perfection of God and His utter dependableness.*



AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Talk about an older grandparent. **Are there things that he or she can no longer do?** Emphasize the changing nature of even the strongest people—we all physically change and eventually grow weaker.

Why is it good that God will never change and grow weak? Do you see God as a strong tower you can always depend upon? How can you remind yourself this week that God is unchanging?

- Pose the following scenario: Suppose you were playing a board game at a friend's house, but he or she kept changing the rules as you played the game. For example, instead of moving forward three spaces when you rolled the dice, you have to move back three spaces instead. Then it was decided that you need 50 points to win the game instead of 25. **Why would that be frustrating?**

Why is it a good thing that God does not change His mind like that? (Give the children an example of a promise of God, such as John 3:16,

and the surety of this promise for all time.)

- **When you get a new pet or toy, does it make you happy? But what happens when a pet dies or the toy breaks? And what if your best friend decides to get a new best friend? Or, what if the car stops working on the way to a vacation place? Can we really depend on these kinds of things to make us happy? Why not? Why is the unchanging God ALWAYS able to bring His people happiness? How could you trust in Him more this week, especially when other things and people change and disappoint you?**

ACTION STEP

This week use The ABCs of God Game Cards to review the words, meanings, and verses for Unchanging and the seven previous words of your choice.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Add the missing first letters to some of the attributes you have learned. Then, use those letters to complete the memory verses.

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___ise ___ood ___ove ___reator
___appy ___ternal ___aithful ___rinity



___or I t___e LO___D do not chan___e.

—Ma___achi 3:6a

Je___us ___hrist is the s___me yest___rday
and ___oday and f___rever.—Hebre___s 13:8