

To Do At Home:

Episode 9

In the preschool activities you will be learning some extra stories to go along with the JKTV episodes. In episodes 9-12 we will be learning that we can know God.



Today's Big Idea is: **God helps us see people the way he sees them.** We want to have eyes that see others the way he sees them. Actions are a great way for children to learn and memorize. Try saying the Big Idea while making 'binoculars' with your hands circling your eyes. Explain that God has given us a special way to see others.

Activity 1: Follow the leader

- Have your child follow you in the following actions:
 - Stand up tall and stretch your arms up
 - Say: Does God love us if we're really tall?
 - Yes! God loves us!
 - Bend down and hug your knees
 - Say: Does God love us if we're really small?
 - Yes! God loves us!
 - Walk like a duck around the room
 - Say: Does God love us if we walk like a duck?
 - Yes! God loves us!
 - Hop up and down
 - Say: Does God love us if we hop like a bunny?
 - Yes! God loves us!
- Say, God knew David and he loved David. God loves you and me too!
- Say today's Big Idea together (making the action of binoculars over your eyes with your hands): **God helps us see people the way he sees them!**

Activity 2: Memory Verse: "*Come near to God, and he will come near to you.*" | James 4:8a

Supplies: memory verse colouring sheet, crayons/washable markers

- This is a shorter verse for the preschoolers to memorize. They can work on this one instead of the one in JKTV, if you prefer.
- Colour the memory verse sheet and work on memorizing this verse. Talk about what it means and today's story.
- If your child memorizes it, record them saying it and send it in to Sarah to have your name put in a draw for a monthly prize! (They can be sent by email to sarah@onthejourney.ca or through FaceBook Messenger.)

Activity 3: WHAT'S A SHEPHERD?

Supplies: Facts list, Shepherd and sheep pictures

Instructions:

- Show your child the images of the shepherds and sheep. See what they notice about the pictures.
- Talk with them about what shepherds do and what their lives are like by referring to the facts on the facts list.
- Explain that David, in today's story, is from the Bible. David knew God and he was a shepherd.
- Say today's Big Idea together: **God helps us see people the way he sees them!**

Activity 4: SHEPHERD BOY KING

Supplies: David and brothers cutouts

Before the Activity: Cut out the characters then hide the David cutout somewhere in your room for your child to find during the activity, place the remaining seven cutouts on a table.

Instructions:

- Show your child the cutouts on the table and explain that there are eight brothers in today's Bible story.
- Count the brothers and point out that one is missing. Ask your child to help you find the missing brother.
- When your child finds the cutout of David, say, Who is this? It's David!
- Do a quick story retell with the pictures, saying, God sends a man named Samuel to look for David. God knew David.
- Say today's Big Idea together: **God helps us see people the way he sees them!**

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