He Knows My Name Sun Am Kidzone Lesson 2/19/23

# Memory Verse: Jeremiah 1:5 NKJV

5“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=jer+1%3A5&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-18952a)] you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

Target Thought: Jesus knows my name and He has special plans for me

Have you ever heard the song, "He Knows My Name?" It is a very popular song that is sung in many churches all over the world. It goes like this:

"He Knows My Name" by Tommy Walker

I have a Maker
He formed my heart
Before even time began
My life was in his hands.

He knows my name
He knows my every thought
He sees each tear that falls
He hears me when I call.

Do you know where the songwriter got the idea for that song? It is from our Bible lesson this morning.

Our story begins with God speaking to a young boy by the name of Jeremiah. "Before I started to put you together inside of your mother, I knew you. Before you were even born, I set you apart; I chose you to be a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah heard God and he understood what God wanted him to do, but he was afraid. He answered God and said, "Oh, Lord! I can't be your prophet. I don't even know how to speak; I am only a child."

God answered Jeremiah and said, "Don't say, 'I am only a child.' You must go wherever I send you and do what I tell you. Don't be afraid, because I am with you." Then the Lord touched Jeremiah's mouth and said, "See, I have put my words in your mouth. Today I have chosen you to be over the nations and the kings." It is true that God had special plans for Jeremiah But remember that in Jeremiah 29:11 God said that He had good plans for us?

Do we also remember that God said that He would never leave us or forsake us, that He is a friend that sticks closer than a brother? Father God loves us so much that He sent Jesus to die in our place, He has special plans for us and He wants all of us to have special relationship with Him. God has made such special plans for us and has created us to do exactly what He has called us to do.

God spoke to Jeremiah and told him what He wanted him to do, but guess what, God speaks to us also and if we will ask God and listen to Him, He will tell us exactly what He wants us to do. As you get older teachers and parents will begin to ask you what do want to be when you grow up. What we want to be is what God has created and designed us to do. We need to get to know God and ask Him what He has created us to do. Remember some of our Bible super heroes like King David, Queen Esther, might man Sampson, Noah, Daniel, Moses, Mary the mother of Jesus…. And I could go on and on. But the point is God has created you and me for just a special purpose as He did these people.

Whatever it is that God has created for you to be He has already made you able to do it, you just have to be willing and obedient to do it. Once we are doing what God has created us to be that is when we find true joy and peace and peace no matter what the circumstances are. Here is the best part of all, you don’t have to wait to grow up to do what God has called you to, He has special plans for you right now. What are some of the plans that you know that God has for you right know? Being willing and obedient now keeps you prepared for all the special plans God has for you in the future!

Wow! God had some mighty big plans for Jeremiah, didn't he? Well, God may have some pretty big plans for you too. He knows your name. He knew you before you were even born and he has a plan for your life. When God asks you to do something, don't say, "I'm only a child!" Don't be afraid, do what God tells you to do, because he will be with you no matter what he asks you to do.

Father, thank you for being a God who knows us by name. Help us to remember that when you show us the plans that you have for us, there is nothing to fear, because you are with us. Amen.

1 Does God have good plans for us?

2 Has God created us for a special purpose?

3 What keeps us prepared for God’s plans?