



## LOW-ENERGY GAME

### Moving Memory

[10 min]

#### Supplies

- 16 large, opaque plastic cups (all the same color)
- 8 pairs of objects that fit under your upside-down plastic cups (such as cotton balls, coins, pompoms, paper clips, googly eyes, clothespins, balls, and plastic bottle caps)
- upbeat music (optional)

#### Play a 3-D Version of Memory

Say: **In our Bible story, Moses heard a lot from God, and one of the most important things he learned is that God doesn't change.**

**Never, ever changing makes God special because we're used to seeing things that *do* change. Let's see what that's like with a game.**

- Have everyone gather in a circle around the supplies you've gathered.
- Allow everyone to see the objects as you place one under each upside-down cup.
- Move the cups around to mix up where the objects are. Then invite a child to be the first to try to find a pair by lifting two cups.
- After the first cup is picked up say: **Change up!** Shuffle the cups again before allowing the second cup to be chosen.
- If you'd like, play upbeat music while kids play.
- Move around the circle clockwise, allowing each child to try to find a matching pair—shuffling the cups between the first and second cup choice. If a match is found, pull those objects and cups from the game and then continue.
- When all the pairs have been found or everyone has had a try, round one ends.
- For round two, do the same as round one, except this time you'll shuffle the cups only once, at the beginning of the round. Make a promise that you won't move the cups this time, and keep your promise.

#### Talk About It

Ask: • **Which round of the game did you like more, and why?**

• **What was it like when I kept changing where the cups were?**

Say: **When I kept changing the cups in the first round, it made it harder to find matches. You got confused about where things were, and you couldn't trust that everything was where you remembered. Change happens a lot in our lives. It can be confusing, frustrating, and scary, and it can leave us wondering who we can trust.**

Ask: • **Tell about a time something in your life changed but you didn't want it to.** Share an example from your own life to help kids think of their own.

Say: **God doesn't change. God is like the second round when the cups didn't change. We may not always be able to fully see who God is, just as we couldn't see under the cups. But we can trust that what we know to be true about him will stay the same. When everything around us is changing, we can trust that God doesn't change.**



## TALK-ABOUT VIDEO The Burning Bush

[10 min]

### Supplies

- “The Burning Bush” teaching video

### Discuss and Watch “The Burning Bush”

Say: Today we’re learning that God doesn’t change, so we trust him when we’re unsure.

Ask: • **Tell about a time you weren’t confident you could do something well. Share your own example first.**

Say: **Let’s watch a video about how Moses learned God could do big things through him...even though he didn’t feel confident.**

Watch “The Burning Bush.”

Ask: • **Put yourself in Moses’ place. How do you think you’d feel about what God asked you to do?**

- **What did the signs show you about who God is?**
- **What evidence or signs have *you* seen that show you God doesn’t change and you can trust him?**

Say: God doesn’t change. If he could do big things through Moses, even though Moses didn’t think he was right for the job, God can still do big things through people—even us. God gave Moses signs to help Moses trust him, and God shows us all the time that we, too, can trust him.



## DEEPER BIBLE God's Love Doesn't Change

[15 min]

### Supplies

- Bible
- transparency sheets or sheet protectors (1 per child)
- dry-erase markers (at least 1 per child)
- tissues (1 per child)
- wet-erase marker

### Easy Prep

- Use the wet-erase marker to draw a large outline of a heart on 1 side of each transparency sheet. Then turn the transparency sheets over so kids will be drawing on the "blank" side of the transparency.

### Draw Emotions

Give each child a transparency sheet, dry-erase marker, and tissue.

Say: **I'm so glad I get to spend time with you today. It makes me happy!**

Have each child draw a happy face on his or her transparency. Encourage kids to draw someone they know who is often happy. Invite them to talk about who they're drawing as they work.

Ask: • **What's something that makes you happy?** Allow kids to share.

Say: **Even though we might want to feel happy all the time, our feelings can change. Sometimes we feel sad.**

Have each child use a tissue to erase the happy face and draw a sad face.

Encourage kids to draw someone they know who is sad. If they feel comfortable sharing, invite them to tell about who they're drawing as they work.

Share something that can make you feel sad, such as someone saying unkind words to you. Then let kids share.

Say: **Other times, things happen that can make us feel mad.**

Have each child erase the sad face and draw an angry face. Encourage kids to draw the angriest face they can make. Invite them to talk about what happens to someone's face when the person gets angry. For example, people get wrinkles on their foreheads, and their cheeks might get really red.

Share something that makes you mad; then let kids share.

### Draw Favorite Things

Say: **How we feel can change, and other things can change, too. We change as we get older. We get taller, and maybe we get to wear glasses. Even the things we like can change.**

Tell about *your* favorite toy when you were little.

Ask: • **What was your favorite toy a long time ago?**

Let kids share and draw the objects on their transparencies.

Ask: • **What's your favorite toy now?**

Let kids share and draw their favorite toys on their transparencies.

As time allows, have kids draw their favorite foods, characters from their favorite TV shows, or favorite outfits.

Say: **There are lots of things about us that change. The way we feel, what we look like as we get older, and even our favorite things change! But God never changes. How God feels about you never changes. God loves you right now, and he'll love you forever. God wants you to be his friend, and he'll always want to be friends with you. You can trust God today, and you can trust God when you grow up, too.**

Point out the red heart on kids' transparency sheets. Say: **We drew and erased a lot of pictures, but the red heart stayed there the whole time. That's like God; no matter how we change, God never, ever changes. He never stops loving us.**

Read Jeremiah 31:3.

Say: ***Everlasting* means that God's love for you is forever—it will never go away! I'm so glad that God doesn't change. We can always count on him.**



## LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP

### Give Your Worries to God

[5 min]

#### Supplies

- cookie tin with a lid
- paper
- crayons

#### Draw

Say: **Today we learned that God doesn't change, so we can trust him when we're unsure. That means when we're worried or we don't know what to do, we can trust God. When Moses was worried and unsure about what God asked him to do, God reminded Moses that he was always with Moses. God's always there for us, too, and that never, ever changes. Let's think about something we're worried about right now.**

Share about a few things *you* sometimes worry about, and then tell why you can trust God with those worries. Remind children of God's unchanging nature as you share. For example, "Sometimes I worry about money. But God gave me my job where I make money, and I know God is going to take care of me. God always has taken care of me, and he always will because God doesn't change."

Ask: • **What's something you're worried about right now?**

After children share, have them draw pictures of things they're worried or unsure about.

#### Pray

Have kids fold their papers, and give each child a turn to put his or her worry in the tin. Say: **We put our worries in this strong tin that won't change. Like the tin, God is strong and he never, ever changes. We can be sure God will be with us and help us through our worries.**

**Let's talk to God about our worries and thank him that he's always with us and that he never, ever changes!** Lead the children in a prayer, mentioning that even though our worries change, God doesn't change and he'll always take care of us. Ask God to help kids trust God, and thank him that he never changes.

Thank kids for coming to church, and invite them to come back next week.



## ACTIVITY PAGES WITH A POINT No Changing

[10 min]

### Supplies

- “God Is I Am” Coloring Page
- pencils
- crayons
- orange highlighters (optional)

### Older Kids: Do an Activity Page

Say: **Moses saw a bush that didn’t change—even though it was on fire! And God spoke to him from that bush as a reminder that God doesn’t change. God called himself “I Am” because he always is who he is!**

**Let’s see if you can find the pictures that *didn’t* change.**

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will find the pictures that didn’t change from each original.

Ask: • **How would you describe the changes in these pictures?**

- **What are some things about you that have changed just in small ways?**
- **What’s one thing about God you’re glad won’t change—even in a small**

**way?**

Say: **God is awesome. He’s loving, he forgives us, and he’s all-powerful. And we can trust that God doesn’t change. When everything else in life feels unsure, we can trust in God.**

If there’s extra time, kids can color their pages.

Answers: Bush #3, Fire #2, Sandals #1

### Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: **God told Moses his name is “I Am.” It was a name that shows God doesn’t change. Moses still had a hard time trusting God to help him free the Israelites from Egypt, but we can trust God. Let’s color a picture of Moses talking with God, who spoke from a bush.**

Allow time for kids to color. If you have highlighters, kids can use those for the flames on the bush.