



# September 1, 2024

## I Am Known

### Leader Weekly Devotion

#### Leader Notes

**Bible Passage:** The Pharisee and the Tax Collector- Luke 18:9-14

**Bottom Line:** God knows my real thoughts.

**Leader Context:** In Luke 18:9-14, Jesus told a story about two men praying in the temple. The Pharisee, a religious leader, was proud and thought he was impressive. The tax collector, who was looked down upon in that culture, prayed with humility and recognized his need for God. We can learn in this story that God knows and cares about our real thoughts. When kids are asking, Does anyone know the real me? we get to teach them that God does. He knows everything about them, even their thoughts and He gives them what they really need- a relationship with Jesus.

**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.

**Read-** Luke 18:9-14

**Highlight:** Luke 18:14b

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**Reflect-** In what area can you humble yourself and ask God to help with your thoughts?

- When I have thoughts of bitterness and unforgiveness
- When I have thoughts of worry and anxiety
- When I have thoughts of doubt and insecurity

**Pray:** God, You know everything about me, including my thoughts. Help me to turn my thoughts to You and allow You to work in me to have thoughts that honor You.

**Prepare:** How have you seen your thoughts impact your words, actions, and attitudes? How do you think honoring God with your thoughts can make a difference?

#### Study

Here are some great resources to help you grow as a leader.

[Blog](#)

[Leader Training Video](#)

#### Leader Tips

What were you like as a kid? How did you express your emotions? Do you remember being mad, sad, or worried? Our kids' emotions seem big and fill their mind and heart. We get to help them know they are seen, loved and known by God and us. This video will help you find ways to help kids process their emotions and know that God knows how they are feeling too.