**Notes for Nathanael for large group Bible Study**

**Attention Grabber:**

Play 3 Truths and a Lie. Tell the kids a list of four things about yourself – three are a truth and the fourth is a lie. (The kids will get to see that even though they might not know you well enough to know which is the lie, there is someone who knows everything about me/them.)

**Bible Study:**

Read John 1:43-46. Philip, Nathanael’s friend brought him to Jesus. Nathanael was skeptical at first. As they were walking to Jesus…

Read John 1:47 – Jesus describes Nathanael as having “no deceit.” Jesus “knew” Nathanael. He could see his heart. He knows you too!

Read John 1:48 – “I saw you under the fig tree.” When no one else was around, Jesus saw Nathanael. He sees you too! No matter where you are or what you’re doing.

Jesus hears you too! We can read about this in the Bible too…

 Read Ezekiel 35:13

 Read Exodus 2:24

Let’s go back to our story and see how Nathanael responds…

Read John 1: 49 – Nathanael responds, “You are King of Kings.” Remember when Philip was telling Nathanael about Jesus and he said, “We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote.” (John 1:45)? Well one of those prophets was Zephaniah. Perhaps this is what they had read…

 Read Zephaniah 3:15-16. Zephaniah used that same title, The King of Israel, as Nathanael just had. Perhaps this is what he had read.

Nathanael is mentioned another time in the Bible…

Read John 21:2 – 13 – Jesus fed them bread and fish just like He served when feeding the 5000; Even though not with them physically, He could still hear/see them and would provide. They would always be able to go back in their minds and remember the time He fed 5000 and that would encourage them that He could provide for them.

Let’s read the rest of what Nathanael might have been alluding to…

Read Zephaniah 3:17. He delights in you! He sings over you!

Here are the truths we pulled from this story of Nathanael, and I pray they sink down deep inside you and that you will always remember:

* He sees you.
* He hears you.
* He knows you.
* He will provide for you.
* He delights in you.