

May 20-26 Matthew 21-23; Mark 11; Luke 19-20; John 12

"BEHOLD, THY KING COMETH"

1. Name Scramble (Heavenly Father and Jesus love me and know my name)- Cut out each of the letters in the kids' names. Give them each their mixed up letters and tell them they're going to see if they can figure out how to move these letters around to spell something very important. Give them clues as needed (it spells the name of someone Jesus and Heavenly Father love, someone who's amazing, etc.). When they're done unscrambling, have them look at their names and ask if they think Heavenly Father and Jesus know their names. Explain that they do know their names and love them lots! *Dollar Tree also has bags of wooden letters you could use for this.*
 - Heavenly Father and Jesus Love Me Page: Have them glue the letters for their name onto the "They Know My Name" section of the page. As they glue, ask them what else Heavenly Father and Jesus know about them other than their name. Do they know your hair color? Eye color? Etc.
 - They Know What I Look Like: Let them look into a mirror and talk about characteristics they notice. Either glue a small mirror onto this section of the "Heavenly Father and Jesus Love Me" page or let them draw a picture of themselves. If you have really reflective tin foil, you could also glue a small square of that onto this section for them to use to look at their reflection in.
 - They Know What's in My Heart: What are some things that you like? Maybe give them stickers to decorate the heart in this section with things that they like. Do Heavenly Father and Jesus know that you like these things? Yes, they know what's in our hearts (the things that we care about and like) as well as what we look like on the outside.
 - Does God care more about what we look like or what's in our hearts? Take some time to discuss this.
2. Good Things That Can Be in Our Heart: What are some good things that can be in our heart? Show the heart and pictures. Ask which of the pictures look like something they'd want to have in their heart. Explain that when our hearts like good things, we'll do good things. Cut out the rectangles and have them decide which ones are good things that they'd want in their heart.
3. The Lord Judges Not by the Outward Appearance but by the Desires of the Heart: Do the dirty cup object lesson as explained here <http://freebiblelessons.net/object-lessons/clean-inside>. Remind them that we should worry more about what's in our hearts than what we look like on the outside.
 - Share/summarize D & C 137:9.
4. Parable of the Two Sons: Show picture of the two sons. Which son looks like he's more obedient? Share/summarize story of the two sons found in Matthew 21:28-32. Maybe have them act out the two different responses. Talk about how one response LOOKED good at first, but was it actually good? Help them see that if you have a good heart, you don't just SAY you'll do good things, but you actually DO them.
5. Other Scripture People Examples: Show pictures of Zacchaeus and Pharisees/Scribes. Read the descriptions of their outward appearance and ask if they can tell which people loved Jesus. Help them see that you can't tell which people have good hearts just by looking at them. Read the scriptures to see if these people cared more about Jesus or about the world and their appearances.
6. Triumphal Entry: If we have good hearts, we understand that Jesus Christ is our King. Review what people did for the Savior during His triumphal entry into Jerusalem that showed their love of Him. They anointed Him (John 12:1-8), put clothes and palm branches along His path, and shouted praises (Matthew 21:1-11).
 - Watch "The Lord's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem" from lds.org <https://www.lds.org/bible-videos/videos/the-lords-triumphal-entry-into-jerusalem?lang=eng>. What can we do to show that we receive the Savior as our Lord and King and remember Him in our hearts?
 - President David O. McKay taught, "What think ye of Christ? What you sincerely in your heart think of Christ will determine what you are, will largely determine what your acts will be." Sing "Easer Hosanna"

song from children's songbook and remind them that having faith in Jesus not only means that we say good things about Him, but we also do good things. Remind them that Jesus loves them and wants us to have faith in Him and try to be like Him. Share testimonies of how important He is to us all.

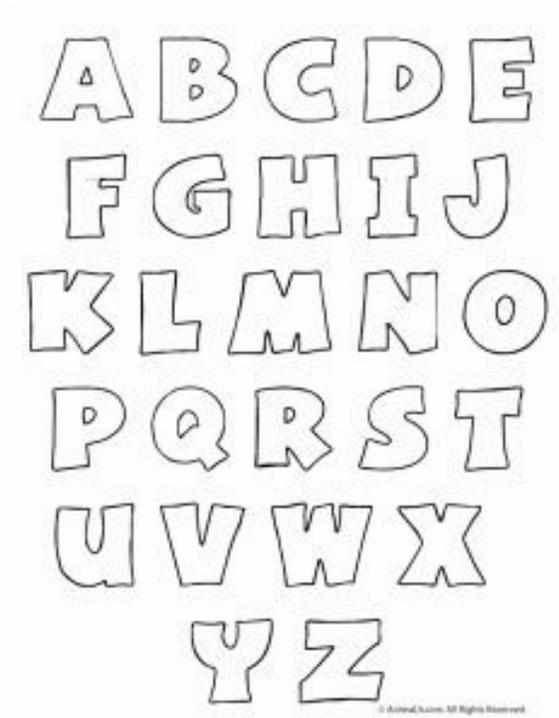
7. Treat (Jelly or Custard-Filled Donuts): Follow instructions found here <http://pastorronbrooks.com/family-devotion-god-looks-at-the-heart/> to talk about how what's inside of us (in our hearts) is more important than what's on the outside and remind them about how Heavenly Father and Jesus know what's in our hearts. Even though not everyone can see our heart, God can, and he will bless us and help us be happier when we do our best to keep our hearts good.

Additional Ideas:

- Use this website <http://www.hellokids.com/print-my-name> to make coloring pages with their names for them to color while you discuss how Jesus knows their names.
- Print up 3D Fruit from <https://i.pinimg.com/originals/6d/de/85/6dde850ecdb35b3f22c9d925b47ac54d.jpg>. Fill some with small treats and leave some empty. Talk about how all of them look nice on the outside, but the insides are different. Remind them that the Lord doesn't judge based on outward appearances but by what's inside of us in our hearts. You could also use plastic eggs/boxes/wrapped presents/etc.

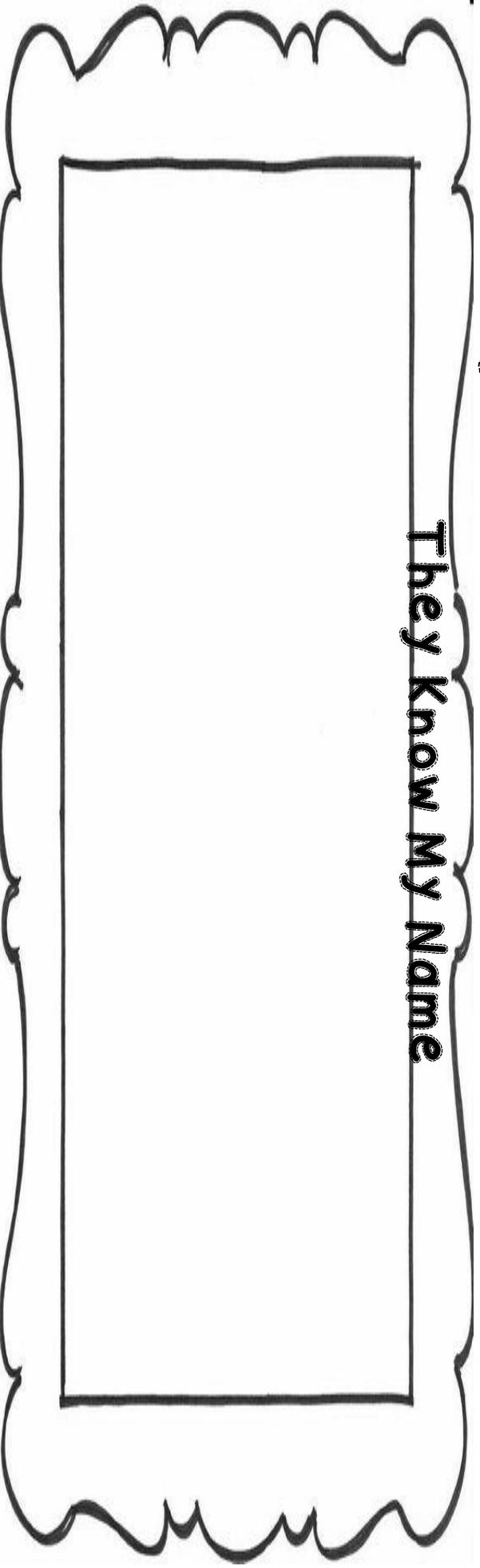
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Letters from <http://realpropertyalpha.com/letter/18B/alphabet-bubble-letters-to-color-2018>

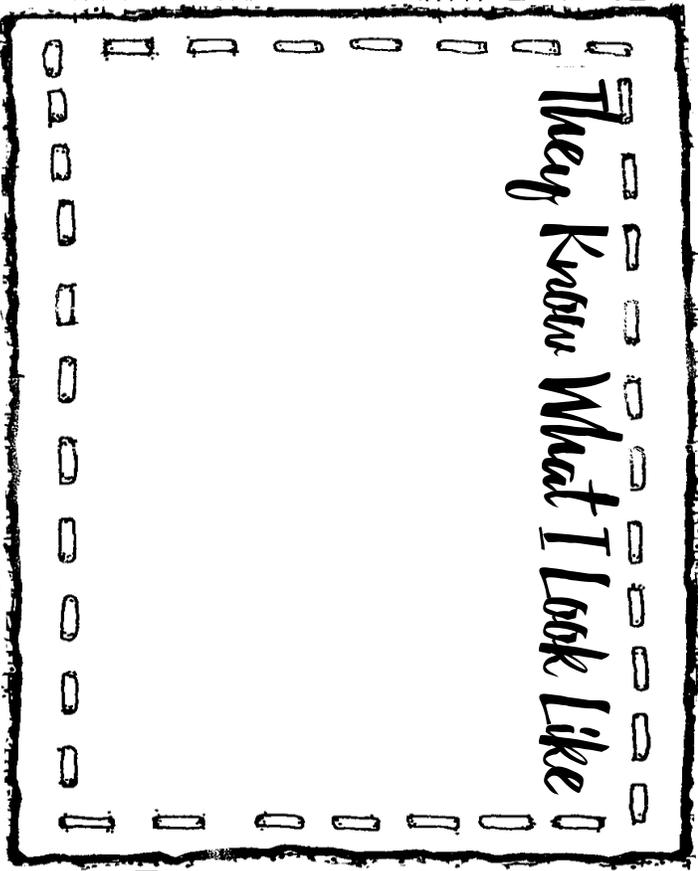


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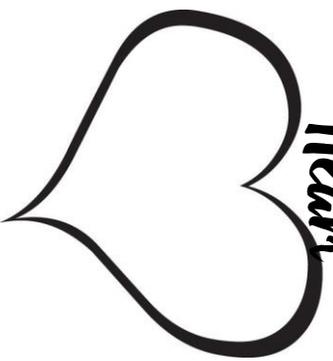


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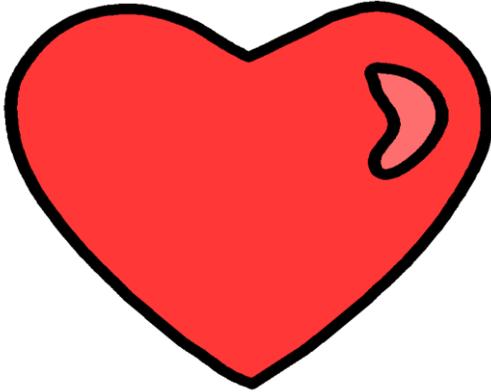


They Know What's in My

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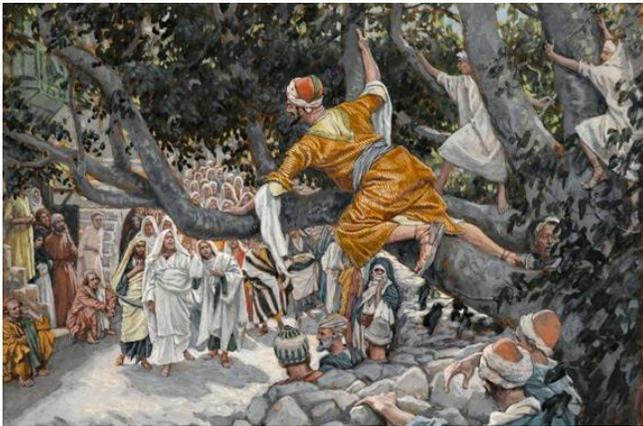


Telling the Truth	Lying	Watching a bad T.V. show	Watching a video with Bible stories	Saying bad words
Being reverent while talking about Jesus	Going to church	Staying home from church	Obedying Mom and Dad	Yelling at Mom and Dad
Hurting someone	Helping someone who got hurt	Stealing something that's not yours	Sharing something of yours with someone	Loving others

Parable of the Two Sons



Other Scripture People Examples:



Zacchaeus

Outward appearance: short, had lots of money, climbed up a tree when Jesus came
What was his heart like? Luke 19:1-10



Pharisees and Scribes

Outward appearance: Wore big boxes on their foreheads (called phylacteries) that had scriptures inside of them so everyone would see how much they loved the word of God
What were their hearts like? Luke 20:45-47; Matthew 23:4, 14, 16-17, 34