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I Am Known **Elementary Leader Guide** 



the place for kids to take their first steps with jesus.

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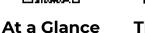
Kids will learn from the story of Job that they are never alone or unseen in their hurts. God sees them, knows every hurt, and loves them through everything.

**BIBLE-** God Spoke with Job- Job 1-42

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**Gospel Page** 



**Leader Devos** 

The first 10 minutes as kids arrive is a very important time in your small group. Because of this, we provide you with intentional activities to engage their interests and help lead into a great discussion. All of this is so that "boredom" is not an excuse. Everything is only available one time. Every week you have:

- Roku Games to play together that are changed out monthly.
- 2 month specific games or group activities.
- Plus 2 Social Activities. \*\* Use one now and save the other for an incentive to participate in all the activities.

## 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."

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

# **Bible Story Recap- Say This**

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?

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

(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) Adam and Eve disobeyed God, and ever since then, everyone has sinned too. Sin hurts us, hurts others, and leaves us broken—we all need help we can't give ourselves.

(Circle three) God loved Adam and Eve even after they sinned, and He loves us too. He sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin, and when Jesus rose again, He made a way for us to be forgiven and have a forever friendship with God!

(Circle four) Having a relationship with God doesn't mean life will always be easy, because the world is still broken. But while we wait for Jesus to come back, we can remember that God knows every hurt and is always with us.

Talk to a leader if you want to know more about following Jesus!

God knows us. **God knows every hurt** that we have ever experienced, and He's been with us through it all. No matter what we face in life, we can trust that God is with us, and He loves and cares about anything we go through. Say, **"God knows every hurt."** (**God knows every hurt.)** We can turn to Him and remind ourselves that He is always there. Let's pray by talking to God in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for the truth that You know us, and that You know every hurt that we experience. Even when we feel like no one else knows what we are feeling or going through, You do. Help us remember that You know us, love us, and see our hurt. Amen.

### **No Matter What Spirals**

Kids will create spirals with chaotic patterns and a Bible verse.

**Big Goal:** Kids will see that God knew and cared for the hurt in Job's life and He cares in ours as well.

**Leader Prep:** Cut yarn into 12-inch pieces. Set out supplies. Create an example of the craft ahead of time.

- 1. Draw four lines crossing on a paper plate, separating it into eight sections.
- 2. Decorate each section with a different color and pattern, such as triangles, spirals, zigzags, and so forth.
- 3. Cut a spiral shape into the paper plate, starting at the edge and cutting in a circular shape, moving inward.
- 4. Write the words of Job 42:2 on the back of the plate, following along the spiral cut.
- 5. Punch a hole in the center piece of the plate, and attach a piece of yarn for hanging.

**Supplies:** Paper plates (1 per child), Crayons or markers (several), Pencils (1 per child), 12-inch yarn pieces (1 per child), Bibles (1 per child), Single hole punch (1 per group), "No Matter What Spirals Example" printable (1 per group; optional)

What To Do: In our Bible story today, Job experienced a lot of hurt. Things started out well, then got really difficult, and then ended well. Through it all, we see that **God knows every hurt.** Job proclaimed his trust in God to his friends and God Himself. Let's create reminders of that awesome truth—**God knows every hurt,** and He is with us no matter what.

First, take your pencil and create two Xs on your paper plate, dividing it into eight equal sections—kind of like a pizza. After you draw your lines, decorate each section with a different color and repeating pattern. You can make a bunch of triangles, spirals, zigzags, or whatever you want. (Allow time.)

Now it's time to make our plates into spirals! Starting at the edge of your plate, start cutting in and around, making a spiral. Don't let your scissors connect with a place you have already cut. (Allow time.)

Now, find Job 42:2 in your Bibles. Write out that Bible verse on the back of your plate, following along the spiral cut. As you work on that, I will come around and hole punch the middle of your spiral. Then you can add in a piece of yarn so you can hang your craft at home.

**Leader Tip:** Assist kids with finding the Bible passage.

**Loud And Clear:** Those are some crazy cool spirals. The colorful patterns remind us of the different things that can happen in our lives—good, bad, helpful, and hurtful. The Bible verse on the back helps us remember that God knows our hurts, and He can do all things. He rescues us from sin through Jesus and invites us to follow Him, turning to Him no matter what.

(While kids are completing this activity it would be a good time to talk through the discussion questions so they know why remembering Jesus is the only way is important.)

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

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- What is something you could invent that would help keep people from getting hurt? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)
- The Bible tells us that we are known by God. Let's open our Bibles to **Job 42:1-2** and read it aloud together. (Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read these verses aloud, or invite a kid who volunteers to read these verses aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.) Job was going through a really hard time. What do you think was the hardest part for Job to talk about with God? Do you find it hard to go to God in hard times? (Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)
- Job trusted God through some very difficult times, but Job knew God can do all things. How can you remind yourself that God can do all things, including saving us from our sin? (Answers will vary but may include we can recall or write out some things He did for people in the Bible, remember that He knows us and loves us, pray by talking to and listening to God, and so forth.)
- Sometimes it can feel like no one cares about the hurt and the hard things that we go through. How can you remind yourself that God cares about these things and remind yourself to bring them to God? (Answers will vary but may include prayer, writing it down, telling friends to remind you, and so forth.)
- The Bible tells us that we are known by God, and **God knows every hurt.** We can have an aha moment when we realize that **God knows every hurt,** and He is always 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.) Let's pray and talk to God. (Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)

God, thank You for loving us the way You do. Thank You for sending Jesus to heal the ultimate hurt in our lives—separation from You. Help us to remember that You know every hurt, and You care for and love us through each and every one. Amen.

What an aha truth that we are known! We have a God who knows us, loves us, and cares for us. No matter what we go through or what hurts we experience, we can trust that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins.

# **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.