

WEEK 8

Live It All Week

Lower Elementary Take Home Paper for Families**What Your Child Learned Today**

In today's lesson, the children considered some of the ways that Jesus displays the character of God as he begins assembling his band of disciples. Jesus not only saw Nathanael under the fig tree before they met, but he also knew about Nathanael's heart: "He is a true Israelite. Nothing about him is false" (John 1:47). This most likely meant that Nathanael was a true believer who was eagerly awaiting the coming of the Messiah. What begins for Nathanael as unbelief turns into a confession of faith as he witnesses Jesus's true identity as God's Son, the Messiah, come to save Israel and the world.

Try This

Gather fourteen large interlocking blocks and write one word from the memory verse on the side of each block and the Scripture reference on the last block with a permanent marker. (Alternatively, tape small pieces of paper onto the sides of the blocks.) Ask your child to help you build the memory verse with the interlocking blocks. Work together to complete the memory verse and talk about how Nathanael knew Jesus was the Son of God. Then ask your child how we can know Jesus is the Son of God. How can the Bible help us know what's true about Jesus?

Table Talk

- **In today's story, Jesus told Nathanael what he needed to hear to begin following him. God knows us inside and out and has shown us himself through Jesus. Go to your local grocer and buy one or more figs. After dinner, cut open the fig and notice how delicate and intricate it is. Look at all the seeds. Remind your child of the fig tree and how Jesus used it to help Nathanael begin to follow him. Explain that God knows exactly how many seeds are in the fig you hold, and all of us are more intricate than the fig. God even knows how many hairs are on our head! He knows us and calls us to follow him. We can follow him and trust him with our whole self.**

Revelation of God through Jesus

- Scripture: John 1:43–51
- Big Idea: God shows us who he is through Jesus.
- Memory Verse: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" John 1:49

SOMETHING ELSE TO DO

This week, encourage your child that God knows everything about us, from our favorite color to our most special birthday wish. He knows every detail about us before we even say a word. Encourage your child to be mindful of this truth in the midst of everyday activities like going to school, navigating friendships, and exploring feelings. God knows us, loves us, and calls us to follow him in the context of everyday life.