

## PREPARE: LEADER DEVO

**Read** - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

### 1 Samuel 16:6-7

**Reflect** - What helps you remember that God loves you and knows every detail of your life?

- A. Read the Bible daily.
- B. Pray consistently.
- C. Worship through songs.

**Pray** - God, help me this week to be intentional about worshiping You—celebrating that You know every detail of my life. Give me opportunities with the kids in my life to share that You know us intimately, and that we can find comfort in the truth that nothing catches You by surprise.

**Prepare** - How does believing that God knows every detail of your life bring you peace?

## BIBLE STORY

Samuel Anointed David  
1 Samuel 16:1-13

**Humans see what is visible, but  
the LORD sees the heart.**

1 Samuel 16:7b

## BIG TRUTH

*I AM KNOWN AND...*  
God knows every detail.

## 1. WELCOME & CONNECTION

### Don't Drop the Ball!

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Tennis Balls

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Call up one kid from each grade to the stage.
- Give each kid a tennis ball. Tell them that there will be a minute timer on the screen. They will be tossing their tennis ball above their heads and trying to catch it.
- If they drop it or don't catch it, that's ok. Just have them pick it back up and keep going.
- Have a leader from each grade counting how many times they catch the ball in the minute.
- Whichever grade catches their ball the most times wins.
- Play as many rounds as time allows with new players each round.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

- Did anyone notice the team members' faces when they caught the ball? It almost looked like an aha moment! An aha moment is when we get excited because we discover something new! An incredible aha moment is when we recognize that we are known by God.

## 2. WORSHIP & TEACHING

**The following before and after lesson scripts will be Large Group led. They are included in this curriculum for Small Group leader reference!**

**BEFORE THE LESSON:** At times we might feel like there is not too much to us. We get caught up in different friend groups or our families or different life situations happen where we feel unimportant and like there are no details that matter about us. But we can know that God knows every detail about us! He knows every single detail about us, even the teeny, tiniest things. He sees us, knows us, and loves us.

(Open the Bible.) Today our Bible story comes from 1 Samuel 16:1-13. Did you know that the Bible is made up of two testaments, or sections? Today we are in the Old Testament, which is the first section of the Bible, and we are talking about a man named Samuel. Samuel was a very special man who was given a very important job. God gave Samuel an aha moment when God showed Samuel how God knows every detail. Say, "God knows every detail!" (God knows every detail!) Let's look at what happens!

**AFTER THE LESSON:** What an incredible story from God's Word. God worked through Samuel to find the next king of Israel. Samuel was looking at outward appearances for the person who "looked" like they should be the next king. But there was something deeper that God was trying to do. Everyone, say, "Aha!" (Aha!) Let me hear you say, "God knows every detail!" (God knows every detail!) God told Samuel that people see what is on the outside, but God sees what is on the inside—the heart.

## 3. SMALL GROUPS

1. **What are some inventions and technology you think are super cool? How well do you think those inventors know their inventions?**
2. **The Bible tells us we are known by God and that God knows every detail. This means He knows every detail of our lives and the things going on around us. Let's open our Bibles to 1 Samuel 16:6-7 and read about it together.**
  - o Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.
3. **God gave Samuel the reminder that He does not judge by what is seen on the outside. Do you think it is easier to judge by what we see on the outside or to try and see what is on the inside—like God does—and why?**
  - o Answers will vary. Guide kids to understand that what we see on the outside is not always true to what is on the inside. We decide who a person is based on what we see, but God knows who we are based on our hearts.
4. **We learned today that God sees what is on the inside—what's going on in our minds and hearts. He knows people for who they really are, sin and all, and He still sent Jesus to save us so we could be forgiven. How can it help you to know that Jesus loves and forgives us, even though He knows every detail about us—both the good and the bad? Does anyone have any questions about what that means?**
5. **The Bible tells us that we are known by God, and that God knows every detail. It is an aha moment when we realize that the One who knows us is God, who sent His Son to save us because He loved us so much. What is one thing you will remember from today?**

**PRAY TOGETHER:** God, thank You for helping us learn about how You know every detail about us, and how much You love and care about us. Nothing in our lives is hidden from You. Remind us of this truth whenever we might forget that You care for us. Amen.

## ACTIVITY

### Paper Fan Flyer

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Construction paper, markers, brass fasteners, poking tool for leaders

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Decorate the paper with the truth "God knows every detail" on one or both sides.
- Lay the paper with long sides on the top and bottom. Fold the short sides in 1-inch sections. Make one fold, then flip the paper over and accordion-fold the paper, making the same width fold on the back side. Repeat the pattern until the entire construction paper is folded like an accordion.
- Use the brass fastener or the poking tool to poke through the middle of the folded paper at the bottom so that it goes through each fold in the paper.
- Open the top of the fans, holding the brass fastener together on the bottom.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

- How cool is it that you all have paper fans to remind you of our Main Idea from our story today? Can someone remind me how David and Samuel learned that God knows every detail? (Allow kids to work together to retell the Bible story. Correct details as needed.) That was great! Samuel looked at the outward details to see who the next king would be, but God looks inside at the heart to see who was going to be the next king.
- It might make us feel a little worried that God knows what is in our heart, but God also knows that we are sinners. That is why He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins. Even though we sin, if we believe in Jesus and ask for His help, we can be forgiven!



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**Read** - Mark 5:21-34

At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?' "

But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

### Mark 5:30-34

**Reflect** - Despite the large crowd, Jesus knew the woman had touched His clothing and He healed her. How does this story encourage you the most today?

- A. Reminds me that God sees everyone as an individual
- B. Reminds me that God cares about all our struggles
- C. Reminds me that God desires a personal relationship with everyone

**Pray** - God, thank You for loving and caring for us individually, even in this crowded and chaotic world. Thank You for never overlooking me and for showing me grace and mercy when I don't deserve it.

**Prepare** - What are some ways we can show our friends and neighbors that they are seen and loved this week?

## BIBLE STORY

Jesus Healed a Woman  
Mark 5:21-34

**Humans see what is visible, but  
the LORD sees the heart.**

1 Samuel 16:7b

## BIG TRUTH

*I AM KNOWN AND...*  
God knows everyone.

## 1. WELCOME & CONNECTION

### Unseen

**WHAT YOU NEED:** None

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- You can play this game as a large group, all together, or have grades break up into their own groups and play together.
- Have kids sit in a circle with their eyes closed and heads down.
- Once their eyes are closed, pick one kid to be "it".
- That kid will stand up and tap two kids on the shoulder. The kids that get tapped will stand up. The kid that was "it" will then go and sit back down.
- Once you tell all the kids to open their eyes, they will guess who the kid was that was "it".

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

- You had to pay attention and listen closely to what was going on around you in that game. When we listen and pay attention to each other, we help our teammates know what they are saying is important and that they matter to us!

## 2. WORSHIP & TEACHING

**The following before and after lesson scripts will be Large Group led. They are included in this curriculum for Small Group leader reference!**

**BEFORE THE LESSON:** There are over eight billion people on earth, everyone, say, "Woah!" (Woah!) Even with all those people, God sees and knows every single one of them with even more detail than what we can find on these online maps. He is close—just like a street-level view!

Sometimes we can question whether we stand out or if we are worth knowing, but we can know that God not only sees us and knows us, but that He cares for us too. Look at your neighbor, and say, "God knows everyone!" (God knows everyone!)

(Open the Bible.) Let's learn from the Bible. The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. You can have lots of aha moments as you discover the truth about God, yourself, and the world! Today our Bible story is found in the book of Mark, chapter 5. We are going to hear a story about Jesus healing a woman.

**AFTER THE LESSON:** What a Bible story! The woman had never met Jesus, nor had Jesus met her. When she heard that Jesus was coming, she had an aha moment with Jesus and realized He is the Son of God. When the woman touched Jesus' clothing, she was immediately healed. Even though Jesus had never met the woman, Jesus knew exactly who she was. In fact, He called her "daughter" and told her that her faith in Jesus was what healed her. God knew her because God knows everyone! Say, "God knows everyone!" (God knows everyone!)

It's true! God knows everyone, including me and you. This means that God sees everything, and He knows everything, including what we need most—a relationship with Him.

### SHARE THE GOSPEL:

- **Circle 2-** You see, the world is broken, with sickness, hard situations, loneliness, and bad things that happen all around the world. Brokenness is a result of sin, which is when we follow what we think is best rather than following what God says is best. We all sin and, no matter how hard we try, we cannot repair our sin problem. We all need a Helper who can rescue us from sin and help us make sense of the brokenness in the world and who will see us, know us, and save us.
- **Circle 1-** The truth is that we do have a Helper. Our Helper is God. Who is our Helper? (God!) Right! God created the world to be perfect, with no sickness, hard situations, loneliness, or bad things. The first people God created sinned and, since then, everyone everywhere has sinned. The choice to sin separates us from God. But there is good news! God did not stay separated from us. He had a plan from the very beginning to rescue His people.
- **Circle 3-** God knows each person on earth. He created us, and He knows us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be born, to live a perfect life, and to die on the cross for our sin so that we could be in relationship with Him. Anytime we feel lonely or question if people care about us, we can remember that God sees us, knows us, and cares for us. He cares for us so much that He sent His One and only Son to die on the cross for our sins and come back to life on the third day so we could have forgiveness from sin and a relationship forever with God.

God knows everyone and offers forgiveness to everyone who turns to Him. Let me hear you say, "God knows everyone!" (God knows everyone!) If you have any questions about what it means to follow Jesus, please talk to one of your leaders. Any one of us would love to talk to you about what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

## 3. SMALL GROUPS

1. **When have you learned something new, and what did you learn?**
2. **The Bible tells us God knows everyone and that means that we are known by God! Let's open our Bibles to [Mark 5:30-34](#) and read about it together.**
  - o Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.

3. **Jesus told the woman who touched His clothes that her faith healed her. How do you think the woman felt when Jesus stopped to talk to her?**
  - o Answers may include singled out, scared, embarrassed but relieved that she was healed, and so forth.
4. **Jesus Himself fully healed the woman in our Bible story, and she experienced an incredible miracle. Today we also talked about an even better miracle—the miracle of us being forgiven of our sin. How is being forgiven of our sin an even better miracle than being healed from a disease?**
  - o Healing helps us now, but forgiveness means we can have a relationship with God forever.
5. **The Bible tells us that we are known by God. God knowing everyone is one of the best aha moments that we can have. Are any of you ready to take the step of accepting Jesus into your heart today?**
  - o If any kids want to accept Jesus, give them an ABC booklet and let parents know at pickup so that they can pray with them.

**PRAY TOGETHER:** God, thank You for this time today! We love hearing from the Bible, and we have loved learning that You know everyone! Thank You for seeing us, knowing us, and loving us. Help us remember the truth that we are fully known by You. Amen.

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## ACTIVITY

### Touch and Know

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**WHAT YOU NEED:** Paper coats, markers, ink dotters

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each child a paper coat.
- Have them write *God knows everyone* on their coat.
- Then they will use the ink dotters to put dots on their coat. Have them use one color to put most of the dots. Then they will trade with a friend to put one different colored dot somewhere on the coat.
- This is to represent the spot that the woman touched Jesus' coat.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

- In our Bible story today, we learned that the woman touched the bottom of Jesus' coat, and she was healed. I love looking at all the creative coats you all made today! This is a great reminder of the power that Jesus has to heal, but also how special it is that He knows and loves us.



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**Read** - Job 42

Then Job replied to the Lord:

"I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

### **Job 42:1-2**

**Reflect** - Job did not understand why bad things were happening to him, yet he trusted in God. How can you practically trust in God when you are hurting?

- A. Surrender control of the situation, and trust God's timing and plan.
- B. Worship through pain by singing, praying, and reading your Bible.
- C. Allow friends and family to join you in prayer, and offer support as a community.

**Pray** - God, help me to focus on Your goodness in the middle of my pain. I know You can do all things, and Your plans cannot be altered. So I trust in Your power that my hurt will be used for Your glory.

**Prepare** - We often cannot see anything good while we are in the middle of something hard. In hindsight, what have you learned from a tough season in your life?

## BIBLE STORY

God Spoke with Job  
Job 1-42

**Humans see what is visible, but  
the LORD sees the heart.**

1 Samuel 16:7b

## BIG TRUTH

*I AM KNOWN AND...*  
God knows every hurt.

## 1. WELCOME & CONNECTION

### Would You Rather

**WHAT YOU NEED:** None

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Have kids circle up with their leaders in groups.
- Leaders will ask their group the would you rather questions and let kids explain their answers.
- Questions:
  - Would you rather live in an igloo or a tree house?
  - Would you rather breathe in water or stand in fire?
  - Would you rather be a bird or a fish?
  - Would you rather have a tiger's stripes or a porcupine's needles?
  - Would you rather have a food fight or a water balloon fight?

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

- Wow! Great job, everyone. That was so fun learning more about you. Did anyone learn something new about someone? That's awesome! I love learning more about our friends and making connections with people at church. Let's keep learning today!

## 2. WORSHIP & TEACHING

**The following before and after lesson scripts will be Large Group led. They are included in this curriculum for Small Group leader reference!**

**BEFORE THE LESSON:** Today, we will learn that God knows every hurt. Not just the physical hurts that a doctor can help with but the hurts that are in our minds and hearts. When we are sad, upset, angry, confused—no matter what is going on, God knows every hurt. And God does not need a machine or tests to discover our hurts. God knows every hurt because God knows us. He knows us, He is with us, and He loves us. Repeat after me: "I am known!" (I am known!)

(Open the Bible.) The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. The Bible is full of true stories of people and their relationships with God. Today we are going to talk about a man named Job (JOHB). Job experienced some things that led to hurt in his life, and he felt alone. Job learned that God knows Him.

**AFTER THE LESSON:** Job had a hard life with a lot of hurt and trouble, and we learned that God allowed those things to happen. God knew every hurt that Job experienced. God loved Job and was with him, even when life was difficult. God knows us too. He knows our hurt, and He cares for us through it all.

Having a relationship with God does not mean that we will never be hurt again. Our world is still broken, and we will still experience broken things. But while we wait for Jesus to return, we have a friend who loves us, knows every hurt, and is with us no matter what. Say, "God knows every hurt." (God knows every hurt.)

## 3. SMALL GROUPS

1. **When is a time that you got hurt or sick and had to go to the doctor?**
2. **What does a doctor do to help people who are hurt? What does God do to help people who are hurt?**
3. **The Bible tells us that we are known, and that God knows every hurt. Let's open our Bibles to Job 42:1-2 and read about this together.**
  - o Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.
4. **Job trusted that God could do all things, even when he was going through a hard time. What can help you remember that God is with you and can help you, even when you are hurting?**
  - o Answers will vary but may include to pray and talk to God the way Job talked with God, to listen for God, to remember the ways God helped you in the past, and so forth.
5. **Job went through a lot in our story today, but he never stopped trusting that God could do all things and that God knew about his hurt. We also go through hurts in life. What do you know about God that can help you or a friend when there is hurt?**
  - o God is loving, He cares for us, He is with us, we are known by God, etc.
6. **What is one thing you remember from our Bible story today?**

**PRAY TOGETHER:** God, thank You for loving us the way You do. Thank You for sending Jesus to heal the ultimate hurt in our lives—separation from You. Help us to remember that You know every hurt, and You care for and love us through each and every one. Amen.

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## ACTIVITY

### Job Hideaway

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**WHAT YOU NEED:** Job Hideaway printable, scissors, markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each child a printable.
- Have kids color and cut out the printable.
- Fold the sides of the paper to meet in the middle, forming the complete word "Job".
- Have them write some of the things that Job went through around his picture. (Lost his family, property, crops, animals)

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

- You all did a great job creating a hideaway for your drawings! People may not know about all the hurts we experience in our lives, like how we got to read about Job's hurts, but we can know that God knows every hurt. He knows our hurts, He knows our lives, and He knows us. The best part is that He loves us, and He's always with us. When we trust and follow Him, we can turn to Him when we are hurt and receive His love and comfort.



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**Read** - Nehemiah 1–3

But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official and Geshem the Arab heard about it, they mocked and ridiculed us. "What is this you are doing?" they asked. "Are you rebelling against the king?"

I answered them by saying, "The God of heaven will give us success. We his servants will start rebuilding, but as for you, you have no share in Jerusalem or any claim or historic right to it."

### Nehemiah 2:19–20

**Reflect** - Nehemiah was confident that God was going to make him successful in rebuilding the wall. How can I also trust that God is aware and working in my life?

- A. Remember God's faithfulness in the big things and small things.
- B. Be confident in God's provisions.
- C. Trust in God's bigger plan for your life.

**Pray** - God, this week I choose to place my confidence in knowing that You know every situation I face. I know that I can trust You even when I can't see the outcome. Help me to rest in Your faithfulness and goodness.

**Prepare** - Nehemiah had the confidence in God to continue rebuilding the wall, despite people saying it was not possible. How has God revealed His perfect plan to you in a situation that seemed impossible?

## BIBLE STORY

Jerusalem's Wall Was Rebuilt  
Nehemiah 1–6

**Humans see what is visible, but  
the LORD sees the heart.**

1 Samuel 16:7b

## BIG TRUTH

*I AM KNOWN AND...*  
God knows every situation.

## 1. WELCOME & CONNECTION

### Alphabet Toss

**WHAT YOU NEED:** bouncy balls

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Have kids circle up with their leaders in groups.
- Give a bouncy ball to one kid in the group. Have them share their name and one food they like that starts with the same letter.
  - Example– My name is Joe and I like juice!
- They will then pass the ball to someone else in the circle and that kid will say their name and a food they like that starts with the same letter.

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

- You all did great naming different things! It was so fun seeing you all build connections with others as you worked together to name different foods. Let's keep it going today and look for ways we can cheer on our friends!

## 2. WORSHIP & TEACHING

**The following before and after lesson scripts will be Large Group led. They are included in this curriculum for Small Group leader reference!**

**BEFORE THE LESSON:** Sometimes we can be worried and stressed about certain situations, and we can feel like life is out of control and wish we were in the driver's seat of our life.

But when we follow Jesus, we can trust that God knows every situation. That means He knows what is going on and where we are going, and we can trust Him to get us there. We can trust that a train will get us where we are going, even when we are not driving. We can trust that God is the One who knows every situation, is directing every situation, and will be with us no matter what we are going through.

Open the Bible.) We are going learn a Bible story from the book of Nehemiah (nee huh MIGH uh). Say, "Nehemiah!" (Nehemiah!) Nehemiah is a book in the Old Testament, which is the first part of the Bible. We will see that God will help His people know that He knows them, and He knows every situation.

**AFTER THE LESSON:** That was a difficult situation! Nehemiah asked God for help, and God provided for him! Nehemiah had to do some bold things and even found himself in scary situations, but God was with him and helped him. In the end, Nehemiah was able to help rebuild the walls around Jerusalem!

God knew what was happening and what was needed because God knows every situation. Say, "God knows every situation!" (God knows every situation!) This was a huge victory in Nehemiah's life, but this victory came from some hard situations. God knows every situation because He is the One who created everything and everyone.

### 3. SMALL GROUPS

1. **Have any of you ever ridden on a train before? Where did you go and what was it like?**
2. **When you are on a train, you have no control; you simply have to trust the train and the conductor. How does it feel not to be in control?**
3. **The Bible tells us that we are known, and that God knows every situation. Let's open our Bibles to Nehemiah 2:19-20 and read about it together.**
  - o Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the verse aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the verse aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the verse so everyone can follow along together.
4. **Nehemiah answered the people and said that God was the One who would grant them success. What is difference between trusting in yourself and trusting in God?**
5. **How can you turn to God when you are in a difficult situation?**
  - o Answers will vary but may include memorize Scripture, pray, write reminders in your Bible, and so forth.
6. **What is a situation in your life that you need to turn to God? Kids can share current experiences or things they think they might experience in the future.**

**PRAY TOGETHER:** God, thank You for the truth we learn in the Bible that You know us, and You know every situation. Help us to live out this truth this week and remember that whenever we are feeling scared, lonely, or unseen, we can trust that You see, know, and love us and we can trust You. Amen.

## ACTIVITY

### Prayer Box

**WHAT YOU NEED:** small white boxes, markers, strips of paper

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Give each child a small white box.
- Have them use the markers to decorate the outside of the box like it is a wall. This is to remind them of the wall around Jerusalem that Nehemiah rebuilt.
- Remind kids that Nehemiah had lots of things to worry about in his hard situation. But he took his worries and obstacles to God and trusted him, because God knows every situation!
- Once they have decorated their boxes, have them write down some situations in their life that they want to give to God. They can put them inside their box.

**WHAT YOU SAY:**

- Wow, your designs on your boxes are so cool! This box is important because it reminds us that whenever we walk through situations that are hard or difficult, we can remember to pray—to talk to and listen to God. God is always with us, but sometimes we forget. We must remember God is always with us, and He cares for us!