

Lesson 59: Jesus Surprises Nathanael

[John 1:43-51](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/kv3wj79aRig>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/pTuz1mCXcR4>

Worship Theme: Jesus knows all about us.

Memory Verse: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. (Ps. 139:1)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>
2. Jesus Is the Lord <https://youtu.be/I-PzUIJ0MVo>
3. He Is Lord <https://youtu.be/JWTOzAqGcyl>

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "What Am I Doing?"

Materials Needed: Papers, Pen



1. Prepare papers with words written on them for the children to act out. (smile, cry, laugh, ride moto, climb the tree, eat, sleep, drink, swim, etc.)
2. Divide the children into two groups.
3. Ask a child from each group to come up and pick a paper. They need to act out the word they picked, and the group members have to guess the word. Each group has 1 minute to guess as many words as possible.
4. The group with more words correct will win the game.

Introduction:

How would you feel if you meet someone who knows everything about you? Would you be happy? Scared? Angry? After Jesus got baptized by John the Baptist, Jesus started his ministry by teaching, preaching, and healing. He surprised many people because he knew everything about everyone. He knew everyone who was rich, poor, powerful, powerless, old, or young. Let's learn about a time when Jesus surprised a man by knowing not only his name but also what he was thinking about.

Bible Story:

One day, Jesus called Philip to follow him. Philip knew immediately that this must be the Messiah! When Philip told Nathanael that he had found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and about whom the prophets also wrote, Nathanael didn't believe it. He couldn't believe that the Messiah would come from Nazareth because there was no mention of the Messiah coming from Nazareth in the Old Testament. John 1:46 says, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. 'Come and see,' said Philip."

When Jesus saw Nathanael approach, he pointed out that Nathanael was a man in whom there was nothing false. Nathanael was surprised. He asked Jesus how he knew him. Jesus said in reply, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." After hearing this, Nathanael knew that Jesus really knew everything about him, even when he was far away from Jesus. In John 1:49, it says, "Then Nathanael declared, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.'"

Jesus does not only know your name. He knows everything about you. You may think that you're not important and that Jesus may not know you. But you are very important to Jesus because he created you. The bible says that he knew you before you were formed in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-16). He knows when you sit and when you rise and before a word is on your tongue he knows what you are thinking (Psalm

139:2-3). He sees through you and he knows the number of hairs on your head too (Luke 12:7).

Even when you cannot feel God's presence or love, God is always there with you and loves you. This means that you can always turn to Jesus for help because he knows you. It also means that you can be sure Jesus will guide you in the right direction. Believe that Jesus who knows everything about you has a special plan for you!

Questions to discuss:

1. Who told Nathanael about Jesus? (Philip)
2. What made Nathanael believe in Jesus? (Jesus said he saw him when he was sitting under a tree before Philip called him)
3. What does Jesus know about you? (everything)

Game: "Left and Right"

1. Have the children stand in a line. The children have to follow the teacher's commands
2. The teacher will say "Jump one step to the right" "Jump one step to the left" "Jump one step to the front" or "Jump one step to the back."
3. After playing this for a while, the children will now have to do the opposite of what the teacher commands. For example, if the teacher says, "Jump one step to the right," the children have to jump one step to the left. Whoever is not able to follow the command need to sit down and be out of the game.
4. After the game, explain to the children that even when we are confused about to do, God knows everything about us and will always help us.



Memory Verse: You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. (Ps. 139:1)

Craft: Jesus Knows Me and Loves Me - Coloring Page

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
Jesus knows everything about you. This means you can always turn to God for help because he knows what help you need and how he can help you. Meditate on this and see what help you need from God today and pray to him.

Jesus Knows Me and Loves Me!



Write the memory verse:
