



Elementary
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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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God knows every situation—including yours—and He is always at work, no matter what. The best news is that God knows our situation and gave us what we need most—Jesus.

BIBLE- *Jerusalem's Wall was Rebuilt- Nehemiah 1-6*

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At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



Leader Devos

SOCIAL TIME

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, beach ball (1 per group inflated), Chase the Train Video for 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 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.

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

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

(Circle two) The first people sinned by choosing their way instead of God’s, and that broke their relationship with Him. Now we all experience brokenness too, and we can’t fix it on our own—we need Someone who knows our hurt and can rescue us.

(Circle three) The good news is that God knows our brokenness and sent Jesus to fix it! Jesus died for our sins and came back to life, and when we believe in Him for life, we can have a forever friendship with God.

(Circle four) 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!)*

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

We have discovered so much today! Say, “Aha!” *(Aha!)* How great to discover that God knows us, even when we walk through really hard and confusing situations. We can trust and know that God is with us and that He cares for our needs. Repeat after me: “I am known!” *(I am known!)* **“God knows every situation!” (God knows every situation!)** Let’s pray and talk to God in 3-2-1.

God, we love You and are so grateful for how much You love us. Thank You for sending Jesus to rescue us from our sin situation. Help us remember the truth that we are known by You and that You are with us in each and every situation. Amen.

Book Mark Test

Kids will make a bookmark to help them learn the verse.

Big Goal: Kids will create a reminder that God sees them.

Leader Prep: Print copies of the “Bookmark Test printable,” providing enough bookmarks for each kid. Cut yarn into 6-inch pieces, 1 piece per kid. Set out supplies.

1. Cut out their bookmark printable.
2. Cut a small rectangle that is the same size and shape of the bookmark.
3. Glue the bookmark onto the rectangle.
4. Punch a hole through the top.
5. Loop and tie the yarn through the hole.
6. Decorate the bookmark.

Supplies: “Bookmark Test” printable (1 per child), Construction paper (1 per child), Yarn (1 per group), Markers or crayons (several), Glue sticks (1 per child), Single hole punch (1 per group)

What To Do: I am so excited to make this craft with you! We are going to make a bookmark with our Theme verse on it. First, grab a piece of construction paper, and cut it to be the exact shape as our bookmark. You will glue your bookmark on top of the paper rectangle. This will make our Theme verse bookmark stronger! *(Allow time.)*

Now, let’s punch a hole in the top of our bookmarks (through both paper layers), and attach a string to the end. Let’s use our bookmarks help us learn the Theme verse together! *(Allow time for kids to complete the craft.)*

These look awesome! Let’s pair up and use these bookmarks to practice our verse. Try covering up some of the words and saying the verse with a friend.

Keep It Going: Allow kids to switch and work with different friends to practice the Theme verse together.

Loud And Clear: I love how this verse reminds us that God sees our hearts. We are known by God, meaning that He sees us, knows us, and loves us. In every situation we find ourselves in, we can trust that God is with us and for us.

(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.

TALK ABOUT IT

Discussion Questions:

- What are some good and not-so-good situations kids your age face? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are known by God, and we are learning that **God knows every situation**. Let's open our Bibles to **Nehemiah 2:19-20** 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.)* Nehemiah gives a strong response to the people questioning him. How would it have helped you if you were in their shoes and you heard the words of Nehemiah? *(Answers will vary but may include frustrated, angry, hurt, and so forth.)*
- We all walk through tough situations, whether at school or at home. When we face hard things—big or small—how can we ask God for help? *(We can recall our Theme verse, we can remember how God promises He will never leave us, we can remember the story of Nehemiah and his example, and so forth.)*
- When you get worried about your situation, who do you turn to? *(Allow responses.)* Why is it a good idea to make sure God is on that list? *(Answers will vary.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are known by God and that **God knows every situation**. We have the great aha moment today of knowing that no matter what we face, God knows and is with us. What is something encouraging you will remember from today?

WRAP UP

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 the truth we learn in the Bible that You know us, and You know every situation. Help us to live out this truth this week and remember that whenever we are feeling scared, lonely, or unseen, we can trust that You see, know, and love us, we can trust You. Amen.

Just like God knew Nehemiah in our story, God knows us too! We are known by God—what an incredible truth! We can be thankful that God knew our need and sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sin so that we can have a forever relationship with 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.