

# STORIES



## Jesus Knows All about Nathanael

Read-with-Me Bible Story based on John 1:43-49

Jesus asked Philip to be His helper. Philip was so happy that he ran to tell his friend Nathanael right away. He found his friend sitting under a fig tree.

Philip told him, "I just talked to Jesus! He's the Son of God!"

Nathanael laughed. He did not believe Philip. But Philip said, "Come and see for yourself."

So the men ran to find Jesus.

Jesus said, "Nathanael, you are one who always tells the truth."

Nathanael asked, "How do you know all about me?"


Jesus said, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip talked to you."

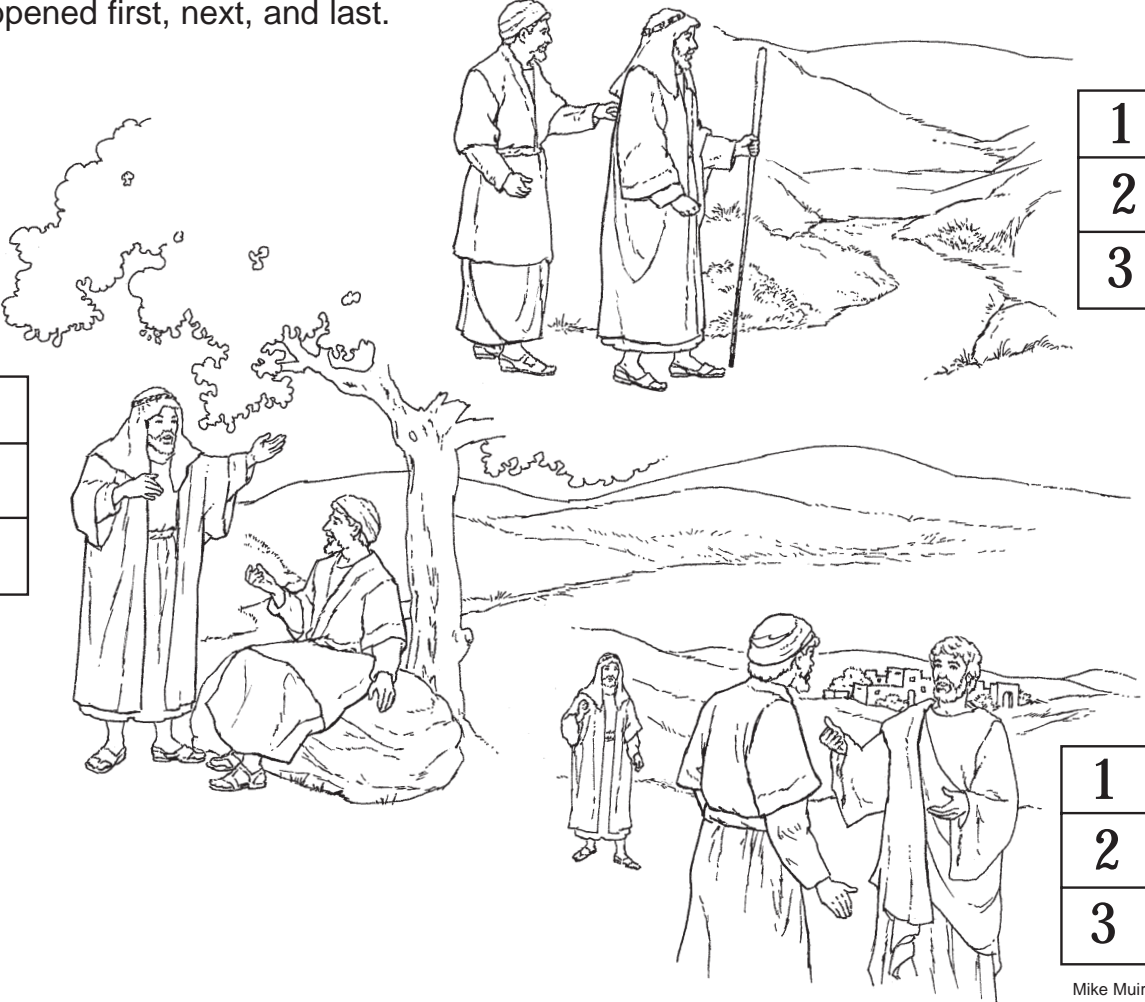
Nathanael thought, *Only the Son of God could know all about me.*

Then Nathanael cried out, "Jesus, You *are* the Son of God!"

**Bible Memory Verse** • This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. *1 John 3:16*

## Jesus Knows Nathanael

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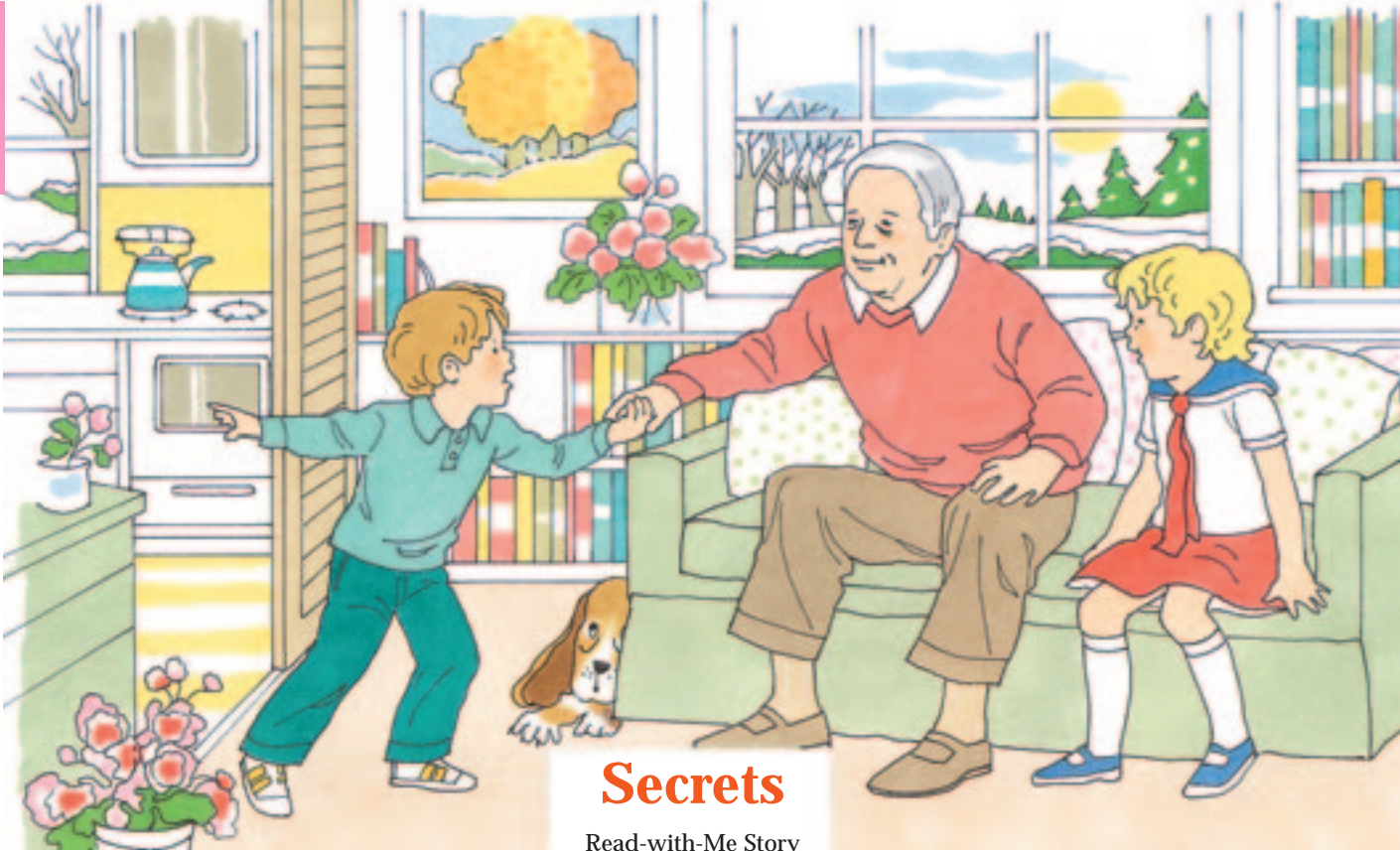
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### Family Bible Time



Discuss how excited Nathanael was when he realized that Jesus knew all about him—even what he was thinking. Play a guessing game called “Read My Mind.” Have each family member think of a person, place, or thing from the Bible. Allowing three clues, take turns trying to guess each others’ thoughts. Then ask: If Jesus were playing the game, how would He find the answer? (He doesn’t have to guess. He knows what we are thinking.) How can Jesus know all about us? (He is God’s Son.)





## Secrets

Read-with-Me Story

Sometimes Kevin teased Karin. He said, "I know something you don't know." One day Kevin teased and teased. Karin guessed and guessed.

Kevin said, "I know something you don't know."

Karin guessed, "Are we having macaroni and cheese for supper?"

"Right," said Kevin.

Later Kevin said, "I know something you don't know."

Karin guessed, "Is it going to snow?"

"No," said Kevin.

"Is Grandpa Carter coming today?" asked Karin.

"Right," said Kevin.

When Grandpa Carter came, the children sat down on the sofa with him. Kevin said to Karin, "I know something you don't know."

Karin started to guess, but Grandpa said, "I used to know another little boy who teased his sister. That little boy grew up to be your daddy."


"Really?" asked Karin. "I didn't know that."

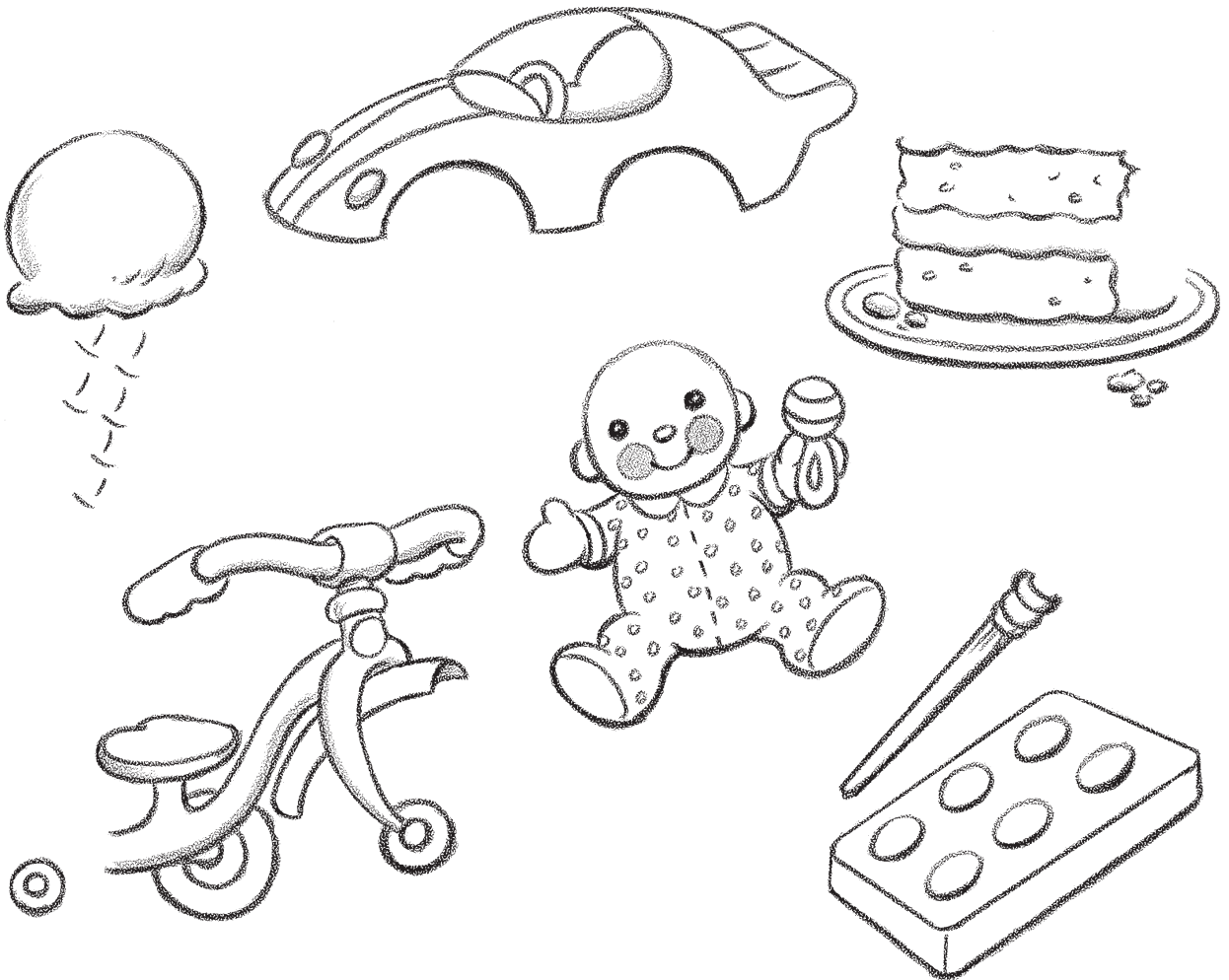
"He did," said Grandpa. "One day he teased her until she cried. After that he didn't tease her so much anymore. I think God helped him talk to his sister in a nice way. Instead of teasing her he would say, 'I know something, and I can't wait to tell you.' Those children had the best secrets!"

Kevin said, "Karin, I know something, and I can't wait to tell you. There are fresh cookies in the kitchen, and each of us can have one."

It's no secret at all that everyone hurried into the kitchen to get a cookie!

# What Do You Like?

Jesus knows all about you. He knows your favorite things. Finish the pictures of things you like, and color  them.



## Family Talk Time



Jesus knows everything about us—He even knows where we are when we hide. Play hide-and-seek with your child this week to reinforce this teaching. When you find your child you might say, “Jesus knew you were there all the time, but it took me a while to find you.” Also encourage your child to tell Jesus how he feels each day (afraid, angry, happy, sad). Explain that Jesus knows all about us, whether we tell Him or not. But when we tell Him, that reminds us that He loves us and can help us.



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