

Knowing God

Missional Message: God wants us to seek Him through His word and prayer.

Missional Challenge:

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord." – Jeremiah 29:13-14a

What is needed:

- Bible
- paper for journal or photocopy 3rd page
- pencils
- brads, ties or staples
- construction paper for covers

Making it Real

Raise your hand if you have friends. Can anyone tell me what a friend is? What does the word *friendship* mean to you? *(Let children share.)*

To become friends with someone, you have to get to know them. You get to know people as friends by spending time with them and talking with them. It is the same with God.

Listen to what the Bible says about God wanting to be close to us. *(Read Jeremiah 29:13-14a, as in the Missional Challenge above.)* This means that we can know God. We know God by seeking after Him. When making friends with people, you have to spend time with them to get to know them, you have to spend time with God to get to know Him. Let's talk about two ways we can spend time with God.

One way is to take time to read and learn the Bible. The Bible is God's Word. It is a record of what God has told the world about Himself. The Bible is our guidebook to all things about God! Everything we need to know about God is in the Bible. God wants us to read and study the Bible so that we will know more about Him.

The **second way** to know God is to take time to pray. God wants us to talk to Him by praying. You can talk to God about anything and everything. He wants to hear the good, the bad, the silly, and the sad. Everything! God already knows your thoughts-but as the good friend that He is, He wants you to be honest with Him.

Prayer

God, thank You for letting us know You through the Bible and through prayer.

Making it Stick

Have the children create a one-week journal. They can create their own or you can photocopy the 3rd page for them. Children can decorate construction paper covers and attach with brads or yarn ties, or simply staple together. Lead children to complete one of their journal pages using Jeremiah 29:13-14a.

Making it Personal

Memorize Jeremiah 29:13-14a.

Write in your journal each day this week, learning about a different Scripture verse. Afterwards, spend time praying.

Making it Home

Have each family member journal this week. At the end of the week, ask everyone to share some of the things that Bible study and prayer taught them about God.

My Knowing God Journal

My name is _____

The Scripture I read today was _____

The verse means _____

I can apply this verse to my life by _____

My prayer today is _____
