



LOW-ENERGY GAME

Jesus Knows

[10 min]

Supplies

- index cards (1 per person)
- markers or pens (1 per adult or teen helper)
- stickers (optional)

Play a Memory Game

Say: **We're learning today that Jesus knows us. That means Jesus knows every little thing that makes you—including your name! Let's play a fun game about how Jesus knows and remembers all of us.**

- Divide into roughly equal groups by the number of adult or teen helpers you have, so each group has a helper who can read and write.
- Have groups sit in circles.
- Give each group the number of index cards they need, and give the adult or teen helper a marker.
- Have the helpers write each child's name on an index card. If there are children with the same name, the helper can write the initial of the kids' last names to differentiate.
- After everyone's name has been written on a card, the helper can shuffle all the cards and then lay them out facedown in the center of the circle.
- Starting with the child to the right of the helper, everyone can take a turn flipping over a card, and the helper will read the name aloud.
- If the card that was turned over isn't the name of the person who turned it over, then the card can be turned facedown again and the next person in the circle will take a turn.
- The goal is for everyone to turn over the card with his or her own name, so kids will need to pay attention as other kids turn cards over in case the cards with their names are turned..
- Helpers can shuffle the cards and play as many rounds as time allows.

Talk About It

Ask: • **Why was it hard or easy to keep track of the card with your name?**

Say: **When all the cards were facedown, they all looked alike, but we knew each one was special and different because each one had one of our names on it. Each of you is special and different to Jesus because he knows all the things that make you the only you there is. Jesus knows / like** [share an example of something you like to do that maybe not everyone knows about, such as taking pictures of birds] **and that I care a lot about** [tell about something or someone you care deeply about and why].

Ask: • **What people or things do you really care about?** Kids might talk about family members, friends, pets, stuffed animals, or other favorite keepsakes such as blankets or books.

Say: **Jesus knows us**, and that means he knows way more than just our names. **Jesus knows about the things we like, the things or the people we care about, and so much more! Jesus is a wonderful friend because he knows us so well. We can get to know our friend Jesus better when we talk with him in our prayers, when we read the Bible, and when we learn more about him at church!**



TALK-ABOUT VIDEO Feeling Sheepish

[10 min]

Supplies

- “Feeling Sheepish” teaching video

Discuss and Watch “Feeling Sheepish”

Say: Today we’re learning that Jesus is like a shepherd! Jesus knows us, even better than a shepherd knows his sheep.

Ask: • **What are some interesting things you know about sheep?**

Say: **We know a little about sheep, but we could learn a lot more!**

Let’s find out more about sheep by seeing some real shepherds!

Watch “Feeling Sheepish.”

Ask: • **What did the shepherds say or do that reminds you of how Jesus interacts with us?**

• **What was different about the shepherds and Jesus?**

Say: Jesus knows us, so we get to know him. The shepherds in our video knew how to take care of their sheep and how to get them to go where they need to go. They made sure a lot of grass grew so the sheep would have food. They knew the names of certain special sheep, but most sheep didn’t even have names. That’s a little different from shepherds in Bible times. Jesus knows our names and so much more! He knows everything about us, and he invites us to get to know him.



DEEPER BIBLE Known Collage

[15 min]

Supplies

- Bible
- bulletin board paper
- glue sticks
- magazines
- safety scissors

Easy Prep

- Attach bulletin board paper along the wall so every child has about 2 feet of space. Write the names of any children you know will be in your class in the 2-foot spaces. Leave extra spaces for other children who show up, and add those as children arrive to class.

Talk About It

Say: **Today we learned that Jesus knows us. He knows everything, and he loves us so much!**

Share something *you* love about yourself.

Ask: • **What's something *you* love about yourself?** Kids might share physical characteristics, talents, or interests.

Say: **Thanks for sharing! I liked learning those neat things about you! But do you know what? Jesus already knew all those things because Jesus knows us so well.**

Make a Collage

Say: **Let's make a fun picture to show things about ourselves.** Have adult and teen helpers lead kids to cut or tear out pictures from magazines that show things about their characteristics, talents, or interests. Adult and teen helpers will use glue sticks to cover kids' sections as they work so kids can easily stick the pictures from the magazines on their sections.

Encourage kids to try to fill their sections as full as they can.

After about 15 minutes, have adult and teen helpers have the kids in their small groups take turns sharing things they added to their collages, one at a time, as time allows. As kids share, you and the helpers will remind kids that Jesus knows those special things about them.

Say: **Wow! Each of you is so special—and Jesus knows that because he already knows everything on your collage! Jesus knows your names. Point out each of the kids' names. And he knows the things you like. And he says...** Read John 10:14.

Say: **We're Jesus' sheep, and he knows us and cares for us every day! And we can get to know him, too. When we talk to him and learn about him at church, we get to know him more and more. Let's talk to him now.** Lead kids in a brief prayer, thanking Jesus for knowing every special thing about the children.

**LIFE APPLICATION WRAP-UP****Call the Sheep****[5 min]****Be Called by Name**

Have kids spread out around the room, while you stand in the center. If you have more than 10 kids, create the same setup, but in small groups with your adult and teen helpers. Say: **Today we found out that Jesus knows us and we can get to know him. He knows everything about us, and he wants us to be close to him. He wants to be the best of friends with each of you! That's why he calls our names, like we learned about in the Bible.**

Call one child's name and tell him or her, "Jesus knows you," and then invite the child to join you in the center of the room. If you're having adult and teen helpers lead small groups, have them do the same thing with one child in each of their groups. Continue this process until all the children have joined you or their small-group leader in a huddle.

Pray

Say: **Jesus knows and loves each of you. Let's thank Jesus that he wants to know us, and let's ask him to help us get to know him even better, too.** Lead kids in a short prayer.

Say: **Jesus is the best of friends! This week, remember Jesus is always with you and he knows you.**



ACTIVITY PAGES WITH A POINT

Know Those Sheep

[10 min]

Supplies

- “Jesus Is the Good Shepherd” Coloring Page (1 per non-reader)
- crayons

Younger Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Distribute the coloring pages and crayons. Say: **Jesus knows us. He’s like a good shepherd who knows and loves his sheep. Let’s color a shepherd!**

Allow time for kids to color.