



GKG Learning Guide

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“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done!
He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

— John 4:29

Be Seen and See

In our culture, it often seems as though appearances are everything.

And as we all know, appearances can be deceiving.

Exhibits A and B: Facebook and Instagram. It's fun to post photos of our kids when they're being hilarious and adorable, our families when we're all dressed up for the holidays, our vacations when the destination is scenic and the weather is perfect. Problem is, there are those who want the world to believe that their life is a series of uninterrupted FB- and Insta-worthy moments, picture-perfect in every way. For whatever reason, they find it hard to be authentic and trust that they'll be accepted just as they are.

Some folks can become really great at airbrushing their lives because, again, appearances can be deceiving.

Except to God.

On Sunday, our kids will meet a woman with a complicated past who met the Messiah and discovered that she was loved and valued for who she was, complications and all — which is just the way He loves us, and wants us to love others.

THIS WEEK: Pray for your child to always know that they're seen and loved by God, just as they are.

Creation Connection

We're pretty used to getting water from the faucet, but have you seen a spring where fresh water is coming from the ground? We are fortunate to live in an area where there are many beautiful springs. Take a hike at **North Sylamore Creek Trail** and look for a spring-fed creek. If you have the opportunity, visit **Hot Springs** and stick your hand in the fountains or spigots downtown where the water springs up at a cozy 143 degrees! If your kid is really interested in this topic, hit the library or the **National Parks website** to find out more about the many ways our Creator God has provided fresh water on Earth.

Sunday Car Talk

Sing a little round of “**Deep and Wide**” on the way to church. How is the kingdom of God like *a fountain*?

TODDLERS

The Big Picture: God Knows and Sees Us

Bring It Home:

- What is the Bible? (*God's Word*)
- Who did Jesus meet at the well? (*a woman who saw He was the Messiah*)
- Who is Jesus? (*the Messiah*)

Walk It Out: Practice caring and praying for individuals as you set the table by having your toddler help put a napkin at each place at the table, saying, "Thank you, God, for loving Mom," and sister, and so on.

Let's Pray: Dear God, thank You for caring about each person You have made.

PRESCHOOL

The Big Picture: God Knows and Sees Us

Bring It Home:

- What are the two main parts of the Bible? (*the Old Testament and the New Testament*)
- Who did Jesus meet at the well? (*a woman who saw He was the Messiah*)
- Who is Jesus? (*He is the Messiah*)

Walk It Out: Practice caring for others by coloring a picture for relatives or friends and mailing them individually with a thoughtful note.

Let's Pray: Dear God, thank You for caring for us and seeing each of us uniquely.

PRE-K-K

The Big Picture: God Knows and Sees Us

Bring It Home:

- How many books are in the Bible? (*66*)
- Who did Jesus meet at the well? (*a woman who saw He was the Messiah*)
- Who is Jesus? (*He is the Messiah*)

Walk It Out: Practice seeing people who are different than you. Make something special for someone in your preschool class who is different than you!

Let's Pray: Dear God, we pray for everybody who is different than us. Thank You for seeing each of us uniquely!

K-4

The Big Picture: God Knows and Sees Us

Bring It Home:

- Where in the Bible can we find our story? (*John 4:1-42, which is in the New Testament*)
- What are the four Gospels in the New Testament? (*Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*)
- Who did Jesus meet at the well? (*a woman who saw He was the Messiah*)

Walk It Out: Practice telling each other about Jesus and the wonderful ways He knows us. How can we tell our friends about Jesus?

Let's Pray: Lord, thank You for knowing everything about us and for always loving us just as we are!