LESSON 8: GOD'S WORD NEVER CHANGES

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GAME REPRISE (IF TIME ALLOWS)

Memory Verse: *But the word of the Lord remains forever. And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.*

1 Peter 1:25

GAME TIME

POPCORN PASS

Suggested Time: 5-10 minutes

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1 Peter 1:25

Teacher Tip: For safety, it's important to prescreen for food allergies, if choosing to allow cadets to partake in sampling the food items.

Supplies: ☐ Popcorn (With no butter or salt), ☐ 2 Large bowls, ☐ 10 Popcorn 'scoop' cups

Prior to Game:

- Prepare popcorn and separate into 2 large bowls.

Game Instructions:

- Create 2 teams with 5 players on each team.
- Line up the players, parallel to each other.
- Each player will receive a popcorn cup or scoop.
- Designate 1 player on each team to be the "scooper."
- All players will hold their cups on top of their heads, except the designated "scooper."
- Once the activity begins, the designated "scooper" will scoop popcorn from the large bowl and pour it into the cup on their first teammate's head. Then the second player, while keeping the cup on their head, will bend to "pour" their popcorn into the cup on the third teammate's head (continuing through the team).
- This relay continues through all the players. The team with the most popcorn remaining in the last cup, wins!

Game Goal:

- To keep the popcorn from spilling! It's fun to notice the change in the amount of popcorn from start to finish.

Final Word:

- The amount of popcorn in the cups changed from start to finish, but God's Word and His love for us never change.

ACADEMY LAB

THINGS ARE CHANGING

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Memory Verse: But the word of the Lord remains forever. And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

1 Peter 1:25

Supplies: ☐ Blue brew, ☐ White vinegar, ☐ Baking soda, ☐ Large drinking glass

Recipe for Blue Brew:

Supplies for creating "blue brew": ☐ 1 Head of red cabbage, ☐ 1 Gallon of distilled water, ☐ 1 Saucepan, ☐ 1 Sieve, ☐ 1 Spouted measuring cup, ☐ 1 Spoon, ☐ 1 Storage jar

Prior to Lesson: (Prepare "blue brew")

1. Chop or shred the cabbage into small pieces. Place them in a saucepan.
2. Add enough water to cover the cabbage. Simmer for about 20 minutes.
3. Let the cabbage cool for about 1/2 an hour.
4. Pour through a sieve and into a spouted measuring cup.
5. Use the back of a spoon to push out all liquid from the cabbage; then pour liquid into a storage jar.

Lesson Instructions:

- Hello, cadets!
- Today, we'll be conducting an experiment using 3 main ingredients: Special blue brew, white vinegar, and baking soda.

Ask **Has anyone seen an experiment, using a special blue brew?**

- Let's get started and find out what happens when these 3 ingredients are mixed together.
- First, let's fill this tall glass with about 1/4 cup of the blue brew.
- Next, add just enough vinegar to make the color change—about 1/4 cup.
- Wow, that's really cool! By adding vinegar to the blue brew, the color changed.

Ask **Can anyone guess what might happen when adding baking soda to the mixture?**

- Yes! Adding the baking soda will cause the brew to change colors.
- Add about 1/4 teaspoon of baking soda to reverse the color. The brew turns back to blue.

OFFERING

GOD AND SONS

Suggested Time: 10 minutes

Offering Scripture: Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:10 AMPC

Teacher Tip: This is a great time to follow up on the Offering Lesson from last week. This will encourage and inspire the cadets to be good stewards and create an interesting discussion about how, when, where and to whom the designated Superkid was led to give the money.

Supplies: ☐ 10 $1 Bills, ☐ 10 Dimes

Offering Instructions:

- Hello, Superkids! Today, we'll be discussing how to be a good business partner. You may be thinking, *Business Partner? How can I be a business partner? I'm just a kid!*
- Well, you're never too young to go into business with God.
- Let's read our Offering Scripture together from Malachi 3:10. It says, "Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Ask **Does anyone know what it means to tithe?**

- A tithe is offering 1/10 of the money we earn to honor and obey God.
- We brought some money to demonstrate this principle.
- Here's our first example:

  A Superkid cadet took out the trash this week to help around the house. His/her parents decided to pay this cadet $1.

- Here we have 10 dimes, which equal $1.

Ask **How much would the tithe be?**

- Correct—1 dime!
- Here's another example:

  A Superkid cadet saw a need and blessed his/her neighbor by raking his lawn. The neighbor was so thankful and appreciative that they chose to pay this Superkid cadet $10!
  (Count out the 10 $1 bills as a visual for the kids.)

Ask **How much would the tithe be?**

- Correct—$1!
- All right, cadets, I think you're getting this! It's such a gift and honor to have God as our business partner. As we seek and obey God, He will continue to pour out His goodness on our lives. During the next 2 weeks, we'll continue to discuss how our lives and our relationship with God can grow as we partner with Him.

Notes:

WORD TIME

GOD'S WORD NEVER CHANGES

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I. THE WORD OF GOD NEVER CHANGES

a. God's Word stands forever. 1 Peter 1:25/Isaiah 40:8

b. It will never pass away or become outdated! Matthew 24:35

c. Our Father wants His kids to count on His Word. He keeps it!

II. WE CAN TRUST OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

a. Our Father is faithful. He is with us always. Psalm 119:90

b. God's Word reaches generation after generation. Psalm 119:90

c. God never changes. Malachi 3:6

III. JESUS IS CALLED "THE WORD OF GOD" Revelation 19:11-13

a. God's Word (Jesus!) never fails. Luke 16:17

b. God's Word (Jesus!) gave His life for us. John 3:16

c. God's Word (Jesus!) teaches us to trust and believe in Him. John 14:1

A Word From Commander Dana: Some people enjoy change and find it adventurous. For others, change is not easy or fun. Thanks to our heavenly Father, we can all trust in something that never changes. . .God's Word!

Superkids, let's take a moment and discuss things that change. (Ex: trees, clothes, cars, the weather and us!) Great job, Superkids! As we discussed, lots of things change, but our Father's Word and His love for us never change! How we choose to live, think and act come from knowing God and His Word. Let's take a few moments and thank God for His unconditional and never-ending love for us. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. It's great to know our Father is always there for us!

Teacher Tip: This is a great time to remind your Superkids of how important it is to read their Bible, appreciate it, bring it to church, and not allow it to get lost!

ACADEMY KITCHEN

DEPEND ON IT!

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Supplies: ☐ 1 Glass pitcher , ☐ 1 Serving spoon , ☐ Hand-juicer, ☐ Drinking cups

Recipe:

Ingredients: ☐ 5 Cups of ice water, ☐ 1/2 Cup sugar, ☐ 1 Cup hot water, ☐ 8 Lemons

Prior to Lesson: (Prepare simple syrup and lemon juice)

1. To make simple syrup: stir 1/2 cup of sugar into the cup of hot water.
2. Next, squeeze the lemons into a measuring cup (using the juicer, if you have one).
3. Finally, add the simple syrup and lemon juice to the ice water and stir. Homemade lemonade, yummy!

Lesson Instructions:

- Hi, cadets!

Ask **Does anyone know someone who never changes?**

- Yes—God! He is always there for us, always loving us, and always willing to help us. God's Word never changes and we can put our trust in Him.
- Today, we'll be conducting an experiment about change.
- Let's state a few things that are certain: God is good and wants the best for our lives; God never changes, and we are certain that if we tasted this sugar, it would be sweet, right?

Ask **How about lemons?**

- If we cut one open and squeezed some juice into our mouths, it would be pretty sour, right?
- So, we know that sugar is always sweet and lemons are always sour.

- Well, let's do a little experiment that will change the sweetness of the sugar and the sourness of the lemon juice.
- (Follow simple syrup recipe, combine with presqueezed lemon juice, add it to the ice water, and present lemonade!)
- Since we added lemon juice, which is sour, and sugar, which is sweet, we were able to create a drink that is both sweet and sour.
- The sweetness of the sugar did not change and the sourness of the lemon juice did not change, but when combined, the flavors changed to form a tasty beverage.
- Flavors may change, but God and His Word never change. God can be combined with anything and He will remain the same. God is the best ingredient in our lives!

Notes:

HANDOUT

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Superkid Handout Grades 1-3

1. Select the correct answer.

    1. We can trust our heavenly Father because we know that He never **changes / eats.** (Answer: changes)
    2. Our Father is faithful. He is with us **sometimes / always.** (Answer: always)
    3. God's Word never **works / fails.** (Answer: fails)
    4. We can **trust / forgive** our heavenly Father. (Answer: trust)
    5. A tithe is offering **one tenth / one half** of the money we earn to honor and obey God. (Answer: one tenth)

2. Learn the Superkid Creed! Memorize this part, and soon you'll know the whole "Superkid Creed"!

    I am always grateful for everything good in my life.

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HANDOUT GOD'S WORD NEVER CHANGES

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Superkid Handout Grades 4-6

1. We can trust our heavenly Father because we know that He never _____. (Answer: changes)

2. Today in our Offering Lesson we learned about tithing. What does it mean to tithe?

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DINNERTIME DEVOTIONAL HANDOUT

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Ask **Your Superkid to name the chapter and verse of the above memory verse.**

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Family Review Questions:

1. Why is it important to know that God is the same yesterday, today and always?
2. Who guides your path and is always with you? Why is this important to know in your heart? Deuteronomy 31:6

Tips for Parents: This Dinnertime Devotional can be used at any mealtime, and is designed to reinforce the truths being taught at Superkid Academy.

Make sure you set the example by reading the verses out loud from your Bible. (We use the *New Living Translation* with most of our lessons, but reading from other translations can also provide a great teaching opportunity.)

Take a few minutes to read any other scriptures listed in the lesson so you can reinforce the main theme.

Let your questions guide the discussion time. In other words, allow your kids to do most of the talking. We've provided some questions here, but feel free to add more, using examples from your own life. (Remember to avoid asking questions that only require yes or no answers, since they do not foster conversation.)

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SUPPLY LIST

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