



TALKING WITH GOD

## Spotlight on Prayer 2: *Knowing God* (Condensed Version)

Spending Time with God (Scripture: Philippians 3:8; Matthew 19:14)

**Objectives:** To explain that: \*God wants us to know him personally. \*You need to spend time with someone in order to really get to know them. \*Knowing Jesus, our King, is worth more than anything else. He is the most important person of all. \*We spend time with Jesus in prayer and by reading his Word, the Bible. \*Jesus wants to be our best friend. We can tell him anything, anytime and anywhere.

**"I Wonder" Questions:** \*What do you see in this picture? \*I wonder how these children got to know Jesus. \*I wonder what they are thinking and talking about. \*I wonder if **we** can spend time with Jesus like that. Let's find out more in our lesson....

**Lesson Props:** Bible, Paper (or card stock) and colouring pencils

**Lesson Summary:** Today's lesson is about talking with God in prayer, and about how we can meet God and get to know him.

It is very easy to meet God, because he is everywhere. He is right here with us now, and we can all know him personally. Getting to know God is much the same as meeting a new boy or girl at school. How do you get to know someone and become friends? *(Let the children respond.)*

Yes, you need to spend time with them, talk with them, do fun things together.

Jesus loves spending time with children! In the Bible, Jesus says, "Let the little children come to me...the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to people like them." (Matthew 19:14) In our poster picture, the children are spending time with Jesus. We can get to know Jesus in the same way because he is always with us.

Jesus is the most important person in the world! He is God the Son, our Forever King and Lord of All! And yet, he invites **all** of us to know him **personally**! Isn't that amazing? Our memory verse says: "To know Jesus is worth much more than anything else." Yes! Knowing Jesus is worth more than anything else in the world! It is worth more than the most expensive jewels and the best computer games. Knowing him is worth more than..... *(have the children respond)*. But, how do we get to know Jesus if we can't see him with our eyes, or hear him with our ears? How do we talk with him? *(Let the children respond.)* Yes, we can talk with Jesus in prayer. We can speak to him quietly in our hearts or out loud with our voice. We can tell Jesus everything, even the things we don't want to tell anybody else. Jesus wants to be our closest friend. We can talk with him anytime and anywhere because he is always with us. Jesus also speaks to **us** in our hearts, especially when we read the Bible. *(Hold open Bible)* Jesus speaks to us every time we read the Bible, because that is God's Word to us. We are going to spend some time with Jesus now. We are going to talk to Jesus quietly in our hearts by drawing a picture to him. Think about something that you would like to talk to Jesus about, and draw a picture or write some words to him. When you are finished, you can either show us your picture, or you can keep it just between you and Jesus. Let's pray before we start: "Lord Jesus, thank you that you want to be our best friend. Come and be with us now as we spend time with you today. Amen." *(Give the children paper and colouring pencils and let them find a quiet place by themselves to pray and draw. Optional: Play soft instrumental worship music in the background. Approx. 6-10 minutes.)*

**Suggested Questions:** **What did you learn about Jesus today?** (Jesus wants us to spend time with him in prayer, to get to know him personally. He wants to be our best friend) \*How do you get to know someone and become friends? (You have to spend time with them, talk with them and do things together.) \*How do we get to know Jesus? (By spending time with him in prayer and reading the Bible.) \*Who is the most important person you could ever spend time with? (Jesus, our Forever King and Lord of All.) \*Does Jesus love spending time with children? (Yes, Jesus said "Let the little children come to me...the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to people like them.")

**Bible Memory Verse:** "To know Jesus is worth much more than anything else." (Philippians 3:8)