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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 can know that God knows every single, tiny detail about them. God sees them and He loves them!

BIBLE- *Samuel Anointed David- 1 Samuel 16:1-13*

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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, Paper clips (1 per child), Plastic spoons (1 per child), Colorful tape (2 per group; optional), Blindfolds (2 per group; optional), 2 tennis balls per group

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

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.

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

(*Circle two*) Sometimes we believe things we see or feel, even if they're not true, and we try to go our own way instead of following God. That's called sin—when we do what we think is best instead of what God says is best—and it breaks our friendship with Him, and we can't fix it by ourselves.

(*Circle one*) God made a perfect world and created people to live with Him, but sin came when Adam and Eve chose their way instead of God's. Even then, God didn't leave His people—He already had a plan to forgive sin and make a way for us to be with Him forever.

(*Circle three*) God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect life and take the punishment for our sin by dying on the cross—but He came back to life to show He is stronger than sin and death! Jesus did this because He loves us so much, and God knows every detail about us.

(*Circle four*) Everyone sins, but God loves us and made a way for us to be forgiven through Jesus. When we turn away from sin, believe in Jesus, and ask Him to forgive us, He will—and we can always come to Him when we mess up.

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

Let's remember that we are known by God! Look to a neighbor, and say, "I am known!" (*I am known!*) That's right! **God knows every detail**, and He knows, sees, and loves us. Say, **"God knows every detail!"** (*God knows every detail!*) Let's pray and talk with God in 3-2-1.

God, thank You for knowing us and loving us. Help us always remember that You know every detail, and You love us enough to provide the way to have a relationship with You. Thank You for sending us Jesus, and thank You for being with us. Amen.

Caricature Masterpiece

Kids will create caricatures of themselves and show their masterpieces after a select time.

Big Goal: Learn that we do not have to look a certain way or receive attention from others because God sees, knows, and loves us.

Leader Tip: Prepare an age-appropriate example of a caricature on your phone or print an example ahead of time to give kids an example.

Leader Prep: Set out supplies.

1. Using the Printable, fill in the sunglasses OR Draw a picture of a teammate wearing a large pair of sunglasses.
2. Decorate the inside of the sunglasses to be what the teammate is “viewing.”
3. Write *I am known by God* on the top or bottom of the picture your teammate drew.

Supplies: Construction paper (1 per child), Markers or crayons (several), Caricature Masterpiece Printable (1 for each kid - there are boy and girl printables) “Caricature Masterpiece Example” printable (1 per group; optional)

What To Do: All right, friends! Let’s do an activity together! Has anyone ever heard of a *caricature*? A *caricature* is a drawing that someone does of your face in a very fun, cartoon style of art! We are going to make caricatures of ourselves today. The goal of caricatures is to be a fun or a funny picture of yourself, so we are going to have fun with these! First, find a friend, and pair up! *(Allow kids to pair up with a friend.)*

Now, let’s get started on our drawing. Start with the outline of your teammate, including hair. After you have finished that, draw your friend wearing a pair of large sunglasses! Then, finish the details of your friend’s face. *(Allow kids time to complete this step. For younger kids use the pre-printed face outline and have them draw in the sunglasses)*

Look to your neighbor, and say, “It’s time to become an artist!” *(It’s time to become an artist!)* Now that you have your portrait finished, let’s fill in those sunglasses. I want to see you create what your friend is looking at, reflected in the sunglasses. *(Allow time to complete.)*

Now, give your picture to your teammate. Once you get the picture of yourself, write *I am known by God* on the top or bottom. *(Allow time.)*

Leader Tip: Encourage the kids to have fun with this activity by walking around and sparking creativity. Portraits do not have to be exact and can even be funny. Closely monitor the drawings, ensuring portraits are fun, and not offensive or inappropriate.

Loud And Clear: Wow! What a fun activity! Show your caricatures to your neighbor. These look great! It is fun to draw funny pictures of our outward appearances sometimes. Our outward appearance is what people see, and a lot of times, people can judge us based on our outward appearance. But what did we learn from our story today? *(Allow response.)* Who judges us based on our inward appearance? *(God!)* That’s right! God sees our inside appearance—our hearts—and He knows the real 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 inventions and technology you think are super cool? How well do you think those inventors know their inventions? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are known, and that **God knows every detail** about us. Let's open our Bibles to **1 Samuel 16:6-7** 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.)* Samuel was looking for the next king based on outward appearance, but God was looking for the next king based on the person's heart. What is the difference between looking at someone's outward appearance and looking at someone's heart? *(Allow kids to respond.)* How can it impact you to know that **God knows every detail** about you, even when other people do not? *(Allow kids to answer, and share your own answer.)*
- David did not do anything special for God to see him. David simply loved God and lived to follow Him. God saw and knew David's heart. God see us, knows us, and loves us too. Because of Jesus, God forgives us when we sin. When we believe in Jesus and trust Him with our lives, we can admit when we sin and ask God for forgiveness. How does knowing this influence how you think about God? What does it mean about God that He chooses to celebrate the good and forgive the bad in our lives? *(Answers will vary but may include how we can have a closeness with God because He knows our hearts, and He chooses to love us anyway.)*
- Sometimes we can feel invisible. How can today's Bible story help when we feel that way? *(We can remember that we are known by God; we can know that **God knows every detail** about us; we can know that God sees our hearts, and He loves us.)*
- The Bible tells us that we are known by God, who knows every detail about our lives. We have no reason to "perform" or put on an act for God when He already knows every detail. God knows, sees, and loves us anyway. What is something encouraging you will remember from today?
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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 helping us learn about how You know every detail about us, and how much You love and care about us. Nothing in our lives is hidden from You. Remind us of this truth whenever we might forget that You care for us. Amen.

Remember that you are known by God. Place your hands on your chest, and say that with me, "I am known!" Being known by God is an incredible truth when we forget how much He loves us! I hope you remember that truth as you leave today!

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.