



February 11

I am Meant to Know God Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Philip and the Ethiopian Official- Acts 8:26-40

Bottom Line: God Shows us Himself through His book.

Leader Context: Just like the Ethiopian official in Acts 8, we can know God more by reading His word, the Bible. We can help kids know they don't have to be older or wiser to read God's Word, they can start today. We can be intentional about reading the Bible too. The Bible is for each of us, not just pasors or people who go to Bible school. We don't need to be intimidated because God wrote the Bible to be understood by all of us.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus, and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

Social

Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, Would You Rather questions page (1 per group), painter's tape

What You Do:

- Play worship songs and other songs available on Roku during the Social Game or while kids are playing.
- Using the supplies and game instruction page, choose one game to play with the kids today.
- As you are playing, use this as a time to call each kid by name and learn their names well.

Say: That was a fun game to get us ready to watch our Bible video. Let's sit and listen to our story today."

Videos

Bible Story Video (10 minutes)

Bible Story Recap- Say This

It's so amazing that God gave us the Bible so we can know Him! The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. Does that mean it's always easy to understand? No, it doesn't. But God helps us understand it. He helps us understand the Bible when we read it for ourselves. And He helps us understand His Word by giving us other people to teach us what it says- just like how Philip helped the Ethiopian official in today's Bible story. God gives us leaders, teachers, pastors and sometimes even family members and friends who know a lot about the Bible and who can help us know what it says. And as we learn the Bible, we get to know God."

Let's pray together. Remember prayer is listening and talking to God.

God, thank You that we can know You. Thank You that You give us the Bible and we can trust everything it says. Help all of us to spend time in Your Word, learning more about You and seeing who You created us to be. Help us to learn how much You love us and how amazing You are. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

One thing that we see on every page of the Bible is how much God loves people. He created the whole world and people, and He created everything to be perfect.

But the Bible also tells us that people chose to do what they thought was best instead of what God says is best, which is sin. Sin broke the world and broke people's relationship with God. Remember, the Bible tells us how much God loves the world.

He loved the world so much that He send His Son, Jesus, to take the punishment for our sins. Jesus died on the cross and rose again three days later. The Bible tells us that whoever believes in Him- loves Him, trusts Him, and follows Him- will get to have a relationship with Him forever. That's good news. When we ask God to forgive us and follow Him, we are saved from our sin because of God's amazing love.

We can know God because He shows Himself through His Book, the Bible. He makes the mission possible!

Bible Buddies (20 minutes)

What You Need: envelopes (1 per kid), red paper (1 per kid) blue paper (1 per kid), crayons or markers, scissors, Bible Buddy stickers (1 per kid)

What You Do:

Sometimes when we read the Bible, we come across something that we really like, and we want to share it with other people or to remember it! Other times we might read the Bible and find something we don't totally understand or have a question about. Well, today we are going to make some Bible buddies that can help us when we read the Bible. Each of you are going to get two pieces of paper- one red and one blue. First fold the paper in half so the long ends touch each other. Then, fold it in half again that same way. Now when you unfold your paper, you have three lines. Cut your paper along those lines so you have eight strips of paper- four red and four blue. *(Give time for the kids to complete this step.)*

Great job! Now, draw a heart or a happy face on the ends of the red papers. On the blue strips, draw a question mark.

The last step is to decorate your envelope. You can write your name on it or draw pictures. This envelope is where you can keep your Bible buddies.

Say: "Today you learned about God and how He shows us Himself through His Word, the Bible. Reading our Bibles is one way we can stay close to God and learn about how He wants us to live. When you read your Bibles and find something you really like, mark it with one of the red Bible buddies, and then share it with someone else. And when you find something you have a question about, mark it with a blue Bible buddy, and then ask someone in your family or even here at church about it. It's so great that we can know God through His Word."

Discussion Questions:

- What is a really cool or amazing fact that you know? How did you learn about it? What is something really interesting that you would want to investigate and learn more about?*(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Reading glasses can help us see things and understand them better. What are some things that can help us understand what the Bible says?*(Read it, ask a small group leader, pastor, teacher or family member.)*
- The Bible tells us we can know God through His Word. Let's open our Bibles to Acts 8:35 and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open up their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* What is this passage teaching us?
- Philip shared the good news of Scripture with the Ethiopian official. How do you think this good news changed his life?*Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.*) God gives us the truth we need when we look at His Word, the Bible. The Bible tells us the truth about God's Son, Jesus who died for our sins and rose again. And we can trust that it's true.
- Do you have any questions about trusting the Bible or Jesus? Or any thoughts about the Bible you want to share?
- How can trusting God and the Bible help us when we are trying to figure out if something is true or not?

The Bible tells us we can know God through His Word. It's possible to know and trust God because of the Bible!

Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- Pass out coloring pages for kids to take home.
- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.