



Never-Tiring

MAIN IDEA

- **God never gets tired and never sleeps.**

MEMORY VERSES

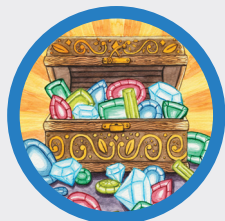
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...The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary;...
—Isaiah 40:28b

... he who keeps you will not slumber.
—Psalm 121:3b

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 3:5
- 2) Psalm 121:3b-4
- 3) Isaiah 40:28-31
- 4) Matthew 11:28-29



LESSON SUMMARY

As finite human beings, we live within a day-to-day cycle bound by God-given physical limitations. Our need for sleep is one of these. Sleep is a daily reminder that we are not God. No person can escape sleep's grasp. We lose stamina and simply "run out of steam." The weakest newborn and the strongest athlete grow tired and weary, and need sleep. But weariness is not only apparent in our physical bodies. We also experience mental and emotional weariness. We get tired of the daily grind, and sometimes in response we tune out the world in order to spare our weary souls: "I just cannot deal with this right now."

In this lesson, we used the above examples and contrasted these with how different God is! He has boundless energy—never sleeping, not even for a 20-minute power nap. He never tires of sustaining the entire universe from all eternity, into all eternity. Furthermore, He never wearies of working out His good and perfect purposes. And, most precious of all for God's people, He will never grow tired of loving us, nor of being merciful toward us. He is a never-tiring God, who promises this for His people,

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Matthew 11:28

PRAYER POINTS

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

- *that your child would see that even ordinary things like sleeping exist to point us to the greatness of God.*
- *may his or her heart be drawn to God, seeking the kind of rest that only Jesus can provide.*



AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

- Read Isaiah 40:28. According to this verse, what work has God already done? Was this a little job or a huge job? How long will God continue to be busy? But will He ever get tired out? Review Psalm 121:3b-4. What does it mean that God will "keep" you? Why is it good that God will not slumber or sleep? Do you ever worry about what might happen when you go to sleep at night? How can these verses help you?
- Show your child a flashlight and imagine the flashlight saying, "I do not need those silly batteries. I can shine all by myself."

What would you say to the flashlight? Point out that sometimes people can think in a similar way, saying, “I do not need God. I can do things all by myself.” **Would that be true? How can a simple thing like getting tired and needing to sleep remind us that we need God? Will we ever need to worry that God will not be able to give us the energy we need?**

- Explain that there are different kinds of tiredness. You can get tired of doing homework. Or, you can feel tired of being alone, or be bored. **Would God ever be tired from having to**

think too much? Or would He get tired because He is lonely and bored? No. He is never-tiring in those ways, too.

What might be the worst kind of tiredness a person could have? Read Matthew 11:28-29. What would make your soul tired? [being weighed down by sin, feeling guilty] What does Jesus promise you if you come to Him with this kind of tiredness? [rest—enjoying forgiveness] Will Jesus ever get tired of doing this for sinners who come to Him? No. He is a never-tiring Savior.

ACTION STEP

This week, read Isaiah 40:11-15 and 25-31. What things has God done? What things is He doing even now? Look at verses 29-31. What does it mean to “faint and be weary”? Who grows faint and weary? Who is able to renew our strength? Why is He able to do this?

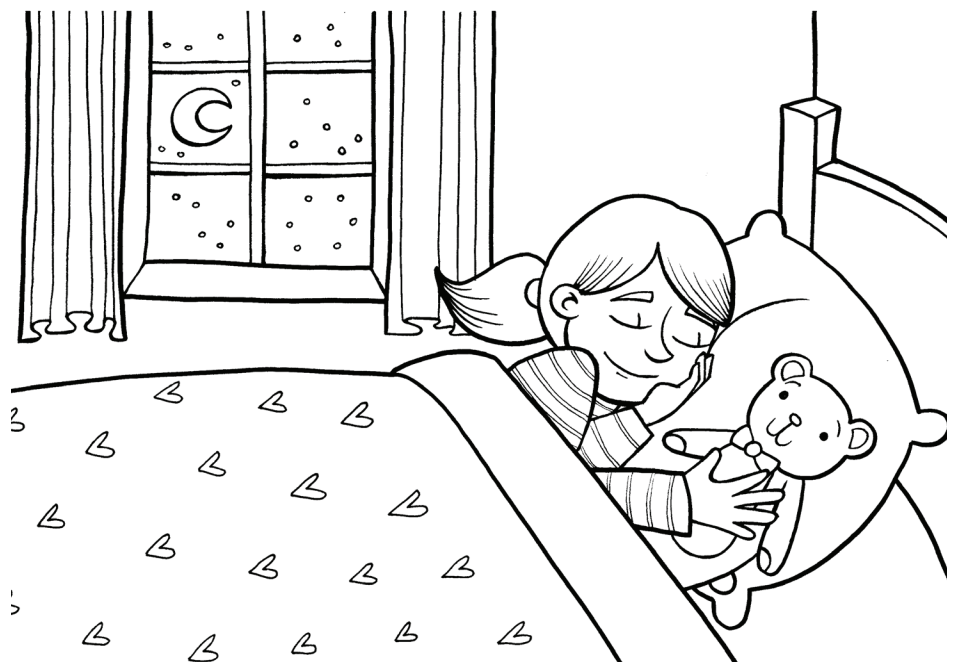
MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Look up the verses in your Bible and fill in the blanks. Then, color the picture as you memorize the verses.

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