



# From Age to Age the Same

Life Sunday Children's Message

**Verse:** You "have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you." (Isaiah 46:3b-4a)

**Materials:** Glass of water, three different-sized-and-shaped containers, vial of food coloring, tablespoon (or restaurant packet) of sugar

I have a glass of water. Water is very important. We need it to survive. What can we do with a glass of water? **(Await responses.)** You're right! We can drink it. We can wash our hands with it. We can cook with it. We can even pour a glass of water on our heads and cool off.

**(Show first container.)** If I pour this glass of water into this other container, will we have more water in the container than we have in the glass? **(Await responses.)** Will we have less in the container? **(Await responses.)** No, of course not. We'll have just as much precious water in the container as in the glass. **(Pour water into container.)** See? And guess what? **(Pour water into second container.)** Do we have less now? Do we have more? No, just as much. But what about now? **(Pour water into third container.)** Still just as much precious water.

We can think about people the way we think about this water. People come in different sizes. People come in different ages, too, don't they. People come from different places, with different languages and different colors and even different things they can do. Some people can run and jump, but some cannot. Some people can read and add, but others cannot. Some people can talk and draw, but many don't.

And sometimes we think these differences make people more or less special. Have you ever felt like somebody else who has more toys or clothes than you is more special than you? Have you ever thought that somebody else who acts meaner or lazier than you is less special than you? Have you ever wondered if somebody else is more special than you because you think she is prettier or because you think he is more popular? Have you ever treated somebody like they are less special than you because you know more things than they do? I have, and I'll bet you have too.

**(Add food coloring to water.)** Can we wash with this water now? No, we can't. It won't make us clean. But do we have less water than we did before now that it has a different color? Not at all. **(Add sugar to water.)** Can we wash with the water now? Of course not. It will only make our hands dirtier



and stickier. But do we have less water? Certainly not. And even though our water won't clean as well, we can drink it anyway, and now it tastes sweeter.

Our Heavenly Father tells us in the Bible, "I love you when you are little, and I love you when you are big. I take care of you when you can do many things, and I take care of you when you can't do any at all. I stay close when you are very young and haven't even been born yet, and I stay close when you are very old and don't even speak or move anymore." He came into our world and gave Jesus to show how special every one of us is, and He even died to make up for all our bad things.

God's the One who put the special in you. He puts that very same special into every human being. He's made you special by creating you with His own hands. He's made us special by redeeming us with His own Son. He's made everybody special by calling them with His own Word into His everlasting family. Different sizes don't make us less special. Different ages and places can't make us less special. Different things we do well and different things we do wrong don't even make anyone less special. And we get the special joy of telling and showing everyone around us how special they are to our Lord and Savior!

**Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus, You make every person special. Thank you for loving us so much and treating us so well. Help us remind the people we know that You make them special also. Amen.