



## I Am Known – God Knows My Real Mistakes

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Bible Story: The Tower of Babylon (Genesis 11:1-9)

Theme Verse: 1 John 3:20b

### Agenda

🕒 35 Minutes

#### 1 - Huddle

All Leaders

🕒 0 Minutes



#### Team Time

Transition from Leaders to Team Time

#### 2 - Connection Questions

Team Time Leader

🕒 0 Minutes



#### Large Group

Transition from Team Time to Large Group

#### 3 - Music Option

Large Group Leader

🕒 5 Minutes



#### Team Time

Transition from Large Group to Team Time

#### 4 - Make The Discovery — Older Kids

Team Time Leader

🕒 10 Minutes

#### 5 - It Takes Three — Older Game

Team Time Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

#### 6 - Search For The Word — Older Craft

Team Time Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

#### 7 - Say And Stand — Theme Verse Activity

Team Time Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

#### 8 - Activity Page

Team Time Leader

🕒 5 Minutes

## 9 - Pickup Time

Team Time Leader

 0 Minutes

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## 1 - Huddle

 Leaders

### Leader Tip



Huddle is a pre-service time for you to be equipped and encouraged in your ministry. Your ministry leader will celebrate with you, lead you, and pray for you. Read the Highlight of the Week (sent in your weekly email) to prepare for this time.

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## 2 - Connection Questions

 Team Time

### Leader Tip



As kids arrive, assign them to a Color Team—Red, Yellow, Blue, Green, Purple, or Orange. Hyfi Kids Color Teams are a great way to help kids connect with others and feel like they belong to a group. Consider using one color team per grade level (Grades 1–6). If your ministry does not need all six teams, consider having leaders be teams (Older Kids Leaders and Younger Kids Leaders). Kids assigned to those Color Teams can cheer for teammates and participate in activities together.

Use these questions to help you get to know kids as they arrive. Ministry happens best through relationships. By spending this time with kids at the beginning, you will be able to make stronger connections as you begin teaching about how God knows them!

- What was the best part of your week?
- What is your favorite season?
- Which do you like more—fruit or vegetables? Which one is your favorite?
- What are three states you would like to visit someday?
- If you could make your house out of *any* material (like stuffed animals, bouncy balls, candy, and so forth) which would you choose? What do you think it would be like to live there?

## 3 - Music Option

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Large Group

### Music Option Script



Large Group Leader

“ Real talk: we’ve got a Theme song that can help us celebrate and remember that we are known. So let’s learn it together! ”



Presentation

Show Sep2024\_ThemSong\_LyricVideo\_RealTalk\_Kids



Presentation

Show Sep2024\_ThemSong\_MotionVideo\_RealTalk\_Kids



Leader Tip

Consider adding additional video-led worship music for kids.

## 4 - Make The Discovery — Older Kids

🕒 10 Minutes

📍 Team Time

### Leader Tip



Use this time for side-by-side discovery-based learning. Kids are invited to participate and discuss, building relationships with each other and their leader. These questions are designed to help all kids—regardless of biblical knowledge or background—feel like they can contribute.

### Make The Discovery — Older Kids Script



#### Team Time Leader

🗨️ **What To Do:** Let's get ready to have some real talk and answer a few questions together. 🗨️

1. What is a silly or funny mistake you have made? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
2. The Bible tells us we are known, and that God knows our real mistakes. Let's open our Bibles to **Genesis 11:6-7** and read about it together. *(Invite kids to open their Bibles. Read the passage aloud or invite a kid who volunteers to read the passage aloud. Be sure to have Bibles available for kids who need one. Help kids find the passage so everyone can follow along together.)* The people wanted to build the tower to create a name for themselves instead of following what God said. What can make it difficult to follow what God says? What can we do when we make mistakes? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
3. How do you feel when you make mistakes? How can it help to remember that God knows your real mistakes, and He still loves you? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
4. Sometimes you may wonder, *What happens when I mess up?* You don't have to run away, hide, or be ashamed because God knows your real mistakes. What are some things you can say to God, and what can you do when you make mistakes? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)*
5. The Bible tells us that God knows us, and He knows our real mistakes. He steps in and gives us what we need—Jesus. What is something encouraging you will remember from today? Or is there anything you have questions about? *(Allow kids to answer and share your own answer.)* Let's pray and talk to God. *(Lead the group in prayer. Consider using the following prayer prompt.)*

*God, thank You for knowing our real mistakes. Thank You that you don't reject us, but instead, You love us. Help us remember Your love, especially when we make mistakes. Let us ask You for forgiveness. Thank You for being so good to us, even when we don't deserve it. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.*

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## 5 - It Takes Three — Older Game

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will create figures with play dough without being able to hear, see, or speak.

**Big Goal:** Learn that our mistakes don't separate us from God's love.

**Leader Prep:** Set out the supplies.

### Supplies

- Play dough (several)
- Blindfold (several)
- Timer or stopwatch



**Team Time Leader**

**What To Do:** We are going to play a game called “It Takes Three.” It takes what? *(Three!)* To play this game, you will form groups of three. *(Help kids form groups of three.)* Within your group, decide who gets to be number 1, number 2, and number 3. Number 1 will wear a blindfold, so you won’t be able to see. Number 2 will cover your ears, so you won’t be able to hear. Number 3 will cover your mouth, so you won’t be able to speak. *(Allow kids to select their numbers.)*

Your goal in this game is to use the play dough to create the animal I call out. There are a few rules you must follow. Only people who are blindfolded can touch the play dough. If you have your hands on your ears, you must keep them there the whole time. For those who are not speaking, you cannot say anything, make any sounds, and must keep one hand over your mouth. I will come around and tell the person who cannot speak what animal to create. It is up to you to communicate with your team and have a completed play dough sculpture in three minutes. Ready? *(Select an animal and tell it to the kids who can’t speak.)* Start creating in 3-2-1 Go!

*Suggested animals: Dog, rabbit, elephant, giraffe, butterfly, fish*

**Keep It Going:** Play multiple rounds with kids trading jobs. **”**



**Team Time Leader**

**“ Loud And Clear:** What was the most difficult part of this game? *(Allow kids to answer.)* Did any of you create a perfect animal sculpture? *(Allow kids to answer.)* Even when we try hard, no one is perfect. We all make mistakes. God knows us, and He knows our real mistakes. He knows our past mistakes and our future mistakes. Making mistakes didn't keep you from playing the game or having fun, and our mistakes do not keep God from loving us. There is nothing we can ever do that will separate us from God's love! Say, **“God knows my real mistakes!”** *(God knows my real mistakes!)* You never have to hide or be afraid because you can know that God knows you and loves you. **”**

## 6 - Search For The Word — Older Craft

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids will create their own word search.

**Big Goal:** Know there is nothing is hidden from God.

**Leader Prep:** Print copies of the “Search for the Word” printables for each child. Set out the supplies.

1. Write a list of 10 words to hide in the word search.
2. Place the words into your grid, making sure to place one letter in each square, mixing up the location and direction of the words.
3. Fill in all other empty squares with random letters.
4. Trade word searches and complete each other’s puzzles.

### Supplies

- “Search for the Word” printable
- Blank paper
- Pencils

### Search For The Word — Older Craft Script



#### Team Time Leader

🗨️ **What To Do:** Today, we will be creating our own word searches. The first thing we need to do is write 10 words to hide in our word search. Write your 10 words at the top of your blank paper. Include *God knows my real mistakes* as 5 of your 10 words. Once you have 10 words, you will hide the words in your grid.

Place words going up and down, side to side, or diagonally. Make sure that you place only one letter in a grid space. Now it’s time to hide the words. In the empty grid spaces, write any letters you want. To make your word search more difficult, use letters from the words that you are hiding. Once all your grid spaces have a letter, trade papers with a friend and see if you can find the hidden words. 🗨️



### Safety Tip

Monitor the kids to ensure they are using appropriate words.

## Search For The Word — Older Craft Script



### Team Time Leader

“ **Loud And Clear:** Wow, some of you hid the words really well! Do you ever feel like you need to hide your mistakes? *(Allow kids to answer.)* Real talk: there is no need to hide our mistakes because God already knows them. He knows the mistakes we have already made and the mistakes we will make in the future. We don't have to hide from God because He already knows us, and He still loves us. When we do make mistakes, we can always turn to God and ask for forgiveness. ”

## 7 - Say And Stand — Theme Verse Activity

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

Kids say a word from the Theme verse and stand in order.

**Big Goal:** Learn the Theme verse and that God knows everything about us.

**Leader Prep:** Write one word of the Theme verse on each card. Use the Theme Verse Poster, Theme Verse Slide, or display the Theme verse in a visible place for kids to see: *God is greater than our hearts, and he knows all things. 1 John 3:20b*

### Supplies

- 3-by-5-inch index cards (several)
- Marker

### Say And Stand — Theme Verse Activity Script



**Team Time Leader**

🗨️ **What To Do:** We're going to learn our Theme verse by working together! I will give each of you a card with a word from our Theme verse. You will say that word out loud, over and over. As you say it, you also need to listen to what your teammates are saying because you will need to stand together with the Theme verse in order. Can we do it? Let's give it a try!

**Keep It Going:** Switch the cards and play multiple times. 🗨️

### Leader Tip



**Smaller groups:** Distribute multiple cards to kids, ensuring they are words that are side by side within the verse. Instruct kids to repeat their phrases rather than a single word.

**Larger groups:** Instruct kids with cards to repeat the word on their cards while kids without cards put the kids with cards in order.



**Team Time Leader**

**“ Loud And Clear:** This Bible verse tells us that God is greater than our hearts. He is greater than everything! He is especially greater than all our mistakes. God knows our real mistakes, and He is greater than them all combined! Real talk: no matter how we have messed up, God is willing to forgive us. There is nothing too messed up for Him to fix. We are known and loved by God! **”**

## 8 - Activity Page

🕒 5 Minutes

📍 Team Time

**Big Goal:** Point to the Simple Truth and provide an opportunity for connection.

**Leader Prep:** Print copies of the activity page for each child. Set out the supplies.

### Supplies

- Activity Page
- Markers or crayons (several)

### Activity Page Script



**Team Time Leader**

🗨️ **What To Do:** This activity page helps us remember some big things we've learned about today. As you color and work on activities, talk to a friend about some of your favorite parts of our time together. 🗨️



### Leader Tip

This is a great time to get to know the kids better. You can ask them what they remember about the Bible story, or you can remind them that we will make mistakes just like the people who tried to build the tower. But God is always willing to forgive us. God knows our real mistakes, but real talk: there is nothing that we can do that will make God stop loving us.

### Activity Page Script



**Team Time Leader**

🗨️ **Loud And Clear:** The people made a mistake by doing building a tower and not following what God said. The consequence of their sin was that God stepped in and mixed up their language. The consequence for our mistakes is separation from God. But we can have faith and know that God knows our real mistakes, and He offers us love and forgiveness no matter what mistakes we make! 🗨️

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## 9 - Pickup Time

 Team Time



### Leader Tip

As kids leave, make sure they have their crafts and papers. Share with the person picking them up something positive you observed today. Invite them back next week.