I Am Known by God

<u>Week 2:</u>

The Big Point: I Am Known by God

God's Word: Jesus Calls Nathanael (John 1:43-51)

Memory Verse: How you make me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you

have done is wonderful. I know that very well. Psalm 139:14 (NIRV)

Application: I will remember I am known by God.

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Series Aim: To understand we are all created in God's image and loved by Him.

Creative Video: ■ Jesus and Nathanael | Bible Story | LifeKids

Huddle Guide #2

Duration: 20 mins

Before Sunday:

- *Pray* and prepare yourself by reading through this Huddle Guide and the Word Study of the week found on the <u>HopeKids Service Plan Blogspot</u>.
- All Huddle Leaders (or Huddle Hosts) are to prepare your own "script" and things to say.
 Feel free to inject your own questions or discussion points whenever necessary to suit the needs of your children.

Note: Huddle guides will be written to cater to a huddle group context only. No huddle slides will be provided.

Before Service on Sunday Morning:

- Know that the following will be provided:
 - ¼ A4 sheets of paper
- Prepare all the items that are needed for Huddle Time. For this week:
 - Writing materials/ Stationary
 - HopeKids Journal
 - Bibles

During Huddle Time:

- Have the children sit in a circle, keeping it to 12 children per group.
- Welcome and ease the children into Huddle Time by:
 - Introducing yourself and the kids to one another
 - Air high-fives, fist bumps
 - Playing small ice breaker games
- Remind the kids that the BEST rules still applies during Huddle Time

Activity 1: God Knows Us Fully

Materials needed:

- Writing Materials
- ¼ A4 sheets of paper
- Physical Bibles



Part 1: Guessing Game (Inspired by Heads Up)

Okay HopeKids, we are going to start first with a guessing game. I want you to think of your favourite food and then write it down on the piece of paper. Write it relatively big, and then we are going to put it down in the middle of the circle, with what you have written, facing down. It's meant to be a secret.

Alright I am now going to jumble it all up *proceed to do so while keeping all the paper facing down.

And then, now I am going to distribute it to everyone. Each person is going to have a paper which you are not going to know what is written. You are then going to put it up to your forehead and we are going to have to play a guessing game - you are supposed to guess the item that is written on the paper that is held up to your forehead. The rules are simple - when it's your turn to guess, you can ask simple yes/no questions to help you get to the answer and the rest of us will need to answer. If you look around and don't see what you wrote then perhaps you got yours and we will need to shuffle it up again. Alright, are you ready? *proceed to give out to kids

*Proceed with the round.

Wow, that was fun! I didn't know ____'s favourite food was ____ and now I am learning new things about each of you!

*Teachers can play one more round with something that helps us discover more about the kids:

E.g. What you want to be when you grow up

E.g. Favourite Bible character

Part 2: God Knows Us Fully

Alright HopeKids, how many of you had fun? Me too! It was great learning new things about each other. Sometimes we may see each other a lot in classes, in school, in church but we might not know a lot about a person. Even if some of you are close, we don't always know everything about everyone! And that's okay because it is humanly impossible to know everything about a person.

Just now it was all great fun but think about it: do you have things about you that you rather people don't know about? *give kids a moment to think

Perhaps that's a yes? There might also be moments when we might think that "ahhh I don't want my friends to find out this part about me. They might think that I am weird."

But you know what, HopeKids? God knows everything about you and He still loves us fully. Even the deepest, darkest secrets we have or the most secret thoughts we have... God knows them and still, God loves you. God is the one who made you and he knows you completely and still loves you.

Sometimes we may not be confident to be fully real in being ourselves because we are afraid people may like us less, or we are afraid of what they think of us. But God knows all things about us and He still thinks the world of us, even with our sins and wrongdoings. He loves us enough to send himself as Jesus, to die on the cross to take away our sins so that we can be with God again.

Closing of Huddle Time:

God is the one who made us and made you to be you. And God knows all parts and all
aspects of you since He was the one who knitted you together and placed you in your
mother's womb. Truly God knows all parts about us, and God still loves us fully. What

we can do when we feel bad about ourselves, is to remember: who made you? It is God who made us, and He loves you even though He knows all things about you. Remember the Big Point, HopeKids: I am Known By God.

- There may also be times when we feel bad about the sins that you might always fall into. But always know, HopeKids. God knows and still He loves you and He gives us a way to turn away from our sins and to turn back to Him. Just like how He has already given us a way to be with God again by believing in Jesus. In times when we fall into sin... we can be sorry, turn away from our sin and turn back to Him, and He will be sure to forgive us. Why? Because He is our creator, He knows us fully and still loves us!
- *Lead the kids to pray together.

Activity 2: Memory Verse

Objective: To hide God's Word in the children's hearts

Materials needed:

- Writing Materials
- HopeKids Journal

*Note: Due to P6 Graduation last week, it is highly likely that the children have not yet done Memory Verse. Teachers are strongly recommended to go through, expound and test the kids on this week's memory verse in hope that it will take root in their hearts and memory.

How you make me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well. Psalm 139:14 (NIRV)

God is the one who created us and we are His greatest creation and masterpiece, simply because He made us to be like Him - to be in God's image! This means that we show more of God than anything else in creation. Even though each person is created by God, God knows and has wonderful plans for each of us and how He made us is amazing and wonderful. He made us with care and love, with purpose and plans. God was the one who put each of us together in our mother's womb and He has plans and purpose for each of us even before we each are born! God shows care and love for each of us even before any of our mothers know we exist. We are created in God's image and greatly loved by Him and known by God! We are each wonderfully made by God, and fully known by God.

NOTE: Huddle leaders to think of creative ways to engage and motivate the children to hide the Word in their hearts, for example:

- Splitting the huddle group into 2 (by gender, by age, or randomly etc) and getting them to compete in memorising the memory verse
- Unscrambling the memory verse into pieces of paper, and asking them to piece together
- Play 'fill in the blank' kind of concept

Announcements



Come back next week to continue our Masterpiece series and discover more about our identity in God!