

**MISSION
POSSIBLE**

I AM MEANT TO KNOW GOD



ALL STAR KIDS
FEBRUARY 2024

February 18

I am Meant to Know God Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus and Nicodemus- John 3

Bottom Line: God shows Us Himself through His Son.

Leader Context: We are meant to know God. God sent His son, Jesus, to help us know God more. We see in John 3, that Nicodemus learned about God through a conversation he had with Jesus. This is a great day to invite kids to ask questions about why we need Jesus and what it means to follow Him.

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,

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

In this story, Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to be born again to follow God. But what does that mean? Jesus was telling Nicodemus that to follow God, we don't do what we think is best, but instead follow Jesus and do what He says is best. Jesus is God's Son. God loves us so much that He sent Jesus so that we can have a relationship with God.

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

God, thank You so much that we can know You and have a relationship with You! Thank You that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to forgive our sins. Help each of us to know You and follow Jesus' example of how we are to live. I pray others would see us following Jesus and want to know and follow Him too. Amen.

All of us have chosen to do what we think is best instead of following what God says is best. That is called sin. Everyone has sinned. Because of sin we are separated from God.

When God created the world, He made everything perfect. But sin broke God's perfect world and made it so we couldn't be close to God.

God sent Jesus to earth to live a perfect life. Jesus never sinned. And because He never sinned, He took the punishment that we deserve for our sin. Now, when we choose to follow Jesus instead of doing our own thing, we live like God want us to.

If you want to know more about following Jesus, I would love to chat more. I am meant to know God. God shows us Himself through His Son!

Craft Stick Puzzles (20 minutes)

What You Need: masking tape/painter's tape, craft sticks (10 per kid), markers, ziplock bags

What You Do:

I am going to give each of you 10 craft sticks. I need you to lay sticks side by side on the table and tape them together. Once the sticks are taped together, flip them over. Awesome. Now on the blank side, I want you to draw a nighttime scene to remind you of our Bible story. Then write "I Can Know God" across the sticks. When you finish your picture, pull the tape off the back to separate the sticks and put them back together like a puzzle. I will give you a plastic bag to put your puzzles into. *(Allow kids to trade bags and work each other's puzzle.)*

Say: "Nicodemus came to Jesus at night to ask Him questions. Jesus answered his questions and showed Nicodemus that he would know and follow God. In the same way, we can know that we can talk to Jesus and He will listen. We can know God because we are meant to know God. God meets us anywhere, anytime. God met Nicodemus at night, but He meets us all the time. We can meet with Him and learn about Him when we read our Bibles and pray. God shows us Himself through His Son, Jesus."

Discussion Questions:

- What is a special skill or talent you have or something you are really good at? How did you learn that skill, and what do you do to get better at it? Think about someone you admire or look up to. What do you admire about that person? *(Allow kids time to answer and share your own answer.)*
- Just like a mirror shows us what we look like, God's Son, Jesus shows us what God is like, and how God wants us to live. What are some things you know or have heard about Jesus? *(He is kind and loving. He helped people, He healed people, He always did what was right. Let kids know it's OK if they have never heard anything about Him- we're all here to learn..)*
- The Bible tells us we can know God by knowing His Son, Jesus. . Let's open our Bibles to John 3:16-17 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?
- Sin is when we decide to do what we think is best instead of following what God says is best. God loves the world so much, He sent His Son, Jesus, so we could be forgiven and have a relationship with Him. When we live like Jesus, we are living the way God wants us to live. What happens when people live like Jesus? *(People are kind, loving, they help each other, they stand up for what is right, they tell the truth and so forth)* Jesus is the Son of God, and through Jesus we can know God the Father and have a relationship with Him. Do you have any questions about having a relationship with Jesus or want to share about how we can live like Him?
- If someone wanted to know how to live like God wants, what could we tell them? *(Know that it isn't about following rules but following Jesus. Read the Bible and trust what it says. Ask Jesus to lead and guide you.)*

The Bible tells us we can know God and that God shows us Himself through His Son, Jesus. God has made the mission possible to know Him through Jesus.

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.