



Sept 24

God Loves Me and Knows Me Kindergarten - 5th grade

Leader Notes

Bible Passage: Jesus Met a Samaritan Woman - John 4:1-42

Bottom Line: God knows my story and loves me, no matter what.

Leader Context: We're wrapping up Inside and out with the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4. Jesus knew everything about her and He still loved her- just like us. We get to help kids see that Jesus loves them, no matter what. Kids often worry about who will love them when they mess up. The truth is: God knows our story.

From beginning to end. Even though we mess up and don't always follow Him, He still loves us and wants a relationship with 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

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)

Say This! I love opening the Bible and discovering more about God.

God knows us because He knows our story! When Jesus arrived at the well, He sat down and told the woman things about herself that no one else knew. Jesus knew everything about her.

Jesus knew everything about the woman's story, even the parts she wasn't proud of. We can't hide anything from God because He knows everything about us. Do you think that stops God from loving us?

God knows each one of you and wants to have a relationship with you. When God sent Jesus to earth, He made it possible for you to know Him. Some of you may have questions about what it means to know God and how you can have a relationship with Him. If you have a question like that, come ask me or one of your campus leaders or someone in your family. We would love to talk with you about what it means to have a relationship with God.

Today, we learned that we are known by God, and He knows our stories. God knows everything about us and He loves us so much.

Flip the Sticks(20 minutes)**What You Need:** craft sticks (7 per kid), markers, tape**What You Do:**

I am giving each of you 7 craft sticks, and I need you to line them up long side to long side to make a rectangle. Tape the sticks together with two long pieces of tape. When you have done that, flip the sticks over and draw something on the front of your puzzle. You can draw a heart, a forest, or your favorite animal. Be creative! When you are done, take the tape off the back, scramble the sticks up and trade with a friend to see if they can complete the puzzle.

Say: When you were completing your friend's puzzle, would it have been easier to know what the finished drawing was? It would. Instead, you only saw a small piece. Many times, we only see a small glimpse into other people's lives, but God can see the whole story. He knows that we think and what we say. He knows everything about us, and He loves us still. How amazing is that? We can show love to the people around us because God shows us His love every day. Now let's spend a few minutes talking. I have some important things I want to share with you. Listen and see how you can get to know someone in our group better.

Discussion Questions:

- Think about your favorite story. What is your favorite part of that story? The beginning? The middle? What about the ending? Was it a happy ending or not?
- What if you only saw that one part of the story? (beginning, middle or end) Would the rest of the story make sense? Why or why not?
- Why do you think we sometimes try and hide things from God?
- The Bible tells us we are known because God knows our stories. Let's open our Bibles to John 4:25-26 and read about it together. *Help kids find the passage. Read aloud or have a kid read it aloud.* What do you think that passage is telling us?
- The woman from Samaria's life was changed when she met Jesus and chose to follow Him. When we follow Jesus, it changes our story forever and our lives are changed too. What does it mean for us to follow Jesus? *Help kids know that Jesus is God's Son, and He came to take away our old identity of brokenness because of sin and give us a new identity as forgiven sons and daughters of God. When we believe in Jesus, we mark that with a prayer. You can say "Jesus, I believe in you. I believe that you died for my sin and rose again. Thank you for giving me life. In Jesus' name, Amen. When you do this you should go and tell everyone what you believe just like the Samaritan woman.*
- Even when we mess up, God still loves us. That's why He sent Jesus. We don't have to be super good or totally perfect. God knows our stories- even the bad parts- and He still loves us. Does anyone have any questions or anything you want to share?
- When we mess up, we can be afraid that people will stop loving us. But we learned today that God will always love us, no matter what. How can that truth help when someone is worried or afraid of people not loving them?
- The Bible tells us that God knows us, and that means He knows every part of our story. God zooms in to our stories, and He can see even the things we aren't proud of- wrong choices, mistakes, regrets, and God still loves us. His love does not depend on what we do. He loves us because He chooses to love us, no matter what.

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.