

# I am Meant to Know God Kindergarten - 5th grade

Bible Passage: Abraham's Three Visitors - Genesis 18; 21:1-7

Bottom Line: I can talk to God

**Leader Context**: We have the chance today to teach kids that they can talk with God. In Genesis 18, Abraham has a conversation with God, and he and his wife, Sarah, learn that nothing is impossible with God. (Read Genesis 18:13-14.) Let's teach kids that they can talk with God anytime and anyplace, like the incredible friend He is. We can talk with God and know that He listens and responds.

**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.

#### Games and Music (10 minutes)

What You Need: Instruction Page, Game Sets, Roku Game Instruction Page, "Allergy Alert" printable (1 per group), Balloon (1 per group), Masking or painter's tape (1 per group), Markers (1 per group), consider using a pool noodle for those with latex allergies, "Choose a Path Game" on Roku

#### 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."

### **Bible Story Video (10 minutes)**

#### **Bible Story Recap- Say This**

That story was wild! What seemed impossible was totally possible with God. Abraham talked with God like he was talking with a friend. It is through a relationship with God that Abraham got to know God and trust Him.

You are meant to know God. You can have a relationship with Him, like Abraham and Sarah did. Point to yourself and say, "I am meant to know God!" (I am meant to know God!) That's right. You can have conversations with Him and spend time with Him. Point to yourself again, and say, "I can talk with God!" (I can talk with God!)

**Gospel Connection:** (refer to the 4 Circles poster in your small group spaces)

(Circle one) In the very beginning, God made the first people, and He had a great relationship with them. He walked with them in the garden and talked with them, and they knew Him. When God designed people, He designed us to be in relationship with Him, and God's design was good and perfect. People could have a close relationship with Him and talk to Him.

(Circle two) When sin entered the world, it broke our relationship with God. Sin is when we choose to do what we think is best rather than follow what God says is best. This brokenness causes a separation between us and God. Instead of knowing God, trusting Him, and being close to Him, we trust ourselves and go our own way. No matter how hard we try, we can't fix this broken relationship on our own. We need someone to rescue us and fix what is broken.

(Circle three) But there is good news! God sent His only Son, Jesus, to die on a cross for us. Jesus lived a perfect life, died to take punishment we deserved, and then came back to life three days later. Jesus defeated sin and death so we could have a right relationship with God.

(Circle four) Through Jesus, we can have a forever relationship with God. We can talk with God and follow Him like Abraham did. Point to yourself and say, "I can talk with God!" (I can talk with God!)

When we turn away from sin and trust Jesus—and not ourselves and our own plans—we learn just how good and kind God is. He cares deeply for us and wants a relationship with us. A relationship involves spending time together and talking. If you want to know more or have questions about trusting Jesus, talk with me or your Campus Leader.

God made us to know Him and have a relationship with Him! Say, "I am meant to know God!" (I am meant to know God!) And we can talk to Him anytime. Say, "I can talk with God!" (I can talk with God!) We can be on vacation and talk to God. We can be in school and talk to God. He is always available. We can know God listens when we talk to Him, just like He listened to Abraham.

How awesome is it that we can talk to the God who created everything? Say, "So awesome!" (So awesome!) You and I are meant to know God. We can know God by having conversations with Him. Say, "I can talk with God!" (I can talk with God!) Let's pray and talk to God right now. Let's pray in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to fix our brokenness. Thank You that when we have a relationship with You, we can know You, trust You, and follow You. Help us to talk with you every day. Amen.

#### Five Prayer Sticks — Craft

Big Goal: Brainstorm people and ideas to talk about with God.

Leader Prep: Make a sample craft. Set out supplies.

- 1. Color one stick red. On the Prayer Stick Menu draw or write someone to pray for and talk about with God in the red box.
- 2.Color another stick blue. On the Prayer Stick Menu draw or write something that deserves thanks and gratitude in the blue box.
- 3. Color another stick orange. On the Prayer Stick Menu draw or write something in life that is exciting and good in the orange box.
- 4. Color stick number 4 green. On the Prayer Stick Menu draw or write something that is causing nervousness or anxiety in the green box.
- 5. Color the last stick your favorite color. On the Prayer Stick Menu raw or write someone who needs encouragement in the blank box. Trace the box with your favorite color.
- 6. Place all the sticks in a ziptop bag and staple the Prayer Stick Menu to the bag.

**Supplies:** Prayer Stick Menu (1 per child), Pencils (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Tape (1 per group), Craft sticks (5 per child), Markers (Need red, blue, green, orange for every kid to use and then an assortment of other colors to choose from) Ziptop bags (1 per kid), stapler and staples (1 per group)

What To Do: Today we discovered we can pray and talk with God. Say, "I can talk with God!" (I can talk with God!) Let's make something to help us remember this truth at home.

We are going to color the craft sticks and then make a "Menu" to help us know what each color represents. We will have to take turns sharing all the markers, so please be patient while you wait for your turn to color with the red, blue, orange and green markers. See the Leader Prep for instructions for each stick and menu item.

Draw or write someone or something in each box on your menu. Write or draw someone to pray for and talk about with God in the red box. This could be someone who is sick, sad, confused, or in need of God's help. In the blue box, draw or write something that you are so glad is in your life, and you want to tell God, "Thank You!" Write or draw something in your life that makes you excited in the orange box. In the green box, write or draw something that is making you feel nervous or worried. Finally in the blank box, write or draw someone you want to encourage. Then trace the box with your favorite color.

Once you finish writing, you will place the sticks in a ziptop bag and staple the bag to the menu so you can take it home to practice these prayers.

**Keep It Going:** Name something else you can talk to God about that we did not write or draw.

**Loud And Clear:** You wrote down several things we can talk to God about. You can talk with God about good things, hard things, and everything in between. Repeat after me: "I can talk to God!" (I can talk to God!) You were made for a relationship with God. You were made to know Him and talk with Him.

Let's chat about this more by looking at some questions that make us think deeper.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Who are some people who know you best? Why do you think they know you so well? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)
- The Bible tells us we are meant to know God and talk with Him. Let's open our Bibles to Genesis 18:13-14 and read about it together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) God and Abraham had a conversation filled with questions and answers. God desires to have a relationship with us. We were made to know God, and we can by talking with Him. What are some things you can talk with God about? (Allow time for response.)
- Why do you think we choose to trust in our own plans instead of God's plan? (Because we like to be in control, and we don't always trust God.) What can happen when we talk with God and trust His plan? (We get to experience His best for our lives.)
- How could today's Bible story help you or a friend know who you can talk to and trust? (We see that God keeps His promises and can be trusted.)
- The Bible tells us we can talk to God, like Abraham did. We do not have to wait in line to talk to God. He is ready to listen to us. He wants a relationship with us. What is something encouraging you will remember from today? Is there anything you have questions about? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)

Abraham talked with God, and God talked with Abraham. This shows us that we can talk with God, like Abraham did. When we talk with God, we get to know Him. You and I were made to know God. Repeat after me: "I am meant to know God!" (I am meant to know God!)

## **Going Home**

Pass out the coloring pages for kids to take home. Greet families as they arrive and tell them something about their child you saw today. Say goodbye and call everyone by name.