



Theme: God knows you by name

Book: **Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs**
by Ian Whybrow

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?



Prayer time

Loving Father God, we thank you that you know us all by name. Thank you for loving (all shout out their name at the same time). Amen

Inspiration ...

Biblical References:

1 Samuel 4

'then God called out, Samuel, Samuel!'

Isaiah 43:1

'Don't be afraid, I've redeemed you. I've called your name. You're mine.'

Isaiah 49:16

'Look, I've written your names on the backs of my hands.'

• SNACK TIME

Organix Alphabet Biscuits

• SONGS

Use musical instruments

Oh here we are together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oEWkjVYhE6A>

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

<https://youtu.be/uWoopkMgLqM>

God Speaks to Samuel:

<https://youtu.be/P13ulsFW7OA>

Theme Introduction:

"A person's name is, to him or her, the sweetest and most important sound in any language." – Dale Carnegie.

Wayne Stocks, a writer and researcher for childhood communication says, "In a child's eyes...if you can't remember their name, you aren't a 'friend;' you are just another adult that they have to answer to. They might listen to you, they might even respect you, but they will not open up to you, and you will lose your opportunity to speak into their lives."

Names are important, do you and your team try to remember the names of the children and carers. Do you wear badges to help them remember your names?

Theme exploration:

Names are important; they are more than just ways to identify us as a person. Some names are linked to a relative, close friend or even a place. The Bible tells us that God knows all our names and he loves every one of us. How good are you at remembering names?

Free play suggestion:

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- Letter Hunt - Children hunt for letters in their name in a sensory tub filled with coloured rice and magnetic letters.
- Have blocks with letters printed/written on the side, so they can create their own and other people's names. Duplo with stickers would work too.



I wonder how you spell your name

I wonder whose name do you know from the people here

I wonder if you can find out someone's name you don't know in the group.

Craft ideas:

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- Crayon Resist Names - Write the child's name with a regular, white crayon on white paper. When the child paints the paper, their name will magically appear!
- Use chenille wires to create letters of the child's name, use crayons over paper to 'rub' an impression of the name.
- Draw initial letter on card with glue, child adds pom-poms, tissue paper etc



I wonder which colour crayon you are going to use.

I wonder what letter your name starts with.

Faith in action: As you go through your week, try to use people's names when you are talking to them.