

## Children's Church at Home 17 January 2021 Epiphany 2

Phillip and Nathanael meet Jesus. John 1:43-51

**Craft ingredients:** a stone, paints (preferably not water soluble) or porcelain pens.

**First:** how long does it take to make friends with someone new? A minute? A day? A week? And how long until you feel you really know them well?

**Story:** John 1:43-51

[John 1:43-51 ERV - The next day Jesus decided to go to - Bible Gateway](#)

**Video:** <https://youtu.be/9j5CPuAUCAg> this is a really funny video. Look at how the people move. And how Nathanael can move his eyebrows!

**Think:** When Phillip told Nathanael about Jesus, he said something a bit rude about people from Nazareth. Oh dear! That wasn't very nice, was it? we need to be friendly with everyone, even if we don't feel quite sure about them.

What do you think Nathanael was doing under the fig tree? The video gives the idea that he wasn't doing anything much, except eating figs. But supposing he was really worried or sad about something and was talking to God about it? Maybe he was asking for help. So when Jesus said he saw him sitting there, it was a secret way of saying, I know what you were praying about. And even, I'm going to fix the problem for you. No wonder Nathanael was so excited!

**Craft:** let's put Nathanael under a tree in our garden. When we look out at him, he will remind us that God is always listening to us when we ask him for help. And sooner or later, he will sort things out for us, maybe in a surprising way!

**Activity:** do you know the game 40 40? You need more than 2 people. Choose a homey. One person covers their eyes and counts to 40. The others go off and hide. when the counter gets to 40, they open their eyes and try to catch the others before they get back to homey. Swop roles and be kind! (There's often one person who is slower than the others.)

Or play boxes. Make a grid of dots. Take it in turns to join 2 dots, horizontally or vertically. If you can 'close a box', put your initial in it. The winner is the one with the most boxes.

[https://youtu.be/FKv5KBzFW\\_s](https://youtu.be/FKv5KBzFW_s) explains more clearly!

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, you know us all inside out, back to front and upside down! You know when we are sad or worried, just like Nathanael. Thank you for always helping out and fixing things for us, even if it doesn't always happen straight away or in the way we expect. Help us to trust you and tell you everything that's bothering us. Look after our families and all our friends and even the friends we haven't met yet. And help us to be friendly to new people just like Phillip and Nathanael. Amen.

*The Grace:* May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.