

Names of God

Huddle 7 – *El Roi* – *The God Who Sees*



SETTING THE ATMOSPHERE

As children arrive, collect the “In” slips and see which grade they are in for their huddle teams. Remember to check all slips to make sure children are to be in Up & Out this hour.

Team Time

Each team leader (student leader) should spend time getting a conversation started within the team to find out more about each child. Spend time today discussing the following questions up front...

- Review the Up and Out memory verse with your team.
Can anyone say it? Matthew 22:37-39
- What names of God have we learned so far? (Elohim – Strong Creator; El Elyon – Most High God; Jehovah Yahweh – I AM; Adonai – Lord; El Shaddai – God Almighty; Jehovah El Emeth – The Lord God of Truth)
- Read John 1:43-49 – How do you think Jesus knew that Nathanael was sitting under a fig tree?
- Read Hebrews 4:13 – What do these verses tell us about God? How does that make you feel?

Huddle Teams

- 1st & 2nd grade girls
- 1st & 2nd grade boys
- 3rd & 4th grade girls
- 3rd & 4th grade boys

Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

***Lesson Set Up:** You should have a geode for each child to take home and one that you will break during the lesson to show the kids and hammers to crack the geodes.

LESSON HUDDLE

Let’s all come over together and get started this morning. Good morning, Up & Out! Where we look up (pause for the group to respond) **TO GOD** and look out (pause) **TO OTHERS**.

Hold up a whole geode. Can you guys describe what you see? *(Most will call it a rock)* Let’s write down on the dry erase board all that we see when we look at it. *(Color, shape, smooth/rough, weight)* *(You will use this description later in the lesson.)*

Good job describing this rock. You guys saw a lot. This reminds me of a name of God, El Roi, The God Who Sees.

God sees everything. He sees all that you saw with this rock, and more. He sees inside each of us. But He doesn't just see our bones and organs like a doctor looking at an x-ray, He sees all of our current thoughts and feelings and all of our future thoughts and feelings. He knows us better than we know ourselves. God is El Shaddai, God Almighty and El Roi, The God Who Sees. God sees us all, all of the time. He can see you here in Up & Out and He sees your parents serving in their class and in worship. He is the God who sees everyone's thoughts and hearts at all times. He sees today, tomorrow, next year and last year. He sees all things and understands all things. He is El Roi.

What I find most comforting about this is that it means I can be honest with Him. I can be myself with Him because He already knows, He is El Roi, The God Who Sees. God looks in our hearts, sees what is inside of us in our deepest thoughts and He loves us. That is wonderful.

You know, I am glad that God knows me. I am glad that He can see the true me and not just what people see. He doesn't see just my hair color, my eyes, and what I am wearing today. He sees the real me. Just like this rock. We see a *(use the descriptions from the earlier activity)* light brown, bumpy, rough, lopsided rock, but God sees more.

Crack the geode. Show the inside. God sees inside. He is El Roi, The God Who Sees.

We have a geode for each of you to take home to remind you that our God is El Roi, The God Who Sees. Remember, He not only sees the outside, but He also sees our hearts and our thoughts. He knows where we are right now and where we will be in 5 years. We can find comfort in Him because He loves us. He is God Almighty who is in control and He is El Roi, The God Who Sees.

Huddle Up, Pray, & Break

ACTIVITY: The God Who Sees Magnifying Glass

Materials:

- El Roi Craft template set (two pages)
- Contact Paper
- Glue sticks
- Crayons / markers

Instructions:

- Give each child an El Roi craft template sheet
- Have kids cut out both magnifying glasses, the circle template, and heart template.
- Have kids cut out the inside circle of both magnifying glasses.
- Kids color the magnifying glasses and the heart cut-out.
- Give each child a piece of contact paper and have them cut two circles out using the circle template.
- Pull off the paper backing on one piece of contact paper and place the heart on the sticky side. Then, take off the paper backing on the other piece of contact paper and put the sticky sides together.

- Place the contact paper and heart in between the two magnifying glasses and glue the magnifying glasses together



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