



Elementary Leader Guide

September 7 –The Warehouse 4th & 5th

Monthly Theme: I Am Known

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Knows Every Detail

Bible Story Reference: Samuel Anointed David (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

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- *What was the best part of your week?*
- *What do you like to eat for dessert?*
- *If you had to choose between a rainy day and a sunny day, which day would you choose, and what would you do?*
- *What does your best day at school look like?*
- *If you could be a bug, what kind of bug would you want to be and why?*

Countdown Video/ Leader Welcome:

**Tweens arrive as countdown video begins.*

Play Countdown Video.

Script: Hey, everyone! My name is _____. Look at a friend, and let me hear you say, “Aha!” (Aha!) That was great, but I want you to say it like you are a scientist who is onto something. Let’s put one hand under our chins and our other hand pointing up while we all say, “Aha!” like we have discovered something awesome. 3-2-1! (Aha!) Way to go! “Aha!” is something you can say when you learn something new, and today we are going to learn that we are known by God!

Theme Song/Offering/Worship Song:

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**Tweens Leave After Worship Song*

Stage Game:

Supplies:

Tennis balls 6 per group

Leader Prep: None

Game Rules:

1. Invite one player from each team to the front.
2. Give each player a tennis ball.
3. Explain that players are to toss the tennis ball up above their heads and catch it. Players keep count of how many times they catch their tennis balls in 60 seconds.
4. Continue to see what team color can get the most catches in 60 seconds.

Script: Let’s start today with a game called “Don’t Drop the Ball!” Don’t drop the what? (Ball!) In this game, a player from each team will come to the stage. Players will have 60 seconds to toss their tennis balls up into the air, over their heads, and catch the tennis balls. Do you think

the player from your team can toss and catch the tennis ball the most times? If you think your teammate can do it, I want to hear you cheer for your team as loud as you can in 3-2-1! (*Allow the teams five seconds to cheer for their team.*)

OK, let's get our players to the front. (*Select one player from each team, and provide each player with a tennis ball.*) Cheer on your teammate, and give encouragement to not drop the ball! Let's play in 3-2-1!

Keep It Going: Play multiple rounds, inviting new players each round. Invite two players from each team to play, tossing the tennis balls back and forth.

Play Stage Game Video.

Script: Great job, everyone! Our winner is the ____ Team! Let's clap for all our players as they return to their seat. (*Allow time.*)

Did anyone notice the team members' faces when they caught the ball? It almost looked like an aha moment! An *aha moment* is when we get excited because we discover something new! An incredible aha moment is when we recognize that we are known by God. Let's keep exploring this idea as we learn more about our Simple Truth. Everyone, say, "I am known!" (*I am known!*)

Today, we are going to see something amazing! Everyone, say, "Oooo!" (*Oooo!*) Say, "Ahhh!" (*Ahhh!*) We get to watch the zippy, zany, and totally brainy, "Aha! Science Show!" Let me hear you say, "Aha!" to get things started in 3-2-1! (*Aha!*)

Play Main Idea Video.

Script: That was an awesome and amazing rocket! Would it have worked if Grace and Chase did not pay attention to the details? Say, "No way!" (*No way!*) It is a good thing they knew every detail! When it comes to us, we can know that **God knows every detail** about us. Whether they are big details, little details, or all the details in between, God knows them! Look to a neighbor, and say, "**God knows every detail!**" (*God knows every detail!*)

Object Lesson:

Supplies:

Video game graphics timeline 1 per group (optional)

Bible 1 per group

Script: Video games have been around for a long time. Some of them are even played the same way. But over time, the ways video games look has changed.

When you look at this timeline of video game graphics, you can see that the details have changed. Raise your hand if you would rather play an 8-bit game over a 4K video game. (*Allow kids to respond.*) That is what I thought! Given the chance, we would want to have as much detail as possible. Over time, the details on video games became better and clearer so that we now have video games that almost look like you are in a new and very real world!

At times we can feel like we are 8-bit, like there is not too much to us. We get caught up in different friend groups or our families or different life situations happen where we feel unimportant and like there are no details that matter about us. But we can know that **God knows every detail** about us, like 4K-level detail! He knows every single detail about us, even the teeny, tiniest things. He sees us, knows us, and loves us.

Bible Story Video:

Script: (*Open the Bible.*) Today our Bible story comes from 1 Samuel 16:1-13. Did you know that the Bible is made up of two *testaments*, or sections? Today we are in the Old Testament, which is the first section of the Bible, and we are talking about a man named Samuel. Samuel was a very special man who was given a very important job. God gave Samuel an aha moment when God showed Samuel how **God knows every detail**. Say, “**God knows every detail!**” (*God knows every detail!*) Let’s look at what happens!

Play Bible Story Video.

Make the Connection:

Script: What an incredible story from God’s Word. God worked through Samuel to find the next king of Israel. Samuel was looking at outward appearances for the person who “looked” like they should be the next king. But there was something deeper that God was trying to do. Everyone, say, “Aha!” (*Aha!*) Let me hear you say, “**God knows every detail!**” (*God knows every detail!*) God told Samuel that people see what is on the outside, but God sees what is on the inside—the heart.

(*Circle two*) We also look at what is on the outside. When we look at the world around us, we can believe some things are true that are not true. We can feel that way about other people or even ourselves. We can want to believe and trust what our eyes see and go our own way. When

we follow ourselves rather than God, that is sin. *Sin*, when we follow what *we think* is best rather than following what *God says* is best. Sin can cause us to compare ourselves to others and doubt how God made us and if He even cares about us. Sin breaks our relationship with God and causes us to be separated from Him. No matter how hard we try to fix this sin problem, we cannot do it on our own.

(Circle one) God did not design us to live this way. In the beginning, God created the world. He created the first people, and everything was perfect. But sin entered the world through Adam and Eve's disobedience because they chose to do what they thought was best rather than follow what God says is best. Even then, God did not leave His people. **God knows every detail** and, because He is completely perfect and good, He knows that sin deserves punishment. God knew then that He was going to provide a way for His people to have forgiveness from their sins and to be with Him forever.

(Circle three) God's plan to save His people involved His Son, Jesus, coming to the earth and living a perfect life, and taking the punishment we deserve for our sin. Jesus died on a cross and came back to life on the third day, showing that He is more powerful than both sin and death and that He is the true King of everything! Did you know that Jesus did that for us because of His great love for us? **God knows every detail** about us—from how we were made to everything we think, say, and do. Say, "**God knows every detail!**" (*God knows every detail!*)

Even though every person sins, God loves us and provides the way for us to be saved from the punishment we deserve. He invites us to repent by turning away from our sin and turning to Him for forgiveness. We must admit that we are sinners who need a Savior and ask Jesus to forgive our sin. When we become followers of Jesus, anytime that we sin and make mistakes, we can come to Jesus and receive forgiveness for our sins. If you want to know more about what it means to follow Jesus, come speak to me or another leader.

Team Game:

Kids will pair up and mimic each other like mimes.

Big Goal: Learn that we can mimic other's behavior, but God sees the heart, and that is what matters.

Script: Let's play another game. Raise your hand if you have ever heard of a mime. Does anyone know what a mime does? (*Allow kids to answer.*) A *mime* is someone who acts using *only* their

body language, no words! We are going to practice being mimes, but in pairs! Find a friend, and pair up! *(Allow time.)*

Your friend will be your “mirror,” having to copy everything that you do. But there’s a twist! Everyone, say, “Ooo, a twist!” *(Ooo, a twist!)* The leaders will be moving around the room, observing each pair. Leaders will make guesses to see who is the “mirror” and who is the “mime.” If the leaders guess correctly, sit down quietly while leaders move around the room and make guesses for other pairs. If you are ready to get started, let me see by being as quiet as a mime! Now, let’s have some mime time! Leaders, good luck!

Keep It Going: Guide kids to switch partners after the first two rounds.

Script: Wow! You all did such a great job! In that game, was it hard to keep your eye on every detail that your teammate was doing as a mime? *(Allow kids to answer.)* It can be hard for us to keep up with every detail, even when our “mirror” was right in front of us! We might have gotten distracted by a certain move, by other pairs in the room, or by thoughts in our head! Did you know that God never gets distracted? He keeps His eyes on us, and He knows every detail about us. We were focused on the outside in this game, but God looks at the heart. He knows everything about us, even the sin in our lives! But Jesus forgives us of our sin when we turn to Him and choose to follow Him.

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

Humans see what is visible, *(Hold one hand above your eyes and move your head, looking from left to right.)*

but the LORD sees the heart. *(Starting with your hands up facing inward, bring your hands to your heart.)*

1 Samuel 16:7b *(Hold both hands out like a book.)*

Script: Let’s learn our Theme verse. This Bible verse reminds us that **God knows every detail**, and He sees our hearts.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: This Bible verse is a great reminder of how God sees our hearts and knows every detail of our lives. **God knows every detail**, good and bad, and He loves us just the same. Say, “**God knows every detail!**” *(God knows every detail!)*

Theme Song:

Script: It is a real *Aha!* moment for people to learn that God knows us, loves us, and wants us to be in relationship with Him! Let's stand up and learn our Theme song together.

Play Theme Song Video.

Small Groups:

***Big Deal/Key Verse Review & Prayer Requests/Prayer Time**

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Pick Up Time:

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- *What was the best part of your week?*
- *What candy would you want to buy at the movie theater?*
- *If you had to choose between candy or popcorn, which one would you choose?*
- *If you had a “Yes Day,” where you could do anything you wanted, who would you choose to spend it with?*
- *If you could fly like a plane or float across the ocean like a boat, which would you be, and why?*

Countdown Video/ Leader Welcome:

**Tweens arrive as countdown video begins.*

Play Countdown Video.

Script: Hey, everyone! My name is _____, and I am so glad you are here today! Jump up and say, “Aha!” then sit back down in 3-2-1! (*Allow responses.*) Today we will say, “Aha!” as we learn the truth that we are known by God. If you are ready, let me hear you say, “I’m ready!” (*I’m ready!*)

Theme Song/Offering/Worship Song:

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our giving reaches out. Then remind them that during the next worship song they can bring their offering forward and drop it into the basket.

**Tweens Leave After Worship Song*

Stage Game:

Game Rules:

1. Read the name on the slide.

2. Direct kids to determine if the name is a real city, or if it is a silly name that is not real.

Instruct kids to follow the prompt and move to the place that corresponds to their chosen answer.

Script: We are going to play a game called “City or Silly?” Let me hear you say this in your best announcer voice, “City or Silly?” (*City or Silly?*) In this game, I am going to ask you all to stand, and we are going to read a city name and state. I will say, “If you think this is a city, then I want you to ____!” Then I will give you a task to do and point you in a direction. I’ll then say, “If you think it is silly—meaning it is a name that is not a real city—then I want you to ____!” Then I will give you a different motion and direction to go in. Think you have got it? Let’s get started!

Show Stage Game Slide 1.

Script: First one, here we go! Bean Station, Tennessee! If you think it is a city, bunny hop to the left side of the room. If you think it is just silly, clap your hands as you move to the right side of the room. (*Allow time for kids to respond.*)

Show Stage Game Slide 2

Script: Looks like it is a city! Great job! All right, moving on to the next one!

Show Stage Game Slide 3.

Script: Rooster, Alaska! If you think it is a city, hop to the front of the room. But I want you to stomp to the back if you think it is just silly. (*Allow time for kids to respond.*)

Show Stage Game Slide 4.

Script: Yup! That one was just silly! Ready to go again?

Show Stage Game Slide 5.

Script: Cookietown, Oklahoma! Now, let's see you bunny hop to the left side of the room if you think it is a city, and clap to the right of the room if you think it is plain silly. *(Allow time for kids to respond.)*

Show Stage Game Slide 6.

Script: *It is a city!* Wow! What a fun place to live! OK, let's all try again!

Show Stage Game Slide 7.

Script: Popcorn, Indiana. All right, jump to the front of the room if you think it's a city, and jump to the back if you think it is just silly. *(Allow time for kids to respond.)*

Stage Game Slide 8.

Script: What?! Another city!? Let's see what's next.

Show Stage Game Slide 9.

Script: Watermelon Creek, South Dakota. Let's see you walk like you are holding a watermelon all the way to the left side of the room if you think it is a city, and wave your arms in the air while skipping to the right of the room if you think it is really just silly. *(Allow time for kids to respond.)*

Show Stage Game Slide 10.

Script: Yup! This is just silly! Although watermelons do grow in South Dakota, Watermelon Creek is not a city there! But who wouldn't want to live in a town called Watermelon Creek? That's awesome! Ready for our last, and final, one?

Show Stage Game Slide 11.

Script: Tortilla Flat, Arizona. Let's see you hold your hands flat like a pancake as you walk to the front of the room if you think it is a city, and stomp to the back if you think it is silly.

Show Stage Game Slide 12.

Script: Absolutely! This is a real city! And it's not flat at all, it is actually in the middle of a mountain range! Great job!

Woah! How fun was that? An *aha moment* is when someone discovers something amazing. That means you had some aha moments as you discovered these funny city names! Today we will have aha moments, too, as we discover the truth that we are known by God! Everyone, say, "I am known!" (*I am known!*) Let's keep going so we can have even more aha moments together!

Repeat after me! "Aha!" (*Aha!*) "Science!" (*Science!*) "Show!" (*Show!*) Put it together and say, "Aha! Science Show!" (*Aha! Science Show!*) That's the name of the epic lab show we get to watch, so say, "Let's science!" to get our video started in 3-2-1! (*Let's science!*)

Play Main Idea Video.

Script: It was cool to watch Grace and Chase discover that balloons and static electricity can work like a magnet for paper. But the better discovery is knowing that **God knows everyone!** Point to yourself and say, "Who, me?" (*Who, me?*) Yes, you! Everyone in this room, everyone in our community, and everyone in the whole world! Say, "**God knows everyone!**" (*God knows everyone!*)

Object Lesson:

Supplies:

Online map 1 per group

Bible 1 per group

Script: Check this out! Everyone, say, "Ooo!" (*Ooo!*) Say, "Ahh!" (*Ahh!*) This is an online map of our church. I can get so many details from this map. I can zoom out and see businesses that are beside and around our church, or I can get a street view to see what the church building looks like, and so much more. Even with so many buildings and places on the map, the online map can help me find any place that I can search.

Did you know that God works in a similar way? There are over eight billion people on earth, everyone, say, "Woah!" (*Woah!*) Even with all those people, God sees and knows every single one of them with even more detail than what we can find on these online maps. He is close—just like a street-level view!

Sometimes we can question whether we stand out or if we are worth knowing, but we can know that God not only sees us and knows us, but that He cares for us too. Look at your neighbor, and say, **“God knows everyone!”** (*God knows everyone!*)

Bible Story Video:

Script: (*Open the Bible.*) Let’s learn from the Bible. The Bible is God’s true message to us about Himself. You can have lots of aha moments as you discover the truth about God, yourself, and the world! Today our Bible story is found in the book of Mark, chapter 5. We are going to hear a story about Jesus healing a woman. If you are ready, let me hear you say, “Aha!” (*Aha!*)

Play Bible Story Video.

Make the Connection:

Script: What a Bible story! The woman had never met Jesus, nor had Jesus met her. When she heard that Jesus was coming, she had an aha moment with Jesus and realized He is the Son of God. When the woman touched Jesus’ clothing, she was immediately healed. Even though Jesus had never met the woman, Jesus knew exactly who she was. In fact, He called her “daughter” and told her that her faith in Jesus was what healed her. God knew her because **God knows everyone!** Say, **“God knows everyone!”** (*God knows everyone!*)

It’s true! **God knows everyone**, including me and you. This means that God sees everything, and He knows everything, including what we need most—a relationship with Him.

(*Circle two*) You see, the world is broken, with sickness, hard situations, loneliness, and bad things that happen all around the world. Brokenness is a result of *sin*, which is when we follow what *we think* is best rather than following what *God says* is best. We all sin and, no matter how hard we try, we cannot repair our sin problem. We all need a Helper who can rescue us from sin. We need a Helper who can help us make sense of the brokenness in the world and who will see us, know us, and save us.

(*Circle one*) The truth is that we *do* have a Helper. Our Helper is God. Who is our Helper? (*God!*) Right! God created the world to be perfect, with no sickness, hard situations, loneliness, or bad things. The first people God created sinned and, since then, everyone everywhere has sinned. The choice to sin separates us from God. But there is good news! God did not stay separated from us. He had a plan from the very beginning to rescue His people.

(Circle three) God knows each person on earth. He created us, and He knows us. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be born, to live a perfect life, and to die on the cross for our sin so that we could be in relationship with Him. Anytime we feel lonely or question if people care about us, we can remember that God sees us, knows us, and cares for us. He cares for us so much that He sent His One and only Son to die on the cross for our sins and come back to life on the third day so we could have forgiveness from sin and a relationship forever with God.

God knows everyone and offers forgiveness to everyone who turns to Him. Let me hear you say, **"God knows everyone!" (God knows everyone!)** If you have any questions about what it means to follow Jesus, please talk to one of your leaders. Any one of us would love to talk to you about what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Team Game:

Kids will play a game where they follow a leader, and one person searches for the leader.

Big Goal: Kids will learn that we can listen to and trust God because **God knows everyone.** Let's play a game! In this game, we are going to try to catch the "Leader." Let's all form a big circle, and I'll choose someone to be *It*. We will send *It* out of the circle and turn that person around so the person who is *It* cannot see us. Then I will choose a Leader. Everyone, say, "Leader!" *(Leader)* The goal of this game is to mirror the leader's actions, however silly they might be. *It* will have to guess who the Leader is. If you are ready, let me hear you say, "I'm ready!" *(I'm ready!)*

What a fun game! You all did great! Sometimes it can seem confusing listening to everyone around you and trying to figure out who or what should matter to you. We can question if we even stand out in all the noise. But we can trust that God knows us, sees us, and loves us, no matter how crazy life might feel.

Theme Verse Video:

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but the LORD sees the heart. *(Starting with your hands up facing inward, bring your hands to your heart.)*

1 Samuel 16:7b *(Hold both hands out like a book.)*

Script: We have a Theme verse that helps us know that we are known by God. Say, “I am known!” (*I am known!*) Let’s learn our Theme verse together.

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: What a good reminder that we see what is on the outside—the visible things—but that God sees our hearts! He knows the heart of everyone everywhere. Repeat after me: **“God knows everyone!”** (*God knows everyone!*)

Theme Song:

Script: Let’s celebrate the truth that we are known by God by learning our Theme song. Stand up and let’s learn it together!

Play Theme Song Video.

Small Groups:

***Big Deal/Key Verse Review & Prayer Requests/Prayer Time**

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Bible Story Reference: God Spoke with Job (Job 1–42)

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- *Would you rather read a book or play outside? Why?*
- *If you had to choose between hiking a trail or skiing down a mountain, which would you choose?*
- *If you were to make a movie, what would it be about and why?*
- *Let's say you can have any food in the palm of your hand whenever you want, what food would it be and why?*

Countdown Video/ Leader Welcome:

**Tweens arrive as countdown video begins.*

Play Countdown Video.

Script: Welcome, everyone! My name is ____! Let me hear you shout your name in 3-2-1!
(Allow responses.) Wow! That's a lot of names! Some of them I know and some of them I don't.
But today we get to have an aha moment as we discover the truth that we are known by God!
Look at a neighbor and say, "You are known!" (You are known!) Let's kick off our time together
with a game!

Theme Song/Offering/Worship Song:

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**Tweens Leave After Worship Song*

Stage Game:

Game Rules:

1. Read the story.
2. Direct kids to all jump up, do the wave, and sit back down when they hear the word "wave" by itself.
3. Direct kids to jump up, do the wave, and sit back down with their team when they hear their Color Team with the word "wave."

Script: We're going to play a game called "Do the Wave!" What are we playing? (Do the Wave!)
In this game, we are going to listen to a story. But there is a catch! Everyone, say, "Ooo, a catch!" (Ooo, a catch!) In a sporting event, have you ever seen people do something called the "wave"? People stand, and put both hands up, and then sit down quickly like a wave cresting and crashing on the shore. It starts with one person or line of people, and then it passes along!

Let's practice doing the wave. (*Demonstrate the movement for the kids, then practice having the wave start at one side of the room and move toward the other.*) Great job!

Now, when you hear the word *wave* by itself, you *all* need to do the wave! But when you hear *your* Color Team color and then the word *wave*, only that Color Team is to stand and do the wave. If you have got it, let me hear you say, "Got it!" (*Got it!*) Good! Now, let's listen to our story today.

Storms can produce waves (*pause for all kids*). There once was a boat in the middle of the sea when a storm came. The boat was used to blue waves (*pause for Blue Team*) coming throughout the day, and even some orange waves (*pause for Orange Team*) at night, but never any other colors. When the storm struck, the boat had to brace for impact.

When the first wave came (*pause for all kids*), it pulled so much water up from the bottom of the sea that the fishermen saw a green wave (*pause for Green Team*) for the first time! The waves (*pause for all kids*) kept coming. Blue waves (*pause for Blue Team*), green waves (*pause for Green Team*), and even yellow waves (*pause for Yellow Team*) because they were so high they reflected the sun! The fishermen had never seen such colorful waves.

As it got closer to sunset, the waves (*pause for all kids*) kept coming and the colors began to change. Instead of seeing yellow waves (*pause for Yellow Team*), they were seeing orange waves (*pause for Orange Team*) and red waves (*pause for Red Team*). The red waves (*pause for Red Team*) were especially scary! None of the fishermen had ever seen a red wave (*pause for Red Team*), and they never wanted to see it again. Luckily for them, the colors all blended to make incredible purple waves (*pause for Purple Team*) that ended the night. The storm calmed down after the wave (*pause for all kids*) of purple waves (*pause for Purple Team*) finished.

As the fishermen sat on their boat later that night, they recalled the fun time they got to see blue waves (*pause for Blue Team*), green waves (*pause for Green Team*), yellow waves (*pause for Yellow Team*), orange waves (*pause for Orange Team*), red waves (*pause for Red Team*), and purple waves (*pause for Purple Team*). The waves (*pause for all kids*) were the best waves (*pause of all kids*) they had ever seen. The End.

Wow! You all did great listening to the story today. It takes a lot of work to listen to a story for specific parts that might or might not apply to your team. You were waiting for that aha moment when you heard your Color Team. An *aha moment* is when people discover something amazing. I knew which team was about to get called because I could see the script! Do you

know that also applies to God? He can see everything and everyone, and He knows you. Point to yourself and say, “I am known!” (*I am known!*)

Now it is time to watch some amazing, incredible, out-of-this-world science! If you are ready, let me hear you say, “I’m ready!” (*I’m ready!*) Take it away, Grace and Chase, and let’s check out the “Aha! Science Show!”

Play Main Idea Video.

Script: Everyone, say, “Way to go, Grace and Chase!” (*Way to go, Grace and Chase!*) They worked hard to make protective egg coverings. Even though it did not work out, they learned something important that we can know too. No matter how things look on the outside, God knows what is happening on the inside. He knows everything about us, even the hard, hurtful, and broken things that other people may not see. Say, “**God knows every hurt.**” (*God knows every hurt.*) He sees and knows our hurts, and He loves us.

Object Lesson:

Supplies:

Person in a doctor costume (optional) 1 per group
Bible 1 per group

Script: When we are sick or get hurt, we may go see a doctor. Say, “What’s up, doc?” (*What’s up, doc?*)

Doctors go to school to learn how to help us heal when we are hurt. Doctors use tests and machines to try and figure out what is wrong and how they can help us.

Today, we will learn that **God knows every hurt**. Not just the physical hurts that a doctor can help with but the hurts that are in our minds and hearts. When we are sad, upset, angry, confused—no matter what is going on, **God knows every hurt**. And God does not need a machine or tests to discover our hurts. **God knows every hurt** because God knows us. He knows us, He is with us, and He loves us. Repeat after me: “I am known!” (*I am known!*) “**God knows every hurt!**” (*God knows every hurt!*)

Bible Story Video:

Script: *(Open the Bible.)* The Bible is God's true message to us about Himself. The Bible is full of true stories of people and their relationships with God. Today we are going to talk about a man named Job (JOHB). Job experienced some things that led to hurt in his life, but he learned that God knows Him. Say, "Let's check it out!" to get started in 3-2-1! *(Let's check it out!)*

Play Bible Story Video.

Make the Connection:

Script: Job had a hard life with a lot of hurt and trouble, and we learned that God allowed those things to happen. God knew every hurt that Job experienced. God loved Job and was with him, even when life was difficult. God knows us too. He knows our hurt, and He cares for us through it all. Say, "**God knows every hurt!**" *(God knows every hurt!)* But why do we even have hard times and things that hurt us?

(Circle one) God created the world in a perfect way, so that there was no sin, no hurt, and no hard things to endure. *Sin* is when we follow what we think is best rather than following what *God* says is best. Everything was perfect in the beginning. God created the first two people, Adam and Eve, and God walked with them, knew them, and provided for every need they had.

(Circle two) But Adam and Eve disobeyed God. They sinned by choosing what they thought was best and eating fruit from a tree God told them not to eat from. Since then, every person sins and is affected by sin. We all sin and make choices that disobey God. No matter how hard we try, we all sin. Sin leads to hurt that we experience and even to times that we hurt others. We are all broken because of sin and in need of help.

(Circle three) However, God loved Adam and Eve more than their sin, and He loves us too. God always had a plan to rescue people from sin. God sent His One and only Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and to die on the cross to take the punishment for our sin. But Jesus did not stay dead! He rose again on the third day to make the way for us to have a relationship with God forever! He promised that one day He will come back and make everything new, which means no more brokenness because of sin! When we follow Jesus, we are forgiven for our sin and get to have a relationship with God both now forever.

Having a relationship with God does not mean that we will never be hurt again. Our world is still broken, and we will still experience broken things. But while we wait for Jesus to return, we

have a friend who loves us, knows every hurt, and is with us no matter what. Say, “**God knows every hurt.**” (*God knows every hurt.*) If you want to know more about having a relationship with God through Jesus, talk with me or your Team Leader. God is faithful to help us when we are hurt!

Team Game:

Kids will create a maze for the “doctor” to walk through.

Big Goal: Kids will learn that God cares for us, even when we are hurting or when life is hard.

Leader Prep: None

Supplies:

Blindfold 1 per group

Script: When you go to the doctor for a checkup, it is the doctor’s job to make sure that you are healthy! In this game called “Doctor’s Checkup,” the “doctor,” go around the room and check on your “patients.” I’m going to pick someone to be the “doctor” and give him a blindfold. (*Choose a child, give him a blindfold, and stand him in the middle of the room.*)

Now, the rest of you are patients that the doctor has to find. Find your own space in the room and freeze. You can bend and twist to try and avoid the doctor, but you cannot move your feet. When the doctor tags you, move to stand against the wall. The last patient becomes the doctor in the next round! Ready to play? Let’s get started!

Keep It Going: Switch roles and replay as time allows.

Script: Great job! Doctors have to run tests and use machines to figure out what is wrong and why people are hurting. But God does not need anything special because He knows everything about everyone. He not only knows the hard and painful things in our lives, but He offers comfort and help through a relationship with Him. That is the best news ever!

Theme Verse Video:

Theme Verse Motions:

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but the LORD sees the heart. *(Starting with your hands up facing inward, bring your hands to your heart.)*

1 Samuel 16:7b *(Hold both hands out like a book.)*

Script: The Bible tells us that God knows us, and He loves us. Let's learn our Theme verse together!

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: This Bible verse says that God sees and knows our heart. God knows everything about us, including the hurts we may think others do not know or see. God knows our hurts, He loves us, and He invites us to turn to Him and trust Him.

Theme Song:

Script: Everyone, say, "Aha!" *(Aha!)* Say, "I am known!" *(I am known!)* Let's keep celebrating the truth that God knows us by singing our Theme song!

Play Theme Song Video.

Small Groups:

***Big Deal/Key Verse Review & Prayer Requests/Prayer Time**

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Elementary Leader Guide

September 28 – **The Warehouse 4th & 5th**

Monthly Theme: I Am Known

Today's "Big Deal" Theme Tie: God Knows Every Situation

Bible Story Reference: Jerusalem's Wall Was Rebuilt (Nehemiah 1–6)

**Previews of all videos listed below can be found on the Teacher Resource Page in the corresponding digital media folder.*

Arrival & Small Groups

Upon arrival children will go to their designated pod based on their grade level for small group connections time. Each “pod” will have a leader waiting for them to begin connections conversations to start the morning.

Small Group Leaders: Introduce yourself to families you don't know and use this time to welcome kids as they arrive.

Use these questions to help you get to know kids as they arrive. Ministry happens best through relationships. By spending this time with kids at the beginning, you will be able to make stronger connections as you begin teaching about how God knows them!

- *What was the best part of your week?*
- *What is one of your favorite movies?*
- *If you could choose between learning how to be an artist or learning how to build something, what would you choose?*
- *If you could make the ultimate ice-cream sundae, what would be on it?*
- *Would you rather jump as high as you can or swim underwater for as long as you can?*

Countdown Video/ Leader Welcome:

**Tweens arrive as countdown video begins.*

Play Countdown Video.

Script: Hello, everyone! I am _____, and I am so excited today! Ask, "Why?" (*Why?*) I am glad you asked! I am excited because we are going to discover some amazing things today, like the truth that we are known by God! Put your pointer finger in the air and show your best excited face as you say, "Aha!" in 3-2-1! (*Aha!*) Aha! I think we are ready for discovery!

Theme Song/Offering/Worship Song:

Between songs remind children of the purpose for giving an offering. Give them examples of ways the offering contributes to the church and community. Ask students if they know how else our giving reaches out. Then remind them that during the next worship song they can bring their offering forward and drop it into the basket.

**Tweens Leave After Worship Song*

Stage Game:

Game Rules:

1. Invite one player from each team to the front.
2. Display a slide, directing players to follow the command that matches the direction they think the train will go. Assign a point for each correct guess.
3. Encourage teams to cheer on their players.
4. Tally the points, and declare the winner.

Script: Let's get started with a fun game! This game is called "Chase the Train!" See that train? (*Point to the train on the screen.*) We are going to call a friend from each team to come to the front. (*Choose a player from each team.*) Let's see which direction the players think the train is going to go and then follow the train by seeing which direction it goes. We will have some different commands with each challenge, so listen closely and cheer on your teammates as they make their decisions. You can even call out which way you think the train is going to go. If you are ready to get started, let me hear your best train noise! (*Choo-choo!*)

Remember, listen closely and let me see the motion that matches where you think the train is going to go! All aboard because here we go!

Show Stage Game Slide 1.

Script: Do you think the train will go up or down? Hop back and forth from foot to foot if you think it will go up and jump up and down with both feet if you think it will go down. (*Allow kids to make their choices.*) Let's see where the train is going!

Show Stage Game Slide 2.

Script: Great job, everyone. If you chose down, then you were ... right! Let's try again!

Show Stage Game Slide 3.

Script: Will it go to the track that is up or to the track that is down? Wave your hands in the air if you think up and turn in a circle if you think down. (*Allow kids to make their choices.*) The train is going—

Show Stage Game Slide 4.

Script: Up! So, if you chose up, then you are correct! Great job! Let's see which way our train goes next!

Show Stage Game Slide 5.

Script: If you think the train will go up, clap your hands. If you think it will go down, stomp your feet. (*Allow kids to make their choices.*) The train is about to move!

Show Stage Game Slide 6.

Script: Up again?! Our train went up! Want to try just one more time?

Show Stage Game Slide 7.

Script: Last chance—up or down? Which way will our train go? Pump your left fist and say, "Choo Choo!" if you think it will go up and pump your right fist while saying, "Choo Choo!" if you think it will go down. (*Allow kids to make their choices.*) The correct answer is—

Show Stage Game Slide 8.

Script: Down! If you chose down, then great work! (*Tally the points.*) Our winner is/are the ____ Team(s)! Let's cheer for our players as they return to their seats. (*Allow time.*)

Was there any way to know for sure where the train was going? (*Allow responses.*) No! It was impossible to know what was going to happen next. You had to wait to see and if you were right. It was a fun aha moment. An *aha moment* is when you discover something amazing. Today we get to discover something amazing—the truth that we are known by God. Let me hear you say, “I am known!” (*I am known!*)

We are going to look in on a lab and see some cool scientists named Grace and Chase, who are ready to have an aha moment while they make an incredible scientific discovery! If you are ready for the “Aha! Science Show,” let me hear you say, “Aha!” (*Aha!*)

Show Main Idea Video.

Script: Everyone, burst your hands over head like a volcano and say, “Aha!” in 3-2-1! (*Aha!*) That volcano was so cool! We also learned that **God knows every situation**. No matter where we are or what is happening, God knows all about it! Let me hear you say, “**God knows every situation!**” (*God knows every situation!*)

Object Lesson:

Supplies:

Toy train 1 per group

Bible 1 per group

Script: Everyone, pump your arms next to your sides and pretend to be a train, rolling along slowly. (*Allow time.*) Keep going, but speed up your train! (*Allow time.*) Now slow down and stop. (*Allow time.*) When you are on a train, you cannot control where it is going. You are simply a passenger going wherever the train takes you. You fully trust that the conductor will drive the train, follow the tracks, and get you where you need to go. It is not helpful to worry about where you are going when you are on the train.

Sometimes life can be like that. We can be worried and stressed about certain situations, and we can feel like life is out of control and wish we were in the driver's seat, like the conductor.

But when we follow Jesus, we can trust that **God knows every situation**. That means He knows what is going on and where we are going, and we can trust Him to get us there. Say, "**God knows every situation!**" (*God knows every situation!*) We can trust that a train will get us where we are going, even when we are not driving. We can trust that God is the One who knows every situation, is directing every situation, and will be with us no matter what we are going through.

Bible Story Video:

Script: (*Open the Bible.*) We are going learn a Bible story from the book of Nehemiah (nee huh MIGH uh). Say, "Nehemiah!" (*Nehemiah!*) Nehemiah is a book in the Old Testament, which is the first part of the Bible. We will see that God will help His people know that He knows them, and He knows every situation. If you are ready for our Bible story, say, "I'm ready!" (*I'm ready!*)

Play Bible Story Video.

Make the Connection:

Script: That was a difficult situation! Nehemiah asked God for help, and God provided for him! Nehemiah had to do some bold things and even found himself in scary situations, but God was with him and helped him. In the end, Nehemiah was able to help rebuild the walls around Jerusalem! God knew what was happening and what was needed because **God knows every situation**. Say, "**God knows every situation!**" (*God knows every situation!*) This was a huge victory in Nehemiah's life, but this victory came from some hard situations. **God knows every situation** because He is the One who created everything and everyone.

(*Circle one*) In the beginning, God created everything perfect. God created people to know Him, love Him, and trust Him.

(*Circle two*) However, the first people sinned, meaning they chose to follow what they thought was best rather than follow what God says is best. Their sin led to the worst situation—a broken relationship with God. That brokenness led to brokenness in our world, including broken situations and broken relationships with other people. All

people sin and experience this brokenness. No matter how hard we might try and fix our situation ourselves, we can't. We need Someone who knows our situation and can rescue us.

(Circle three) The good news is, God knows our situation and how to repair it! God sent His Son, Jesus, to make the way for us to have a relationship with God. Jesus lived a perfect life and died on a cross, taking the punishment for sin. He came back to life on the third day, showing everyone that He is more powerful than sin and death. We can turn from sin, ask Jesus to forgive us, and commit to follow Him. Then, we can have a forever relationship with God!

This does not mean that every situation will be good and wonderful. But we can know that, no matter what is happening, God is with us. He loves us, guides us, and helps us follow Him in every situation and circumstance. Look at your neighbor, and say, **"God knows every situation" (God knows every situation!)** If you have questions or are interested in talking to someone about what it means to follow Jesus and have this relationship with God, please talk to me or one of your leaders.

Team Game:

Kids will play a game like "20 questions," but with only 10 questions and only certain categories.

Big Goal: Kids will learn that God knows our situations.

Leader Prep: Print and cut apart the "10 Question Switch" printable. Fold each slip and place the words in the box or bin.

Supplies:

"10 Question Switch" printable 1 per group

Adult scissors 1 per group

Box or bin 1 per group

Script: Let's play a game! Do you like asking questions? I sure do! We all know how to ask questions, and that is how we are going to figure out our hidden word. In this game, we are going to ask questions and make guesses to figure out the word.

First, I will pick someone to be *It*. The *It* player will pull a slip of paper from my box and prepare to answer questions about that word. Then, one at a time our team will ask yes-or-no questions

about the word. We will get to ask 10 questions. Questions can be things like, “Is it living?” or “Does it bark?” and *It* will answer the question with a simple yes or a no. As a group, we have only three guesses to figure out the mystery word, so do not guess until you are ready! How many guesses do you have? (*Three!*) Yes, only three! So, talk to your team! If you are ready, let me hear you say, “Let’s guess!” (*Let’s guess!*)

What a fun time! I loved watching you all guess the questions and figure out the words. Was it difficult figuring out the words? It can be hard to play a guessing game like this. But we never have to worry about God guessing when it comes to our lives and situations. God knows us, meaning He knows our situations too! He cares for us, and He knows exactly what we need.

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Script: Our Theme verse reminds us that God knows us because He sees our hearts—the thoughts and feelings we have on the inside. He not only knows us, but He knows our situations too. Let’s learn our Theme verse together!

Play Theme Verse Video.

Script: No matter what anyone may see on the outside, God knows what is really going on inside us. No matter what our situations make us think or feel, **God knows every situation**, and He knows what is in our hearts. We are known, and we are loved! Say, “I am known!” (*I am known!*)

Theme Song:

Script: God knows us, and He knows our situations. Let’s celebrate that truth by singing our Theme song!

Play Theme Song Video.

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