**Lesson Plan**

 Sept. 28, 2025

### God Knows Me— God Knows Everything that Happens

**Bible Story:** Jerusalem’s Wall Was Rebuilt (Nehemiah 1–6)

**Theme Verse:** “The LORD sees the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7c)

**Pre-Service:** TeachersChoose Playlister and start the preservice slide with music

**Co-Teacher/Volunteers: Arrival time, please use either one of these options as kids arrive for the morning to build relationships with kids and encourage them to build relationships with one another.**

**Option 1:** Hide an item in the room and give kids clues like, “Look up to find the ball or toy,” “Look down at the floor to find the ball or toy,” or “Look around the tables for the ball or toy.” Once the item is found, invite everyone to cover their eyes while the item is hidden again.

**Option 2: Coloring Sheet**

##### **Leader Tip: Announce a 2-to-3-minute signal before asking them to clean up their toys. Giving your group a mental head start will begin to cue their minds for what is next.**

##### **Clean-up time:**

##### **What to do:** Teacher play clean- up song, encouraging all kids to help get things put away and ready for service.

**Service**

**Teacher Opener:** Welcome! My name is \_\_\_\_, and I am so glad to see you today. Choose a movie from playlister.

**Small Group Time:**

**Option #1:** Preschoolers will create a lacing shoe craft.

**Big Goal:**Remember the Super Clue.

**Leader Prep:**Print“Lace The Shoe” printables on cardstock, one per child. Cut out shoes and punch out holes as noted. Cut yarn in 1-foot lengths, one per child. Lace the yarn up through the bottom hole and tape the end of the yarn to the back of the shoe.

**Craft Instructions:**

1. **Before the session, print “Lace The Shoe” printables on cardstock, one per child. Cut out shoes and punch out holes as noted. Cut yarn in 1-foot lengths, one per child. Lace the yarn up through the bottom hole and tape the end of the yarn to the back of the shoe.**
2. **Distribute a lacing card to each child. Demonstrate how to lace the shoes with the yarn.**
3. **Assist each preschooler in lacing the shoe if needed.**
4. **Encourage preschoolers to decorate their shoes when they are finished lacing.**

**What To Do:** We are going to make a lacing card of our Super Clue, an untied shoe. What is our Super Clue? (An untied shoe!) Good! For our craft, I will give you a paper shoe that already has a piece of yarn attached to it. You are going to lace the yarn in and out of the other holes to make it look like shoelaces. We can tape the extra yarn to the back of your shoe. When you finish lacing, you can decorate your shoe however you would like. Are you ready to get started?

**Loud And Clear:**Way to go lacing and decorating your shoes! Let’s tell our friends, “Great job!” Ready? 3-2-1 (Great job!) While you were decorating your shoes, did you see the words on the bottom of it? The words are ***God knows everything that happens.*** Learning to tie our shoes can be hard. God knows when we do hard things. He knows us, and He knows everything that happens to us. When we are upset or want to give up, we can remember that God knows us. **God knows everything that happens,** and He is here to help us.

**Option 2:** Preschoolers will hopscotch while practicing the Theme Verse.

**Big Goal:**Review the Theme verse.

**Leader Prep:**Print and cut out “Hopscotch Theme Verse” printables on cardstock, one per group. Create a six-square hopscotch grid on the floor using painter’s tape. Tape one word of the verse printable in each square.

**What To Do:**Do you see the boxes on the floor? (Allow responses.) That is called a hopscotch grid. Let’s say, “Hopscotch.” (Hopscotch!) Great job! Are you all ready to play hopscotch while we review our Theme verse? This is going to be super fun! Let’s practice our Theme verse all together. I’ll say it first, and you can say it after me. Ready?

The Lord sees the heart. (The Lord sees the heart.)

1 Samuel 16:7c (1 Samuel 16:7c)

Look at the floor, and you will see our hopscotch grid. Each part of the grid has a part of our Theme verse taped down in it. I will show you how I can hop on each square and say one word of the Theme verse. Where there are two boxes next to each other you can put one foot in each box. Where there is only one box, you will put one foot in the box. (Model for preschoolers.) We will line up by the hopscotch grid and take turns hopping through and saying our Theme verse together. Are you ready to try it?

**Loud And Clear:**Wow! You are great at hopscotch and at remembering our Theme verse. God knows each of you. He does not just see what you look like on the outside—He sees your heart, what you feel and think. God knows you and loves you.

**Close out in prayer:**

WHAT TO DO

* Ask for any specific prayer requests
* Pray with the group
* Lead the group in the prayer below.

**WHAT YOU SAY:** God, thank You so much that You know everything that happens. Thank You for knowing when we need help. Thank You for knowing us and helping us. Amen.

**Closing:**

**Leader Tip:** Work with your Teacher to dismiss the kids in a fun, manageable, and safe way. As kids leave, make sure they have all of the crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.