### What's the Big Deal About God's Faithfulness?

# **Supplies**

- Bibles\*
- large paper heart
- marker
- tape

# **Easy Prep**

• Cut out a large paper heart, and tape it to the wall.

### Set It Up

Say: We're learning today that <u>God is faithful</u>. But so what? Does that really matter in our everyday lives? What's the big deal about God's faithfulness? Let's dig in to that.

### Dig Deeper

Have kids spin in circles until they feel dizzy. Then have them sit.

Ask: • How do you feel right now?

What does the room around you look like?

Say: In just a few seconds, the safe, stable room seemed to change! Sometimes life is like that. Share about an unwelcome change in your life, such as changing jobs or a friendship that ended.

Ask: • What are some changes in *your* life you haven't wanted to happen? Have kids share with someone near them.

Read Hebrews 13:8. Say: Sometimes life around us changes. But on days when life changes, God doesn't change. That's because God is faithful. In a changing world, we can count on his faithfulness.

Have kids look at the heart on the wall.

Ask: • Describe this heart.

Say: When you were dizzy earlier, maybe this heart looked like it was moving. But actually, nothing around you was moving... not this heart or anything else. This heart is securely taped to the wall, and that reminds me of something else about God's faithfulness.

Read Lamentations 3:22. Explain that *mercies* means God's kindness and forgiveness.

Say: God's love never ends. On days when we feel unlovable, God's love doesn't change. That's because God is faithful.

Read Lamentations 3:23.

Ask: • **Tell about a time you wanted a do-over.** Share your own example first. Then have kids share with someone near them.

Say: On days when we need a new start, God gives us one—every day!

That's because <u>God is faithful</u>. By now your dizziness is probably gone, so walk forward toward our heart to celebrate your new start.

Read Lamentations 3:24.

Say: Because God is faithful, we can have hope in him. He's our inheritance—the riches we get like Abraham had to pass on to his son. On days we feel hopeless, God is our hope.

Think about something that makes you feel hopeless. I'll make a scribble on our heart that represents what you're thinking of. Allow time for kids to think.

Say: We can give our hopelessness to God, because God is faithful. When we feel hopeless, our faithful God is our hope.

So let's review the four things we learned about what God's faithfulness means each day. Have kids go back to the center of the room.

Have kids spin in a circle once or twice as they repeat after you: **On days when life changes, God doesn't change.** 

Have kids look at the heart as they repeat after you: On days when we feel unlovable, God's love doesn't change.

Have kids walk to the heart as they repeat after you: **On days when** we need a new start, God give us one.

Touch the scribble as kids repeat after you: And on days when we feel hopeless, God is our hope.

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