**God is Omniscient**

**Bible Point**
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**Bible Verse:**
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**Bible Passage**
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Samuel 16:1-13

**Overview**
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**Supplies**

**Obtain and Prepare Before Class**
- Copies of Magic Feet (page 9-14)
- Jar with jelly beans or other candy (be sure to count how many)
- Container with warm water
- Small pieces of paper and pencils
- White piece of paper for each child
- Ink pad
- Cleaning wipes
- Magnifying glass
- Ruler
- Paper
- Marker
- Shoebox

**Provided in the Kit**
- Lab glasses
- Lab coat
- Growing capsules
**Dr. Beaker**

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**Lab Demonstration**

**Magic Feet**

**Supplies**
- Magic feet (page 9-14) copied and cut out
- Piece of paper
- Pencil

You will want to practice this a few times to get the hang of doing it fast. The key is to mentally add the numbers quickly.

Secret to the trick: Each foot has numbers that appear to be randomly scattered on the foot. The number on each foot that is important to the person doing the trick is first number on the left, top side of the foot. When you show the child the feet, one by one, the child will tell you if “his” number is on the foot. For the “yes” feet, mentally add the numbers that are first on the foot. This will give you the number that he picked.

**I need a volunteer for this experiment. Who would like to volunteer?** (Choose a child to come up front)

I need you to pick a number between 1 and 60. Do you have the number in your mind? Ok, now I need you to write it down on this piece of paper and show it to the audience without me seeing it. When you have shown the number, fold the paper and give it to a friend for safe keeping.

(After the child has followed your instructions, proceed on.)

I am going to show you some feet with numbers on them. If your number is on a foot that I show you, let me know. Are you ready? (Go through each foot, mentally adding the first numbers on the cards that the child indicates holds his number.)

Now, I will tell you what the number is. Are you ready for this “great feat”? Your number is ____. Will the person holding the folded number please unfold it for everyone to see?

Does it seem possible that I could know the number you chose? (If you have
time, you might try this trick once or twice more.

I do not really have the power to know the number. There is a trick to it. Only God could know that number without using tricks. God knows everything. He does not have to use tricks to find out information. He knows everything there is to know, including our thoughts. In fact, when __________ thought of his/her number, God knew that guess. I certainly did not. I had to do a trick in order to figure it out. Our memory verse says, "The Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts.” I Chronicles 28: 9b.

(Tip: Do not tell the children the trick. It is better to leave them with a little sense of wonder.)

**Impossible Counting**

**Supplies**
- Jar
- Jelly beans or other candy

Before doing the experiment, make sure that you count how many jelly beans are in the jar and write it down in a secret place.

**Who thinks they know how many jelly beans are in this jar?** (Show the jar.) I am going to give everyone a chance to guess. During our lab experiment time, I will let you hold the jar and look at it. I will allow you to try to count them, but you cannot open the jar. Whoever guesses the closest gets to take the jar of jelly beans home with them.

Do you think that God knows how many jelly beans are in the jar? When I was pouring them into the jar, do you think he counted them? Actually, He just automatically knew how many I had poured in. He did not have to count them.

Look at the person’s hair next to you. How many hairs do you think are on his/her head? If I had you start to count them, do you think you could? Did you know that the Bible tells us that God even knows how many hairs are on our head?

Matthew 10:30 says “And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered”

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**Lab Experiments**

**Experiment 1 - Jelly Beans in a Jar**

**Supplies**
- Jar of jelly beans from lab demonstration
- Small piece of paper for each child
- Pencils

Give children time to estimate how many jellybeans are in the jar. They should write their name and guess on a slip of paper. At the end of the lab time, look through the guesses and award the closest answer with the jar of candy.

**Experiment 2 - Growing Capsules**

**Supplies:**
- Growing capsules (one per child or small group of children)
- Container
- Warm water

Place the capsule in a clear container.

Do you ever wonder what you will be like when you grow up? Did you know
that God has a plan for your life? He knows all about you. All your thoughts, all your dreams, all the things that you are good at or enjoy doing are things that He knows.

Pour the water over the capsule. The capsule will take approximately five minutes to grow to its full size. Go on to another experiment and keep checking back at the progress of the capsule. If you "play" with the growing animal, the process will go quicker.

God knows what you will be like when you are grown. You can trust Him with your life, because He knows all about you.

**Experiment 3 – Fingerprints**

**Supplies**

- White piece of paper for each child
- Ink pad
- Cleaning wipes
- Magnifying glass

Have each child make a set of fingerprints. To make a good fingerprint, have the child press his finger onto the ink pad and roll it to either side. Then, place the finger on the white paper and roll it from one side to the other.

After making the fingerprints, use a magnifying glass to examine the prints.

Did you know that no two people in the world have same fingerprint? And yet, if God saw a fingerprint, He would know who it belongs to.

**Experiment 4 – Blind Spot**

**Supplies**

- Marker
- Ruler
- Piece of white paper

On a piece of paper, mark a small X on the right side. With the ruler, measure 5 inches to the left of the X and make a dot the size of a penny at this point. Hold the paper up and close your right eye. While looking at the X, move the paper left and right or closer and farther away. Keep looking at the X. Even if you are looking at the X, you should be able to see the dot out of the corner of your eye until you have found your blind spot. At this point, the dot will seem to disappear.

Even though you know the dot is still on the paper, you cannot see it when you hit your blind spot. Is there ever a time when God knows that we are here but does not see us? (No, He always knows where we are and can see us.)

**Bible Story**

I Samuel 16:1-13

David Anointed to be King

**Supplies**

- None

David wrote the following Psalm: “O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord.” Psalms 139:1-4

Have you ever thought about what it means that God knows all about you? He knows all your actions and your thoughts. He knows all the words you speak. He knows all the places you go. Because He knows you inside and out,
He also knows what is best for you. He has a special plan for your life based on the person He knows you to be and the person that He knows you will become.

Today, we are going to learn about David, the man who wrote many of the Psalms. He started out as a shepherd boy, taking care of his father’s sheep. God knew David and God had other plans for him.

The first king of Israel was King Saul. King Saul had not obeyed God, so God had rejected his kingship. God decided that He would have Samuel, the prophet, anoint someone else to be king.

If you were going to choose someone to be king, what kind of person would you choose? Think about it for a moment. Would the person be old or young? Would the person be tall or short? Would the person have a lot of experience ruling other people? Would the person have a lot of education?

God chose an unlikely person to be the next king. He sent Samuel to the home of Jesse, a man who had many sons. God told Samuel that one of these sons would be anointed and He would let him know which one. When Samuel saw the first son, Eliab, he thought that surely this would be the one to be anointed. But the Lord told him, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” I Samuel 16:7. So Samuel went to the next son, Abinadab, but the Lord passed over him as he did Shammah. The Lord kept passing over sons until He had passed over seven of them.

Samuel asked Jesse if these were all his sons. Jesse told him that there was one more son, tending sheep in the field. Samuel had Jesse send for this youngest son.

Who would think that this one could be the one? The youngest of all the brothers? Wouldn’t God choose an older brother? One with more experience?

The youngest son’s name was David and when Samuel saw him, the Lord told him, “Arise and anoint him, he is the one.”

Samuel picked up the horn of oil and anointed David. And from then on the Spirit of the Lord was on David.

God knows us inside and out. He knew David. God knew what kind of person He needed to be king. It would be many years before David would actually become king. In the meantime, God would start preparing him for the task.

Prayer

Thank God for knowing and loving each child in the room. Thank Him for the trust we can put in Him since He knows us so well.

Object Lesson/Modern Day Story

Supplies
- Shoebox

What is this that I am holding? (A shoebox) Have any of you ever heard of Operation Christmas Child?
It is a ministry that helps millions of children around the world. Every year before Christmas, people fill shoeboxes like these with toys, combs, candy and other small items. Then, the shoeboxes are taken to a warehouse where they are sorted and eventually put on an airplane to fly to another country. Once they arrive in the other country, the shoeboxes are distributed to children.

I am going to tell you a story about one shoebox and how it changed the life of a little girl.

In a country called Kazakhstan, a little girl lived in an orphanage. One day the people came to the orphanage to hand out the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. When given the shoebox, the little girl was happy to have the box but said that what she really wanted was a family. One of the caregivers at the orphanage told her to pray for parents.

When the little girl opened her shoebox, she discovered lots of wonderful gifts inside the box. She also found a picture of a man and a woman along with a card. The little girl prayed just like her caretaker had told her to do. Then, she wrote the couple, thanking them for the presents and telling them of her prayer and how she needed parents.

The couple, who had no children, were so touched by the little girl’s letter that they made a trip to Kazakhstan to visit her. Eventually, they adopted her and brought her home with them to America. The little girl’s prayer was answered and she now had a family.

God knew that this little girl needed a family. He knew all about her and her needs. He also knew that the couple in America needed a little girl. He made sure that the right box came to the right little girl.
**Time Stretcher**

**Craft**

**Pine Cone Ornament**

**Supplies**
- Pine cone
- Hot glue gun
- Hot glue
- Miniature craft bird
- Ribbon or string

Make a loop with the ribbon/string. Hot glue the loop to the top of the pine cone. Hot glue the bird onto the pine cone.

Discuss how God knows every sparrow that falls. If he knows this, the children can rest assured that He knows all about them. “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:29-31

**Memory Verse**

“The Lord searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts.” I Chronicles 28: 9b

**Supplies**
- Masking tape
- Words to verse written on index cards

Make a hopscotch grid using masking tape. (Or if you have an outdoors area, use sidewalk chalk.) Tape the words to the verse in order on the hopscotch grid.

**Game**

**Hide the Thimble**

**Supplies**
- Thimble or other small object

Hide the small object and let the kids try to find it. For an added twist, do this in a dark room and supply flashlights.

Discuss how nothing is ever hidden from God.

**Bagel Faces**

**Supplies**
- Bagels
- Cream cheese
- Thin carrot slices
- Raisins
- Sunflower seeds
- Celery sticks
- Various other toppings
- Plastic knife
- Paper plates

Place a bagel half on a paper plate. Spread the cream cheese on the bagel. Use the toppings to make a face on the bagel. Then, make some “wild” hair on top of the bagel.

Discuss how God knows every hair on your head. (Matthew 10:30)
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**Discussion**

🌟 What would it be like to be able to read other people’s minds?

🌟 Does God know everything we think?

**Family Fun**

Play 21 Questions. One person thinks of an animal, place or thing. Everyone tries to guess what it is by asking yes/no questions.
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