



Supplies

- Bibles*
- paper
- white crayons (1 per child)
- washable markers*

Draw With White Crayons

Say: Today we're learning that God is all-knowing. That's a good thing, but sometimes it might not *seem* like a good thing. Jonah just wanted to run away and do his own thing, and that would've been much easier for him if God didn't know where he went!

So what about you? What if there are things *you* don't want God to know? Let's dig in to that.

To start, you'll write words or draw symbols that show what people might try to hide from God. Maybe they're true for you, and maybe not. For example, people might hide mean thoughts, lies, or stealing.

Distribute white paper and white crayons, and have kids write words or draw symbols.

Ask: • **Why can't you see what you drew very well?**

• **How does this paper show the way we might try to hide things from God?**

Say: You and I can't really see what's on these papers very well. But let's dig in to the Bible and see what God can see.

Dig Deeper

Read Psalm 139:1. Have kids use red markers (like a heart) to color over a section of their paper.

Read Psalm 139:2. Have kids use pink markers (like a brain) to color over more of their paper.

Read Psalm 139:3. Have kids pick a color that matches the way they travel (the color of their car or a bus/subway they take) to color over more of their paper.

Read Psalm 139:4. Have kids draw a big mouth over another section of their paper.

Read Psalm 139:5. Have kids pick a color that matches their hair and color over another section.

Read Psalm 139:7-8. Have kids choose any color and make sure the top and bottom of their paper is covered.

Read Psalm 139:9-10. Have kids color more of their paper with blue like the oceans.

Read Psalm 139:11-12. Have kids choose a dark color and make sure the rest of their paper is colored in.

Ask: • **Describe how easy it is to read your paper now compared to before.**

• **How does that remind you that God is all-knowing?**

Say: **The verses I read show that God sees everything. He's everywhere, so we can't run away from him like Jonah tried to do. He knows our thoughts and what we're about to say.**

But before you get freaked out about God knowing all those things, let's look at another verse.

Read Psalm 103:11-12.

Ask: • **Even though God knows everything on your paper, how does he see you?**

• **How does that make you feel about wanting to hide things from him?**

Have kids fold their papers in half with the words facing in and draw a heart on the outside.

Say: **God's love for Jonah didn't change, even when Jonah ran away. God is all-knowing, so he knew what Jonah was doing. God saw Jonah, and God also saw Jonah's heart...but God still loved him. And he gave Jonah another chance to make the right choice. The fact that God knows everything about us doesn't mean he's mad at us for not being perfect. He knows us completely and loves us completely. So let's celebrate what God knows about us!**

Have kids use markers to write in the hearts things they're *glad* God knows about them.