KidSlot #2
God is All-Knowing

Lessons are available at http://www.yorkalliance.org/resources/kidslot for you to print copies of the necessary materials for each child in your group.

Materials Needed
- 1 coffee filter per child
- 1 small plastic cup per child
- Water
- Black felt-tip marker (not a perma-marker)

Today’s Objective
Children will understand that God knows everything. There are no surprises to God. He knows everything that has happened in the past, what is happening now and what will happen in the future. He knows us better than we know ourselves and knows everything about us, including our thoughts. There is nothing that He doesn’t know!

Scripture
*Psalm 139:1-4 O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my every thought when far away. You chart the path ahead of me and tell me where to stop and rest. Every moment you know where I am. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord. (NLT)

*Matthew 6:8 Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord...

Matthew 24:36 (About Jesus’ 2nd coming) No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

* Use these verses with preschoolers.

Introductory Activity
Tell the children that before we start talking about what God knows, we are going to find out what they know. Ask children to raise their hand or stand up if they know the answers to the questions you ask. Use questions that are appropriate for the ages of the children in your group. Be sure you ask questions that they will know the answers to, as well as questions that they won’t know the answers to. Some questions that might work for your group might be:
- Their name
- Their birthday
- Their address and phone number
- Their ABCs (preschoolers)
- Different colors as you point to them (for preschoolers)
- The name of their first grade teacher
- What name is given to the day that Jesus was raised from the dead?
- Who was the first president of the US?
- Multiplication problems such as 5x1, 10x5, 8x9, 12x12 etc.
- Who was the first person to walk on the moon?
- What is going to happen tomorrow?
- What kind of car does your family own?
- When will Jesus come back again?
- Who invented the TV?

When finished be sure to point out that there is much they each know but also much they don’t know. Ask if anyone knows everything?
Another suggested activity to do with younger children is to bring a brown bag with several items in it and ask them if they know what is in the bag. Then have them feel the items inside to see if they can determine what they are. Point out that there are many things that we don’t know. Ask if they know of someone who knows everything?

Bible Lesson and Activities

1. Tell the children that the Bible tells us a lot about who God is. From the Bible we know that God is All-Powerful, All-Knowing, Ever-Present, Unchanging, and Faithful. Tonight we will learn about how God is Omniscient, which means that He is All-Knowing.

2. Have children find and read Psalm 139:1-4, Matthew 6:8, Jeremiah 29:11 and Matthew 24:36. **For preschoolers use Psalm 139:1-4 and Matthew 6:8 only.** Discuss these verses for a few minutes. Talk about how God knows everything.

3. Discussion Questions - Use some or all of the following questions. Be sure to end with the FINAL question. Questions that can be used with preschoolers are bolded.
   - Does God know you?
   - Does God know your name?
   - What else does God know about you?
   - Does God know everyone else too?
   - Does God know what you are doing?
   - Does God know what you think?
   - Does God know what is going to happen tomorrow?
   - Does God know when you are hungry? Sad? Happy?
   - Does God know when you need something?
   - Does God know everything?
   - Do you know everything?
   - Aren’t you glad that God knows everything and that He loves you and takes care of you?
   - Can you talk to God about anything? When you are sad? When you are happy? When you need help?
   - What subjects do you know a lot about?
   - What subjects don’t you know much about?
   - Who do you think the smartest person in the world is?
   - Do they know everything?
   - Which knows more, a person or a computer?
   - Which person knows you the best (other than God)?
   - Do they know what you are thinking? Feeling? What you are going to say next?
   - What does the scripture tell us that God knows about us?
   - Can we have any secrets from God?
   - Can we hide the way we feel from God?
   - Can we keep secrets and hide the way we feel from other people?
   - Who knows you better - God or yourself?
   - How does it make you feel to know that God knows everything about you?
   - What plans do you think God has for you?
   - What does God know that you need right now?
   - What does Matthew 24:36 tell us that only God knows (even Jesus does not know)?
   - Can any person know the future? (See Ecclesiastes 8:7)
   - Does God know the future?
   - If God knows what we need before we even ask, do we need to ask? Why?
   - Is there anything that God doesn’t know?
   - Does knowing that God knows everything help you to trust Him more? Why or why not?
   - When God knows that you have done wrong or are about to do something wrong does He still love you? (YES! YES! YES!)
   - How does that make you feel?
   - FINAL Question – If you could know one thing about God that you don’t know now what would it be?
**Creative Application** – More Than Meets the Eye

We already have talked about how God knows us better than anyone. Sometimes we can hide things from people but we can never hide from God. He knows exactly what is in our hearts and minds.

Give each child a coffee filter and have them draw a stick figure about one inch tall near the bottom edge of the large side of their coffee filter with a black felt-tipped marker (not a perma-marker). Point out to children that the figure represents them and how others may see them. Ask the children what color their figures are? Are they sure they are black?

Tell them that next we are going to pretend that putting our stick figures into the water is like God looking at us to see what we’re like.

Give each child a small cup half-filled with water and tell them to gently dip the end of their filters (where their figure is drawn) into the water slightly.

What do you notice about your black stick figure? What colors do you see now? (The water will move up the filter and begin to separate the black ink into other colors. What looks like one color is really a combination of many colors together.) Point out to children that we can only see what is on the outside (just the black ink) but God can see what is in our hearts (the blue or other colors that appear).

**Prayer**

Lead children in a time of prayer acknowledging that God knows everything about them and still loves them. Encourage children to confess any hidden sin in their hearts and bring any other requests before Him. Be sure to remind them to pray for their friends who do not yet know Jesus also.

**Closure**

Discuss with the children who is going to report back to the adults and share about their time together. Be sure the adults also share about their time together with the children.