God Knows Me—Psalm 139

One of the best ways to teach a Bible truth is to let students read and admire the scriptures as they speak for themselves. But how do you help someone learn a passage that is not a story narrative in an interesting way? One suggestion is to illustrate the concepts of a chapter through drawings.

The following pages illustrate the truth that God knows everything about me as told by the beautiful Psalm 139.

Teaching Suggestions

The drawings are meant to help students remember the Bible verses. Read Psalm 139 first, then show the pictures as you review one verse at a time. As a review, shuffle the pictures and ask the students to put them back into order using their open Bible as a guide.

This is a good way to start a conversation about God’s knowledge of us. Some questions to consider include:

- Why does God care about us in such detail?
- How is God able to see thoughts and motives even when we can’t see them ourselves?
- Can we ever surprise God?
- What other Bible verses tell us about God’s knowledge of us?
- Are sins only committed through actions or can thoughts become sinful as well?
- Where does God record the memory of all of our deeds? Is there a judgment day?
- Does God keep a record of Christian’s deeds? Does he reward deeds or our motives?

Create your own story line for other chapters

Use this technique to illustrate other chapters of the Bible. If you aren’t inclined to be so creative, ask each of your students to create a picture representing a verse from the chapter.

For example, the following chapters contain beautiful, graphical language...

Romans 3 is a graphic description of sin (“The poison of asps is under their lips”)

Matthew 5—The Beatitudes—could be well represented by drawings (“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled”)

Psalm 23 is the famous steps of the Good Shepherd. “He leads me beside still waters…”

1 Corinthians 13 personifies love in action. “Love does not rejoice in iniquity” etc.

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Psalm 139

1 O Lord, you have searched me and known me!

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
11 If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,”
12 even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.