



**Mustard Seed Children's Lesson Summary for November 28, 2010
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"God Knows Everything"

Lesson Text: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16, 23,24

Background Scripture: Psalm 139

Memory Verse: "For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether" (Psalm 139:4).

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16, 23,24

- 1 O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me.
- 2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.
- 3 Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- 4 For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.
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- 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.
- 14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.
- 15 My substance was not hid from thee when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.
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- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:
- 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

TEACHER'S NOTES

Often very wise and learned people have observed that the more they learn, the more they discover what they do not know. Our world is amazingly complex. We now know that even a single cell is a little universe of its own. As we realize more and more how little we understand, it is comforting to know that God knows everything.

It is comforting to realize that God knows us intimately. He knows our thoughts and the motivation of our hearts. He knows the evil in us and also the good. He knew us when we were tiny babies being formed in our mother's womb by His hand. Knowing this, we can be genuine with God. There is no hiding from Him, and there is no fooling Him. We can open our hearts to Him with confidence. We can trust Him because we are sure that He will always know what to do. No problem is too great for Him.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Encourage the children to talk with God freely since we are sure He has the answer to every problem.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. God knows everything.
2. God knows everything about me.
3. We can talk to God about anything because He knows the answer to everything.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Helping to Remember, bring a roll of paper that is wide enough for the children to lie down and trace around each other. Bring pencils, crayons, and safety scissors (blunt tip) for each student.

For the lesson activity, make a copy of the Word Search for each student (located at the end of this lesson).

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Tracey felt that no one understood her. Her brother often asked, "Why are you looking at me like that?"

"Like what?" Tracey would say. "I am not looking at you. I am not even thinking about you." But her brother was not convinced.

Her best friend, Kaitlin, often asked her, "Tracey, why did you do that?" Other people always seemed to think she was intending something bad. Often even Tracey's parents seemed not to understand what she was thinking.

Have you ever felt that no one understood you? (Teacher, allow the children to respond briefly if they want to.)

Other people do sometimes misunderstand us, but there is Someone who knows everything about us. Of course, I am talking about God.

TELLING THE LESSON

Psalm 139 says that God knows all about us. He knows when we lie down to sleep, and He knows when we get up. That means He knows when we get out of bed when we are not supposed to. He knows where we go all day long. He knows everything that we do and say. God has known us from the beginning of our lives. When He was forming us safe inside our mothers, He knew all about us. He knew every part of our body, because it was He who was making us!

God knows the thoughts of our hearts. He knows the good that is in us, and He also knows when we do wrong.

You see, our wonderful God knows everything. We call Him the all-knowing God. No one can hide from Him. He always knows where we are and what we are doing. He knows why we act as we do. He knows our thoughts and our hearts.

Because God knows everything, we can talk to Him about anything. There is nothing we can say that will shock Him. There is no question we can ask that He does not know the answer to. There is no question too hard for Him.

The psalm writer, King David, invited God to search his heart. Maybe God would see some secret sin there that David had missed. He invited God to show him his sin. He wanted to confess it and turn from it. He knew he could not hide it from God. God knows everything, and He knows us.

TELLING HOW TO LIVE

Let us talk to God about the things that bother us. He knows our thoughts already; so we cannot hide from Him. Yet He loves to have us open up our hearts to Him. He loves to have us ask Him about the things that bother us. What are some hard things that you could talk to God about? (Teacher, allow the children to respond briefly if they desire to do so.)

God knows when you have done wrong. Will you ask God to show you whether you have done something wrong? If He does show you something, will you be willing to change what you are doing? Will you be willing to tell God you are sorry?

Let us thank God every day because He knows everything. I like that. If He did not know everything, I might ask Him something that was too hard, something He did not know. Since He knows everything, I know that nothing I can ask is too hard for Him.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Divide the children into pairs, girls with girls and boys with boys as much as possible. You can work with a child if there is an uneven number. Let one child lie on the paper while the other child traces around his body. Then the second child should do the same for the first. Let the children write "God knows me" on their outline and cut it out.

EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE

"For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether" (Psalm 139:4).

God knows every word we say even before we say it. He knows our hearts and our thoughts. We cannot hide anything from Him. He does not know just a little about what we say. He knows every bit of it. He knows the evil we do, and He knows the good. Even when no one else hears us, God knows every word we say.

God knows us because He made us from nothing and keeps us alive every moment of our lives. Our days are numbered by His authority, and the story of our lives is written by His divine hand. Nothing we do can ever surprise God.

CONCLUSION

Lead children to know that God knows them intimately and wants to help them grow and live godly lives.

PRAYER

Dear God, lead us in the way everlasting. It is Jesus who makes that way possible. In His name we pray. Amen.

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

There is absolutely nothing about us that God does not know, even to our sitting down or standing up.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT LESSON

Next week's lesson is "People Are Comforted." Study Isaiah 40:1-31 in preparation.

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Have a Blessed Thanksgiving Day!

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WORD SEARCH

"God Knows Everything" (Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16, 23,24)

Find each of the following keywords from the lesson:

EVERLASTING

GOD

HEART

KNOWLEDGE

LEAD

MADE

PRAISE

SEARCH

THOUGHTS

TONGUE

WAYS

WICKED

WODERFUL

WOMB

WORD

WRITTEN

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16 words were placed into the puzzle.

SOLUTION TO WORD SEARCH

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(Over, Down, Direction)
EVERLASTING (15, 11, NW)
GOD (13, 1, W)
HEART (10, 11, N)
KNOWLEDGE (14, 9, N)
LEAD (7, 9, S)
MADE (11, 10, SE)
PRAISE (8, 6, NW)
SEARCH (15, 2, S)
THOUGHTS (2, 8, E)
TONGUE (10, 1, SW)
WAYS (6, 11, SW)
WICKED (6, 11, W)
WODERFUL (1, 8, NE)
WOMB (4, 15, E)
WORD (1, 4, NE)
WRITTEN (7, 1, SE)

