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 As soon as children are old enough, they go to school to learn.

 We learn as children, as teenagers, as adults, and even when we get old.

There is so much to learn.

- But God never goes to school because God does not have to learn.
- God KNOWS all things. He is OMNISCIENT!!
- God knows things that we cannot know.
- He knows how many stars there are up in the sky.
- He calls the stars by their names.

- God knows things we cannot "see".
- He knows how the big trees push their roots into the ground, and how they send water up through the stems to each little leaf.
- God knows all that happens in the dark.
- Nobody can hide from Him, not even in the darkest night.

God knows all that is in our "hearts", too.

He knows what we "think".

He knows "every" secret.

God knows all things.

- The Bible tells us about a great king, Nebuchadnezzar.
- Nebuchadnezzar had a strange dream one night.
- When he awoke, he could not remember his dream.
- That made him unhappy.

- The king sent for his wise men.
- He said to them, "Tell me my dream!"
- But they could not tell the king his dream.
- How could "they" know the king's dream?
- Then the king was angry.

- Daniel was one of the king's wise men.
- Daniel said, "I will ask GOD to tell me the king's dream."

 Daniel said, "God knows all secret things. HE knows even what is in the darkness. He knows even our dreams."

 Daniel prayed to God and God told Daniel the king's dreams.

God knew it all the time.

And then Daniel told it to the king.

- God even knows everything that is "going to happen".
- We make plans. We say, "Tomorrow I will go out and work," or "Tomorrow I will go to school."
- But we are not "sure" of what we shall do tomorrow.
- ONLY God knows for sure what will happen tomorrow, and the next day, and the next year......

- God is very great and He knows all things.
- That is why it is best to listen and obey God.
- Only God knows our future.
- God knows we will have difficulties but we will "grow" through these experiences.

God is preparing our future for us.

 And we need to be preparing "ourselves" but submitting to God's will in our lives.

 And asking God to help us become "more like Jesus".

 Then, as God guides us into our future, we can be confident that no matter what we go through, God has a plan for us.....a plan for HERE and a plan for ETERNITY.

 God knows our future. He knows the beginning of our lives from the end.

 What a waste it would be if we don't submit to God's plan for our lives.

 After all, He has created us, died for us, and knows our future!!

LET'S PRAY:

 Oh Lord, it is wonderful to think that you know all things!

You see our hearts when we act or think wrong.

You see us when we try to be good.

- You know our future and You are with us through the bad times as you strengthen us.
- You know our future and You are with us through the good times as You teach us Your goodness.
- Help me dear Father, to trust You with our future and our lives.

 You love us so much and You are looking for "yielded and submitted" children who will do Your will.

 Teach us Lord, to follow You for You hold our future in Your hands.

In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- How does it feel to you that God knows "everything" about you and your future?
- If God knows our future, why does He allow us to go through difficulties?
- As a Christian, do you feel God is condemning you and your life at times or do you feel God is "for" you?

 God knows your heart, your thoughts, your actions, and your words? Comment on this.

 The Psalmist writes, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?" Have you ever tried to hide from God? What happened?

 The Psalmist writes, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." What amazes you about these verses?

 The Psalmist writes, "All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." How do you feel about your future at times?

- The Psalmist writes, "When I awake, I am still with you." What does this verse mean?
- What is the Psalmist wanting God to do in these verses:
- "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

MEMORY VERSE:

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? (Psalm 139:7)

SUGGESTED READING: (Psalm 139:1-10)

- O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.
- You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.
- You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

- Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
- If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY (Psalm 139:1-24)

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ANOTHER BIBLE STUDY

GOD IS REAL & GOD KNOWS

- Sometimes people picture God as a fictitious character.
- Other times, people say they believe in God, but act like He doesn't exist.
- The Christian needs to realize that God is real!
- When he realizes this, he will tend to act in a godly way.

GOD KNOWS HOW WE ARE: GOD IS REAL – HE PERCEIVES WHAT IS HAPPENING

 One who can perceive has a special kind of knowledge. A perceptive person just knows things when others miss them. There is nobody more perceptive than God is, because he knows everything.

He knows my heart.

 O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. (v.1)

He knows my thoughts.

 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. (v.2)

He knows my actions.

 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. (v.3)

He knows my words.

 Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD. (v.4)

He knows everything about me.

 You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me. (v.5)

 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. (v.6)

GOD KNOWS WHERE WE ARE: GOD IS REAL - HE IS PRESENT WHEREVER I GO

 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? (v.7)

• If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. (v.8)

- If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, (v.9)
- even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (v.10)
- If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," (v.11)
- even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. (v.12)

GOD KNOWS WHAT WE ARE: GOD IS REAL - HE IS POWERFUL

Power in creation. (v.13-16)

- For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. (v.13)
- I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (v.14)

 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, (v.15)

 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. (v.16)

Power towards His children. (v.17-18)

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
 How vast is the sum of them! (v.17)

 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you. (v.18)

GOD KNOWS WHAT WE SHOULD BE: GOD IS REAL

- HE HAS A PLAN FOR MY LIFE

God hates sin and want me to hate sin. (v.19-22)

 If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men! (v.19)

- They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name. (v.20)
- Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you? (v.21)
- I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies. (v.22)

God wants us to allow Him to search, know, and correct us. (v.23-24)

 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. (v.23)

 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (v.24)

LET'S PRAY: