

What Can I Do

Week 2

BIG IDEA

I can trust Jesus knows me.

BIBLE

Jesus Calls Phillip and Nathanael: John 1:43-51; Psalm
139:13-18

Check-in

Patrick: Play 5 minute countdown at 9:25/11:25

Check-In: Eric (Please write first name and last initial)

When checking in kids please make sure that every one is entering the correct age group and check their tags! If their tag doesn't match please get Kayleah or Rachel before allowing the kiddo to enter Freedom KIDS.

Bible Bucks- Austin M./Jim

LARGE GROUP TIME

Welcome- Phynley

Welcome back to our series *What Can I Do?* We are learning that even though we are young, we can do a *lot*. We know this because God made us that way and knows all about what we can do. Let's find out more by learning about the different things people do!

WELCOME

Welcome first time guests and explain bible bucks (100)

- **Bible bucks for Bibles (10)**

- **Remind to turn in homework (150) and say verse (100)**

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

WHAT? What are we talking about today?

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Ask kids a series of questions and have them respond by going to different sections of the room that you designate for family members (or people they live with), friends, teachers, or someone else. Anytime kids go to the "someone else" section, ask them to specify who that someone else is.*
 - **ACCESSIBILITY HACK:** *Instead of having kids move to different sections, hand out different colors of paper or paper with different images on them that they can hold up to represent their answer.*
- **From among the people who know you, who would *best* know . . .**
 - **The time you were born?**
 - **Your favorite dessert?**
 - **Movies or shows you like?**
 - **Games you like to play?**
 - **What you learned at school this week?**
 - **What you want to be when you grow up?**
 - **Whom you hang out with when you're not home?**
 - **The famous person you want to meet some day?**
 - **School subjects you're good at?**
 - **Things you're afraid of?**
- Even though there are many people who know you, sometimes it might feel like nobody knows the real you. Well, Jesus does! Today's Bible story shows us what that means.

- I have learned to be happy when I have all that I need and when I do not have the things I need. I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.
- **INSTRUCTIONS:**
 - Introduce this month's memory verse and explain its meaning. *Need help with what his verse means, [read this](#)*

Philippians 4:12b-13 is essentially saying that contentment is not dependent on external circumstances, such as whether you are well fed or hungry, or in abundance or in need. Contentment comes from Christ in us, and is free from dependence on circumstances. We can trust God to provide for our needs and not be consumed by materialism or anxiety. Christ can give contentment during times of plenty and poverty, and help us endure life's challenges

Write the scripture on a dry-erase board. Have kids recite the verse along with you. Erase a couple words at a time. Keep repeating until kids are able to recite the verse without seeing any words.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Introduce this weeks big idea
- And what is the Big Idea? **I can trust Jesus knows me.**

Tithes and offerings

Pray for:

Pray for his physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual growth

Worship- Izzy & Phynley

1. Wild Love
2. God of Wonders

SO WHAT? Why does it matter to God and to us?

SCRIPTURE | John 1:43-51 (Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael)- Eric

- Hey everyone, welcome to another *What Can I Do?* Career Day! We are going to learn about another cool profession out there that you might be interested in knowing more about. Then, we will talk about how it relates to a story about Jesus!
 - (share about your job or your role as a parent and how knowing the people you serve or your kids is an important part of what you do. How does knowing them help you know what is best for them?)
- That's where our Bible story for today will help us remember that Jesus knows us the best of all. **Let's check out John 1:43-51. (have kids look this up in thier bibles)**
- Today's story shows Jesus starting to gather disciples, or followers. The two in particular whom we meet are Philip and Nathanael. Philip got to meet Jesus first. He was so excited that he had met the long-awaited Messiah, or Savior! So what did he do? He ran to tell Nathanael about it.
- But Nathanael didn't believe him at first. He thought Jesus was just some guy from Nazareth — how could he be *the* Messiah? — so Philip urged him to come and see for himself.
- When Nathanael met Jesus, he found out that Jesus already knew him very well. Like, *really, really* well. Jesus already knew that Nathanael was an honest guy and — random fun fact — Jesus also knew Nathanael had been under a fig tree before Philip came over to talk to him!
- Nathanael knew at once that Jesus was definitely not an ordinary anything. He could only be the Son of God and the one everyone had been waiting for. Nathanael was able to trust Jesus because he saw that Jesus really knew and understood him!

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 139:13-18- Eric

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Read the passage or invite a volunteer to read it to the group.*
- This psalm tells us just how well God knows us. God knew all about us long before we were even born! God knew how tall you would be, what school subjects you'd like best, what kind of personality you'd have, and all of the wonderful and maybe not-so-wonderful things that make you, *you*.
- This psalm tells us we were "*fearfully and wonderfully made*" . . . which means God put so much love and care into designing each one of us. That's how God knows you better than anyone else knows you.
 - God knows what you, (*call out a kid's name*), ate for breakfast today.
 - God knows what you, (*call out another kid's name*), like to do in your free time.
 - God knows what you, (*call out another kid's name*), want to do when you grow up. In fact, God knows what you're *actually* going to do when you grow up.
- God even knows the secret thoughts we never share out loud, and let's face it, sometimes they're not kind things. But God knows. God still loves us anyway.
- And that's the thing that drew people like Philip, Nathanael, and countless others — like you and me — to Jesus. It's not just that Jesus knows all these facts about us. But he uses that knowledge to show that he understands us and loves us.
- And just like **I can trust Jesus knows me**, I can do my best to know more about Jesus, too.

NOW WHAT? What does God want us to do about it?

Reflection

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *give each kid a star sticker to place on a black poster and have them add a bit of sand to a jar*
- **How do you feel knowing that the same God who created the earth, sun, sky, and all of the stars also created you?**
- **How do you feel knowing that God thinks about you more than there are grains of sand on the beach?**
- God knows the number of stars in the sky and how many grains of sand there are. That's too easy for God. But God also knows you, your thoughts, your dreams, and everything about you that makes up who you are. And God thinks you're pretty wonderful.
- Whenever you feel misunderstood or unknown, tell yourself, "**I can trust Jesus knows me** and that's more than enough!"

PRAYER

Patrick- Play soft worship music

- Think about this (you don't have to share out loud) — can you think of something that is difficult to talk about? Or maybe something you want to talk to someone about, but you're not sure whom to talk to?
- **Spend some time with Jesus saying "Thank you" for knowing you so well.** Ask him to help you trust him more because he's the one who truly understands us.

Eric: Give kiddos a few moments to say thank you to Jesus. Encourage them to go to a leader for prayer if they have specific requests

Leaders: Stand around the room ready to pray with kids

- Jesus, thank you for knowing me better than I know myself. Even though you created the world, you still make time to know and love me. Everything you make is special, including me. Please help me to know and love you as much as you know and love me. Amen.

SPIN IT TO WIN IT: Eric (please have Bible Bucks ready to hand out), start spin-it at 10:28/12:28

PICK UP, CALL NAMES: Eric

PICK UP, CHECK TAGS: Austin M/Jim

PICK UP, HAND OUTS:

KID STORE: Phynley & Izzy

VERSE/SAVE TABLE: Lexie - (go to store afterwards)