

# SUBSCRIBE NOW

WEEK 3

## BIG IDEA

Jesus knows us.

## BIBLE

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael:  
John 1:43-51; (Psalm 139:1-6. 13-18)

## LARGE GROUP TIME

## WHAT?

### MUSIC | YouTube Praise ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Cue the following songs for the kids to sing along to.
  - ["You Know Me"](#) by Hillsong Kids
  - ["One in a Million"](#) by Elevation Kidz

### ACTIVITY | Know-It-All Page ▲

- Nowadays, you can find almost anything or anyone online. You can see what famous people are up to on their social media pages. You can find out any information you want to know with just a few keywords and mouse clicks. So the internet might be a "know-it-all" . . . but how much do you know?
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Before the kids arrive, list several different categories — such as types of animals, vegetables, etc. — on small sheets of paper. Place the paper inside a bowl. Ask a kid or a leader to come up to the front and pick a category. Then, take turns naming something from that category until the timer goes off. If something they say does not fit the category or they repeat a word, they lose!

Great job showing us how much you know, everyone! But let me ask you this — **just because you know facts about someone, does that mean you**

**actually *know* them?** Not always. We can know things *about* people without knowing them very well, or at all.

- Today we are going to talk about what it means to really know someone and also, for someone to really know us!

### POLL | Post a Poll ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Show the questions on the screen. Tell the kids to do a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" based on their answers to the questions.*
- **Do you have the Messenger Kids app?**
- **Do you have your own electronic device at home?**
- **Do you know the meaning of your name?**
- **Do your parents know your favorite subject in school?**
- **Does your teacher at school know your last name?**
- **Do you know that someone knows and cares for you?**

## SO WHAT?

### SCRIPTURE | John 1:43-51 ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Look up John 1:43-51 in your Bible and encourage the kids to do the same. Read it together or summarize the story.*
- While Jesus was about to leave town, Phillip, a follower of Jesus, was so excited about Jesus that he told one of his friends, Nathanael, all about Jesus.
- Phillip told Nathanael that Jesus was the Savior they had been waiting for. And even though Nathanael was nervous, he decided to go meet Jesus for himself.
- **Do you think Phillip was a good friend for inviting Nathanael?**
- Before Nathanael even said a word, Jesus greeted him like an old friend and mentioned things about Nathanael that only Nathanael would know. Jesus said he saw Nathanael under a tree before Phillip went to talk to him.
- **How do you think Jesus knew this?**
- We don't know if Jesus actually saw Nathanael, and we're not even sure if Jesus is even talking about the same day. But we do know Nathanael is very surprised to hear this from Jesus.
- There was no internet back then, so Jesus couldn't have looked up facts about Nathanael, used satellite images, or anything like that. Nathanael



knew the only way Jesus knew so much about him was that he had to be the Son of God, and the Savior everyone had been waiting for and talking about.

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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's [teaching video](#).*

QUESTION | What Does It Mean to be A Friend?



- Let's say someone sent you a friend request on a social media platform like Messenger Kids or Instagram. It says so-and-so wants to be your friend.
- **What are some reasons why you would "accept" the request?**
- **What are some reasons you might "ignore" the request?**
- We can make friends so easily online these days that we often forget what it means to be a good friend. Let's think together – **what does it mean to be a good friend?**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give examples from your own experience of what it means to be a good friend. They can be things like . . .*
  - Someone who you have fun with.
  - Someone who is nice to you.
  - Someone you get along with.
  - Someone who wants what's best for you.
  - Someone who knows you.
  - Someone who is safe to talk to.
  - Someone who teaches you things you didn't know.
- Let's go over our list. Based on what we discussed, **is Jesus a good friend?**

## NOW WHAT?

### ACTIVITY | God Knows Me Mirror ▲

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Decorate handheld mirrors with fun stickers and pompoms. Then, with letter stickers or markers, write, "Jesus knows me!" on top of the mirror.*
- **Do you like looking at your reflection?**
- Look into your mirror and carefully examine your face. God made each feature on your face on purpose. Our world has different standards for what they think makes someone attractive, but know this – each of you are unquestionably beautiful because you are God's creation.
- Keep your mirror with you and remember that Jesus doesn't just know you. He knows all about you and loves you so much.

### REFLECTION | Privacy Setting ▲

- On Facebook Messenger Kids, there is a privacy setting that allows our parents to look at all the friends who want to talk to us online. This is there so kids are safe and it allows adults to keep things private from strangers.
- Close your eyes and think about something you have never told anyone, or something only very few people know.
- Jesus knows that secret. Jesus knows when you feel pain or when you are sad. Jesus knows when you feel happy or when you are confused. Jesus knows everything that has happened to you and can see your future, too. Jesus knows everything!
- You can trust Jesus because **Jesus knows you.**

### PRAYER ▲

- Dear God, I am so glad I can turn to you when it seems no one else would understand. Thank you always having known me and being such a good friend to me. Please show me how I can be a good friend to others. Amen.

## SMALL GROUP TIME

### DISCUSSION ▲

- **Who invited Nathanael to meet Jesus?**
- **What did Phillip tell Nathanael to do when he was suspicious about Jesus?**
- **Why was Nathanael amazed by Jesus?**
- **Read Psalm 139:2. What does this verse say about how much Jesus knows us?**
- **How does it make you feel knowing Jesus knows you so well?**
- **Can you trust God more now knowing that God knows so much about you?**
- **Phillip told Nathanael about Jesus. Who is someone you can tell about Jesus?**