

DAY 1

- ▶ **BIBLE STORY:** Who is Jesus? John 10:14 & John 14:6
- ▶ **BOTTOM LINE:** I can have confidence because I am known by Jesus.
- ▶ **LIFE APPLICATION:** Confidence = Learning to see yourself the way God sees you.

COSMIC SUNCATCHERS

WHAT YOU NEED:

- White liquid glue
- Food coloring
- Toothpicks
- Plastic lid (*any leftover round lid—like from a tub of yogurt, sour cream, or butter*)
- Hole punch or pencil (*to poke a hole in the sun-catcher to thread string through for hanging*)
- String or yarn



WHAT YOU DO:

- **Step 1:** Pour a generous amount of glue into your plastic lid and make sure to cover the entire inner surface of the lid. The sun-catcher will be as thick as the glue you pour, so be sure not to make it too thin.
- **Step 2:** Have kids put drops of food coloring around the glue.
- **Step 3:** Using a toothpick, swirl the colors around in the glue. Stop swirling before the colors get too combined or the final result will be muddy and brown, unless that's what a child wants.
- **Step 4:** Let the glue dry. As the colors settle, they will expand and create a tie-dyed effect. Depending on how much glue used, the sun-catcher will take one to three days to fully dry. You will know it's ready when the edges start to peel away from the lid.
- **Step 5:** When the glue is fully dry, peel the sun-catcher out of the lid, poke a hole through the top, add a string, and hang in a sunny spot. The sun-catcher will work best if it's kept inside and hung in a window. White glue is water-soluble and will deteriorate if left in the elements outside.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You are known by Jesus. All of the colors swirled together in your sun catcher reminds us of how we all have a bunch of different parts of ourselves and Jesus knows all of those parts and Jesus LOVES all of those parts. Remember that you are known by Jesus, and because of that you can be confident in who you are."

"Knowing Jesus makes us feel known. Feeling known makes us confident. [\[Make it Personal Parents! Tell a story about feeling known by Jesus.\]](#)

Let's say our bottom line together. "I can have confidence because I am known by Jesus."

I AM THE WAY

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 10-15 pieces of string between 10-20 feet in length
- painter's tape or masking tape
- 10-15 random objects or toys from around the room
- Bible or cross
- Small prizes (optional)

WHAT YOU DO: This is a real-life version of a "Follow-the-line" maze.

- Tie one end of a string to an object and place it on one end of the playing area.
- Be sure one string is tied to the cross or Bible.
- Tie the other end of the string to a "starting point." Every string will be tied to the same starting point.
- Be sure to go under chairs, around tables, through obstacles, and cross the strings over each other to form a maze.
- Direct each student (or team of students) to choose one string that they think is the winner. The winner is the string that is tied to the Bible or cross.
- Have each kid follow their string to the very end.
- The kid who gets to the Bible or cross is the winner.
- Hand out a prize to the winner. (optional)

WHAT YOU SAY:

"Of all the billions of people on this earth, you are known. Jesus knows what you need, what you like, and even what scares you. Sometimes we may feel lost or like life is a jumbled-up mess—like all our strings are a jumbled-up mess. But you know what? While we may be confused, Jesus is not. He knows the way. He is the way! And we can get through anything if we just follow Him.

[Make it Personal Parents: Share an example of a time when you felt lost or confused.]

When we feel confused or lost along the way, we can have confidence because we are known by Jesus! **Let's say our bottom line together: I can have confidence because I am known by Jesus!**"

END BY RECITING THE MEMORY VERSE: "My Command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12