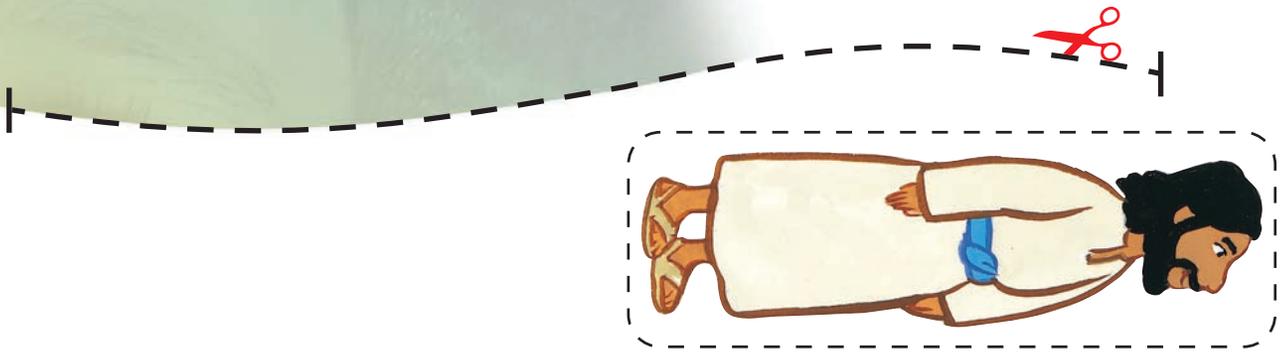


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Jesus Surprises Nathanael

John 1:43-51



Instructions: Have your children draw self-portraits and include things that make them special. Cut the dotted line to form a slit for the Jesus puppet. Cut out the Jesus figure on each page, and have each child tape it onto a craft stick. The Jesus puppet can then be slipped through the slit in the page and moved back and forth as the children tell about themselves. *(For additional instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)*

WHAT I LEARNED TODAY...

Bible Time

This week's Bible passage (John 1:43-51) tells us that Jesus called Philip to follow him. Philip was so excited about knowing that Jesus was the Savior that he ran to find his friend Nathanael. Your preschooler learned that Jesus knew all about Nathanael even before meeting him and that Jesus knows all about your child, too.

Key Verse: God loves us so much he sent his Son, Jesus (adapted from John 3:16).



Play this I Know You game. Put a sock on your hand,

and pretend it's a puppet. Use a funny voice to tell your preschooler something you know about him or her. For example, you might say, "I know you like to eat macaroni and cheese." Repeat "I know you" two more times with statements about your preschooler's likes or dislikes. Then let your child use the sock puppet to tell what he or she knows about you. Remind your child that Jesus knows us, and say the Bible Point together: **Jesus knows us.**

ASK

- What do you like about knowing things about someone?
- Does knowing a lot about someone make that person your friend? Why?
- Is Jesus your friend? Why or why not?

Daily Challenge

This week, your child learned that Jesus knows us. He or she committed to one of the following challenges to get to know Jesus better. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- Tell your parent everything you know about him or her. Then explain that Jesus knows all about us.
- Share a snack with a friend, but before eating, look carefully at it to try to know everything about it. As you eat, tell your friend how Jesus knew all about Nathanael.



Take your preschooler on a "mall adventure." Explain that you'll walk to the front of a store together

and look at it. Your child can then guess what kinds of items are sold inside and name a person who might like something from that store. Continue your walk from store to store, guessing what each store sells and naming someone who would like something sold in that store.

Say the Bible Point together (Jesus knows us) and remind each other that Jesus knows us and sees inside our hearts. He knows all about us because he loves us and made us.

ASK

- Which store did you like the most?
- What did you do to know what's inside the stores?
- Why do you think Jesus knows what's inside us?
- What do you think Jesus knows about you?

