



**Series Overview:** This month we will look at what the Gospels say about connection and belonging. The ability to “subscribe now” and “follow” with a single click on social media gives people the impression that connection is that easy, but in reality it takes a bit more effort than that– it takes time of being in relationship with, following and learning from those we want to know. Kids look for places of belonging, places where forgiveness exists, places where they can experience a genuine connection. In this month’s Bible stories, kids will learn that we can know God through Jesus, we can know forgiveness because of Jesus, that Jesus knows us and wants us to follow Him, and that the message of Jesus is powerful...and most certainly worth subscribing to!

**Bible Story:** Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael: John 1:43-51;  
(Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)

**Big Idea:** Jesus knows us.

**Series Memory Verse:** Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. –John 14:6

### **Lesson Guide:**

1. Have everyone share something they heard from Pastor Brent’s message or a question they have from his message.
2. Get a Bible or two or three, and open them to John 1:43-51, and review the Bible story something like this...

- 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.
- Jesus knows us too!

### 3. BIBLE STORY REVIEW GAME:

- 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:** Decide on a category like fruits & vegetables, animals, candy, Bible characters, things in your house, etc. Go from one family member to the next having each person say one item in the category. If they cannot think of something in 5 seconds or if they repeat something already said, they are out for that round. Play each round until there is 1 winner.
- I think we did a great job showing how much we know! 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.
- **Read Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 with the kids, and then ask the following questions.**
- What are some things we know about God from this Scripture?
- What are some things God knows about you based on this Scripture?
- You know what the great thing about God knowing everything about us is? We don't have to hide anything from God. God knows what we are thinking and understands us the best!

### 4. MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE:

**Supplies: Piece of paper, scissors, crayons/ markers/ or colored pencils, and glue**

- Practice the memory verse with the motions in the following video:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/rb5pwnx3vq9ven7/JanMemVerseMotions.MOV?dl=0>
- Next try this activity...
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Help your child or each or you make your own...cut the paper in half long ways so that you have two long thin pieces of paper. Color one piece completely. Cut an arrow out of the other piece and write Jesus on it really big. Then write "the way, the truth, and the life somewhere on the arrow, as well. Glue the arrow onto the colored ½ piece of paper.*

*Finally write “John 14:6 on the craft somewhere. (There is an arrow at the end of this document. If you have a printer feel free to print it, and cut it out)*

- Hang your “One Way” sign(s) up somewhere the whole family can see it/them during the week.
- How cool that Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life – the only way to know God – knows each of us personally...and He loves us completely!

## 5. DISCUSS SOME OR ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS:

**\*Supplies: Bible(s)\***

- 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?

## 6. PRAY WITH YOUR FAMILY.

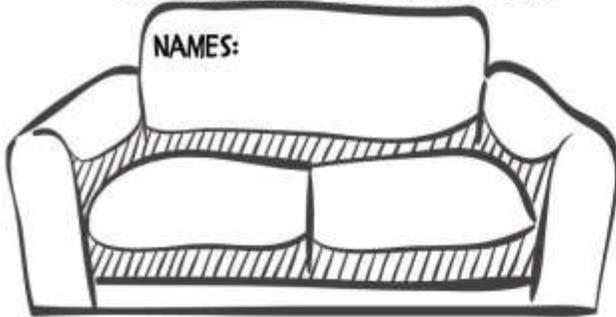
***\*\* If you have a printer, the next page is for your kids to take notes while watching the online service, and then the next page is an arrow you can use for the memory verse craft\*\****

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# Sermon Notes From Home



WHO DID YOU SIT WITH ON THE COUCH?



HOW DID YOU WATCH THE SERMON FROM HOME?



WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHURCH AT CHURCH?

IF YOU DIDN'T SIT ON THE COUCH, DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW YOU VIEWED TODAY'S SERMON OR DRAW A PICTURE OF WHO YOU WATCHED THE SERMON WITH:

ARE YOU IN YOUR JAMMIES OR CLOTHES?? DRAW A PICTURE:

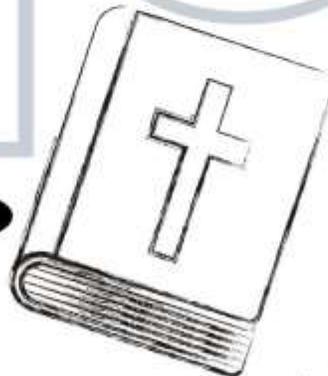


TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:

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3 BIG THINKS FROM TODAY'S SERMON YOU CAN ASK GOD TO USE TO GROW YOU CLOSER TO HIM:

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SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT WAS PRAYED FOR:

SOMETHING SPECIFIC YOU ARE PRAYING FOR:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CHURCH AT HOME?

