

## Just For Leaders

### PREPARE

#### God Cares When I Hurt—God Knows What I Think

**Read:** Exodus 3

*"God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites:  
'I am has sent me to you.'"*

*God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'*

*"This is my name forever,  
the name you shall call me  
from generation to generation. "  
Exodus 3:14-15*

**Reflect:** What can you remember about God to help when you have questions or doubts about God and His character?

- A. God is holy and set apart from everything else in all existence.
- B. God is good, and everything He does is right and perfect.
- C. God is loving and leads and guides me every day.

**Pray:** God, I admit that I do not always have thoughts that please and honor You. Please forgive me. Help me remember who You are and allow that truth to transform my thoughts. I love you Father, Amen.

**Prepare:** How can turning our thoughts to God make a difference in everyday life?



# Babies

July 5-6, 2025

## BIBLE STORY

God Knows

What I Think

God Called Moses

Exodus 3-4

## BIBLE VERSE

"God, create  
a clean heart for me."  
(Psalm 51:10a)

## PRAYER

Dear God,  
thank You for knowing each  
and every thing about us,  
including our thoughts. Our  
wrong thoughts remind us that  
we are broken and need Your  
forgiveness. Thank You that You  
sent Your Son, Jesus, to rescue  
us from sin, so we can be made  
new when we trust and follow  
You. Help us to trust You with  
our doubts and love You more.  
We love you Father, Amen.

## TEACH

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- **Lead** them in singing the Bible Transition Song (sung to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb").

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### Bible Story:

- Moses' had wrong thoughts that made God unhappy.
- God still promised to be with Moses and help him.
- God cares about us and wants what is best for us.

## EXPERIENCE

### 1. Press Pause

Set out the game buzzers and let the babies explore them by holding and pressing the "Pause" button to hear the sound.

**Connect it-** As we grow older, we begin to make choices about how we act. When we have unkind or wrong thoughts, we can "press pause"—take a moment to stop and ask God to help us make the right choice.

### 2. Water Bottle Play

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**Read:** John 20:19–29

*"Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."  
John 20:29*

**Reflect:** How can you turn to Jesus when your heart is struggling to believe?

- A. When I am overwhelmed by my circumstances, I can ask Jesus to help me trust and believe in His plan.
- B. When I am hurt or disappointed, I can ask Jesus to help me trust and believe in His purpose.
- C. When I feel helpless or hopeless, I can ask Jesus to help me trust and believe in His power.

**Pray:** God, You know my heart does not always trust You. Help me turn to You when I struggle, knowing You love me and care for me when I hurt. Thank You for Your love and patience. I love you, Amen.

**Prepare:** What helps you believe in Jesus even though you can't see Him?



# Babies

July 12-13, 2025

## BIBLE STORY

### God Knows

#### My Heart

Jesus Appeared to Thomas  
John 20:19-29

## BIBLE VERSE

*"God, create  
a clean heart for me."  
(Psalm 51:10a)*

## PRAYER

*Dear God,  
thank You for knowing  
everything about us, even the  
brokenness in our hearts. We  
are broken and in need of a  
Savior, or Rescuer, to forgive us.  
Thank You that You sent Your  
Son, Jesus, to be our Savior  
so that we can be made new  
when we trust in You. Thank You  
that we can be forgiven for our  
sin and have a right relationship  
with You when we have hearts  
that are made new and  
follow You.  
We love you so much,  
Amen.*

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- Thomas was doubting that Jesus was alive.
- God knew that Thomas was doubting, and God knew what was inside Thomas' heart.
- Jesus was so kind to show Thomas His hands to prove that He truly was the Son of God.

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#### God Cares When I Hurt—God Knows My Actions

**Read:** 2 Samuel 11–12:14; Psalm 51

*"Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me."  
Psalm 51:10–12*

**Reflect:** What does God offer that brings you the kind of joy which overflows into following Him more closely?

- A. The promise of salvation
- B. The hope of life with Him forever
- C. The peace of walking with Him

**Pray:** Thank You, God, that You help me know and follow You. When I stumble in my faith, help me turn to You and remember that You love me and sustain me. I love you, Amen.

**Prepare:** How can confession and repentance (turning away from sin and turning to God) make a difference when we make wrong choices?



# Babies

July 19–20, 2025

## BIBLE STORY

God Knows

My Actions

David and Nathan

2 Samuel 11–12:14; Psalm 51

## BIBLE VERSE

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a clean heart for me."  
(Psalm 51:10a)*

## PRAYER

*Dear God,  
thank You for offering to forgive  
us just like You offered forgive-  
ness to David. Sin reminds us  
that we are broken and in need  
of a Savior, or Rescuer, to  
forgive us. Thank You that You  
sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our  
Savior so we can be made new  
when we trust in You. Thank You  
for how Jesus paid the  
consequences of our sin so we  
can be rescued.  
Help us to trust You and know  
that our actions matter  
because You see them all.  
We love you so much!  
Amen.*

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### Bible Story:

- David made a wrong choice, and Nathan helped David see that he was making a wrong choice.
- David was sorry for his wrong choices and wrote a prayer asking God to forgive him.
- God knew David's actions and knew he made a wrong choice. God knows our actions too.

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**Read:** Luke 18:18–30

*“Jesus replied, “What is impossible with man is possible with God.”*

*Peter said to him, “We have left all we had to follow you!”*

*“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said to them, “no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life.”*

*Luke 18:27–30*

**Reflect:** Which of these hindrances might you need to confess to God?

- A. A focus on money and possessions
- B. A focus on self and reputation
- C. A focus on control and my own plans

**Pray:** God, I confess that I sometimes try to find joy, peace, and belonging in things other than You. Help me let go of all hindrances to my faith and find everything I need in You. I love you so much, Amen.

**Prepare:** When did you first realize you needed Jesus and a relationship with God? How can remembering this need impact your daily life?



## BIBLE STORY

### God Knows My Need

The Rich Young Ruler  
Luke 18:18-30

## BIBLE VERSE

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(Psalm 51:10a)*

## PRAYER

*Dear God,  
thank You for offering us  
forgiveness and a way to  
receive what we really need.  
When we sin, we are  
reminded that a relationship  
with Your Son, Jesus, is our  
deepest need. Thank You for  
sending Your Son, Jesus, to be  
our Savior and Rescuer, so we  
can be made new when we  
trust and follow You.  
We love You.  
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- Instead of needing more things, what we need most is a friendship with God.
- A rich ruler asked Jesus how he could have life forever with God. Jesus knew what he really needed.
- God knows that we are all hurt by sin and helps us with our real need...Him.

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