

Omniscient

MAIN IDEA

God knows everything.

MEMORY VERSE

...he knows everything. —1 John 3:20b

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 44:21b
- 2) Psalm 139:1-17
- 3) Proverbs 2:6
- 4) Isaiah 40:12
- 5) Isaiah 46:9b-10a
- 6) Matthew 10:30

- 7) 1 Corinthians 2:11b



LESSON SUMMARY

Consider the following description of God's omniscience:

...He knows everything about everybody all the time. He knows the future no less than the past and present, and possible events that never happen no less than actual events that do...Nor does He have to search for information about things, as a computer might retrieve a file; all His knowledge is immediately and directly before Him.¹

God's omniscience can also be brought down to a very personal level. For example, Psalm 139 and Jesus' words in Matthew 6:25-32 give us a beautiful picture of what it means to be known by God. And, for all those who are trusting in Jesus and are children of God, His knowing us and knowing all things now and in the future is a great source of confidence and hope. There are no surprises to God. No event is unforeseen.

Through revealing the contents of 10 bags one by one, we introduced the children to truths about God's omniscience and the importance of this truth as it applies to each of our lives.

PRAYER POINTS

As you review this lesson with your child, pray...



- that the truths in this lesson would cause your child to be more in awe of God as you ponder the infinite scope of His knowledge.
- that your child would also feel the personal all-knowing "gaze" of God on his or her own thoughts and feelings, and be truly known by God as His redeemed child and therefore, find great comfort in His omniscience.

As You Walk By The Way

• Explain that there are many things people do not know, no matter how old they get or how much they study. People are limited in knowledge. Does God ever have to study and learn new things like we do? Why not? Because God is omniscient and knows everything, how should we act toward Him? [Be humble toward Him-we are not "know-it-alls" or smart compared to Him; trust Him with the future and all the things we



^{1.} Sproul, R.C. The Reformation Study Bible. (Sanford, Fla.: Ligonier Ministries, 2005), 896.60.

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do not know; etc.] Read and talk about David's response to God from Psalm 139:6, 14, 17.

- Talk about Psalm 44:21b and 139:2b. Why is it a good thing that God knows everything about our feelings and motives? Why might we sometimes think it is a bad thing that God knows our feelings and motives? Are there times we act like we can hide something from God? When might we try hiding something from Him? Why is it important that we understand that God knows even our "secret" sins?
- Read Psalm 139:1-4 with your child. Underline

and define every word or phrase that refers to God's knowledge: known, know, discern, search out, are acquainted with. Then, ask specific questions such as: Did God know what time you got out of bed today? Does He know what you had for breakfast today? What you will eat tomorrow? etc.

After doing this, talk about how amazing it is that God already not only knew all of the answers to these questions about him or her, but He also knows everything about everyone in the whole world!

ACTION STEP

This week, read Psalm 139:1-6 and 13-18. Draw a picture depicting one of the verses. Then think of ways that you could praise God for what He knows about you.

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Break the code to discover your memory verse.



Truth