

God Never Changes

Teacher Pep Talk: Stability is so important for children. It is really great for them to learn that God never changes. So many things in their lives may change. People grow older, friends come and go, and schedules change. But no matter what else may change, God is good and He never changes. This is a very reassuring concept for young children to grasp. You are going to have the joy of teaching that to the children!

Before teaching the lesson, review over the following verses: Malachi 3:6, Romans 8:35 and 38-39. Also our memory verse: Hebrews 13:8

You will need: A copy of the activities sheet for each child, crayons, and scissors.

OPTIONAL: Pictures of baby animals and grown animals.

AND/OR Bring a picture of you when you were younger.

Major Points:

- People and things change around us.
- God does not change.
- God loves us forever (not changing) no matter what our circumstances.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.*

Lesson:

People and things change around us.

- Today we're going to be talking about things that change.
- Things change all around us all the time.
- **[Look at pictures of animals as they grow and change.]**
- Sometimes people change. Do you grow? Do you learn new things? These are ways of changing.
- Here is a picture of me when I was younger. I have changed, haven't I? **[Show picture of younger you.]**

God does not change.

- People change, things change. Sometimes change can even be scary or cause us to worry. But there is one thing we can always count on: God does NOT change!
- Isn't that wonderful? God does not change... ever.
- The Bible teaches us that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever. Hebrews 13:8
- Let's repeat that together. **(Repeat x2)**

God loves us forever.

- God loves us and nothing will ever separate us from that love in Jesus.
- Absolutely nothing can separate us from God's love.
- Can you make a happy face? (Wait for happy faces.) Can you make a sad face or a frowny face? (See sad faces.) Can you make a scared face? An angry face? (Wait)
- God loves us when we are happy and sad. He loves us whether we are scared or mad. God loves us all the time.
- And God never changes, so that means that God loves us forever and ever.
- Isn't that a good thing to know? Even if lots of things change around us, even if we change, God always loves us and God does NOT change.

Let's pray and thank God that He will always love us.

Prayer:

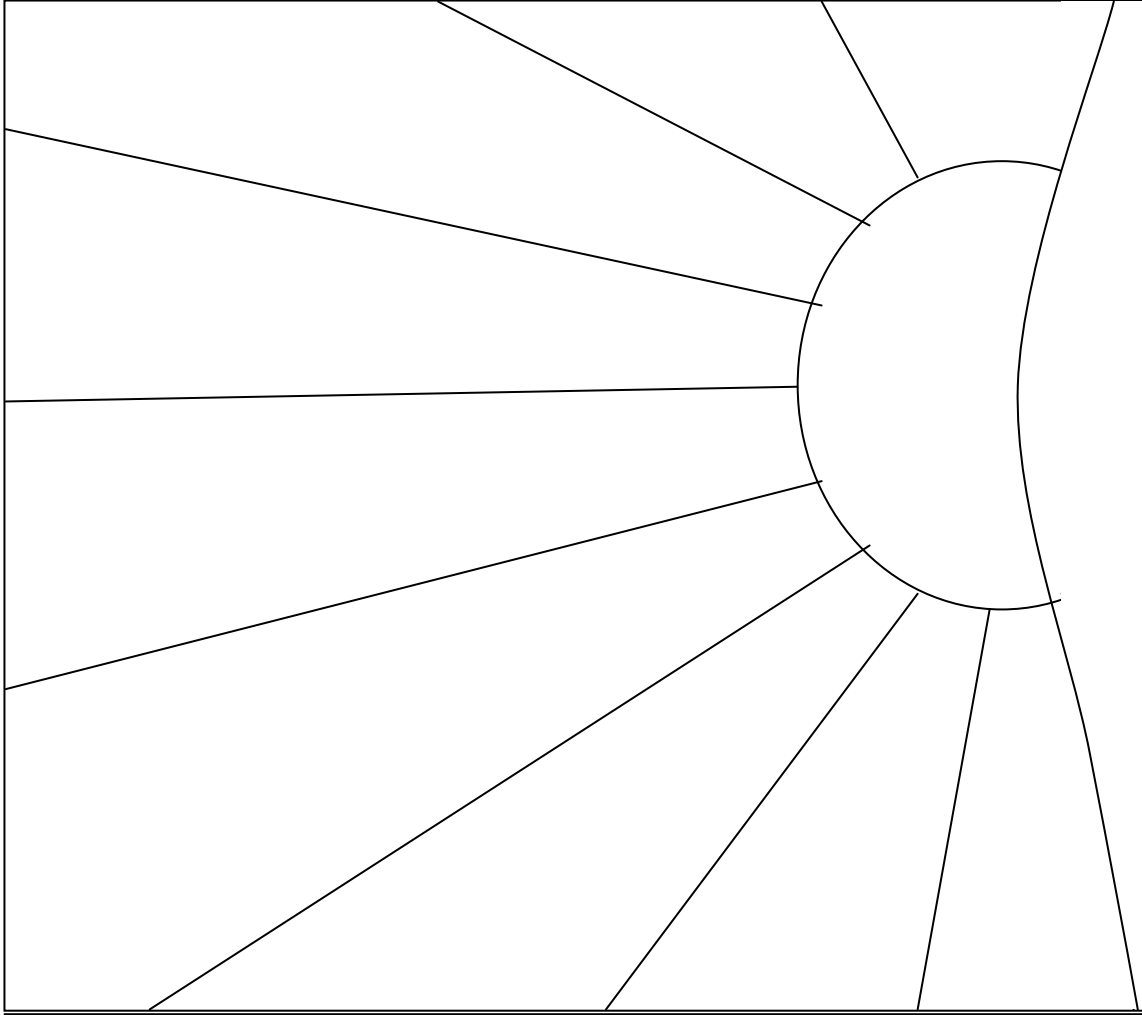
Dear God,
Thank you that you never change!
Thank you that you love us forever and ever.
We love you back.
Amen.

Suggested Activities:

Sunray cutouts: Children this age love to practice cutting with scissors. In this activity they cut along straight lines after they have colored a picture with crayons. Make one copy for each child in class. (There are two copies on each page.) The half-sheet has a picture of the sun coming up over the horizon with sunrays extending to the edge of the paper. Have the children color the page. When they are finished coloring, give them scissors and let them cut from the edge of the paper, along the sunrays to the sun. When they have accomplished this the sun rays will be separated from each other. You may choose to glue the base to a larger sheet of paper. Leave the sunrays loose.

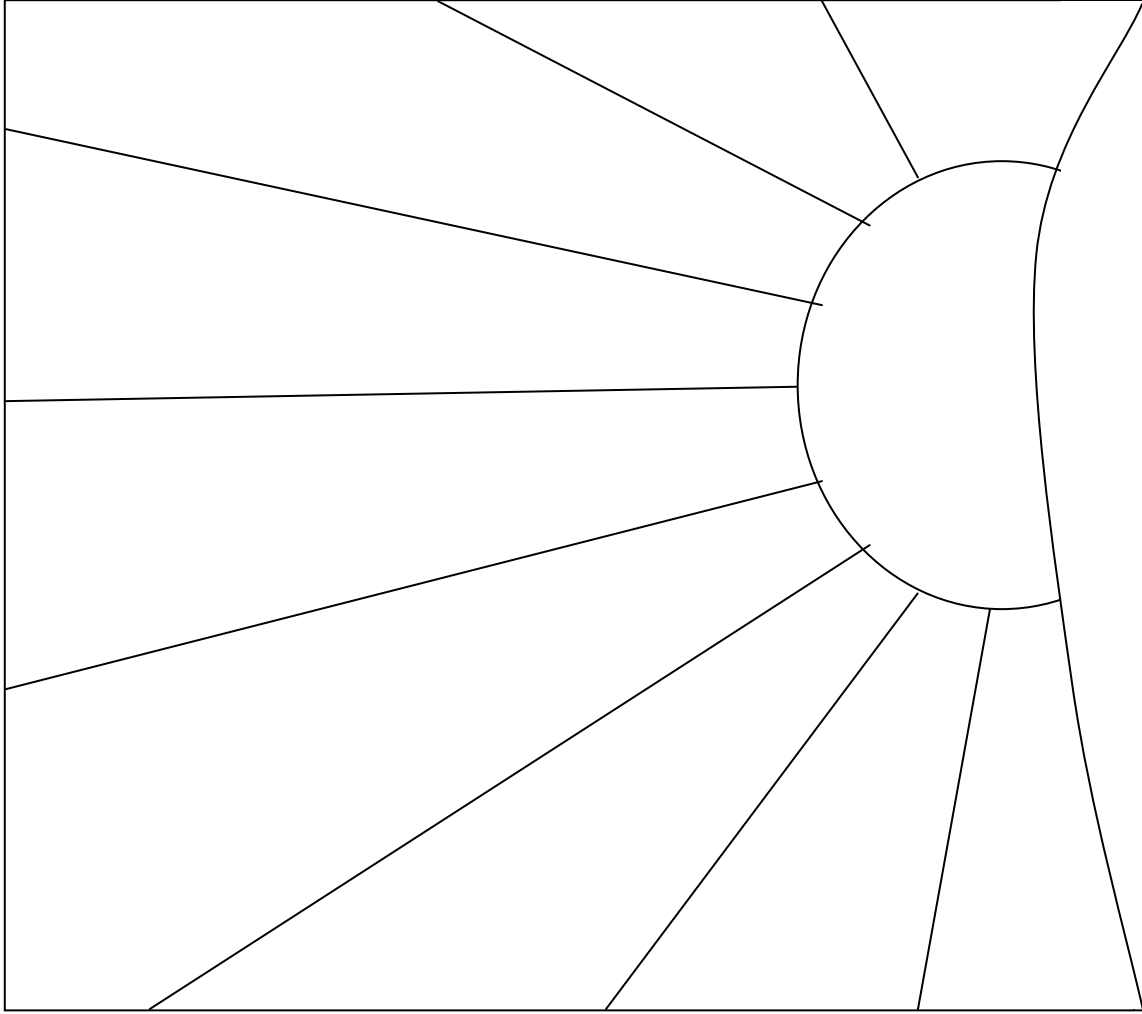
Bible Verse Memorization: Hebrews 13:8 *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever.* Have the children line up against the wall. Clear a path in front of them for some hopping room. Say the first part of the verse together. "Jesus Christ is the same..." and then let them hop forward once each time as they say "yesterday" "today" and "forever". (See who can hop the farthest especially on the word "forever".) It shouldn't take too long to memorize this verse!

Yesterday, Today and Forever. Talk about the concepts of "yesterday" "today" and "forever". Today means right now or today. Yesterday means stuff that happened and was true yesterday (or before today) and forever means not just tomorrow, but all the days following that from now on. To demonstrate these ideas have one child stand in front of group (today), one child stand over to side slightly (yesterday) and have a third child get up and run out into the hallway where he can't be seen (forever)! (*Go get him!*)



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