



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

Big Idea: Jesus knows us.

Series Memory Verse: Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life...”
John 14:6

Lesson Guide:

1. Dance and sing with your child to one, two or all of these songs.

- Give Your Heart to Jesus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nILYcPuiNWU>
- Jesus Is My Best Friend: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mpAPEKt6Wvg>
- J.E.S.U.S.: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_GcOMHkx9A

2. Teach the Bible story like this:

***Supplies = Bible**

- Open the Bible to John 1:43, and show the kids where our true story comes from today.
- While Jesus was about to leave town, Phillip, a follower of Jesus, was so excited (have kids show you their most excited face and motions) about Jesus that he told one of his friends, Nathanael, all about Jesus. (Have kids turn to a neighbor and say, "Do you know 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. (Have the kids all shout, "Jesus is the Savior")
- **Do you think Phillip was a good friend for inviting Nathanael?**
- Before Nathanael even said a word, Jesus started talking and said things about Nathanael that only Nathanael would know. **How do you think Nathanael felt when Jesus did that?**
- **What would you do if someone you didn't know could tell you things about yourself?**
- Shocked and amazed, (Have kids make their most shocked and amazed faces and poses) Nathanael knew the only way Jesus was able to do this was because Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for.

3. Show this video to review the Bible story:

<https://vimeo.com/482739560/a462a85253>

4. Bible Story Application Activity

***Supplies = a mirror**

- Look into a mirror with your child. Talk about what you each look like. Have your child close their eyes and see if they remember what they look like and what you look like...ask questions like what color are my eyes? Do you have curly or straight hair, etc.
- Talk about how God made us and He knows everything about us...He wants us to know Him too!
- Finish by making funny faces in the mirror...try to copy each other's funny faces.

5. Memory Verse Practice:

***Supplies = balloon or beach ball or very light weight ball**

- Practice the memory verse with the motions in the following video:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/30mcu3daw1e5xn8/JanMemVersePreK.MOV?dl=0>

- Next try this activity...
- INSTRUCTIONS: *Try to keep the balloon up in the air with your kid(s). Anytime they hit the balloon they have to call out something about themselves...their name, age, personality traits, physical traits, likes/ dislikes, etc. Every time you guys get 5 hits in a row without the balloon dropping, have everyone say the memory verse together to celebrate before starting again.*
- Jesus who is the way and the truth and the life...that Jesus knows each of you personally. He knows each of your names and everything about you. The Bible says He even knows the number of hairs on your head. He knows all that and He loves you completely! That's AWESOME!

6. Pray with your family.