

# Names of God

Huddle 8: *Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is There*



## 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...

- Who remembers what name of God we learned last week and what it means? (*El Roi – The God Who Sees*)
- What does “The God Who Sees” mean? (*God sees more than just the outside*)
- Have you ever been somewhere that you were glad you had someone with you?
- Have you ever been somewhere you wanted to have a friend with you and they weren’t?

### Opening Prayer

Leader prays for the group.

### Huddle Teams

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

## 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**.

Imagine you are out camping in the woods and you are already in your tent for the night when you realize you need to go to the bathroom. It’s cold and dark outside. What do you do? Most of us would ask an older sibling or parent to go with us. Why is that?

When we are nervous, afraid of going into something new and unknown, most of us like to have someone with us. It’s comforting to know that someone is there and that we are not alone. The last name of God we learned was El Roi. Who can tell me what El Roi means? (*The God Who Sees*)

Yes, our God is the one who sees. He sees us everywhere we are. He sees our thoughts and our hearts and we cannot hide from Him.

Our God is also Jehovah Shammah. Can you say that with me? Jehovah Shammah means The Lord Is There. He is always with us!

Our God is a triune God. Does anyone know what that means? (*Pause for answers*) What if I say trinity? (*Pause for answers*) He is three in one. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is never alone and He doesn't leave us alone either. He is Jehovah Shammah – The Lord Is There.

He was with the Israelites after they left Egypt as a cloud by day and fire by night. He understood that they were afraid in the wilderness and He gave them His presence. If you are a child of God, He is always with you too.

Psalm 139:7-10 says

New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> I can never escape from your Spirit!  
I can never get away from your presence!  
<sup>8</sup> If I go up to heaven, you are there;  
if I go down to the grave,<sup>[a]</sup> you are there.  
<sup>9</sup> If I ride the wings of the morning,  
if I dwell by the farthest oceans,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand will guide me,  
and your strength will support me.

This week your mission is to stop and realize that God is there. He is with you wherever you are and whatever you are doing. Pray and thank Him for His presence. Thank him for never leaving you.

*Huddle Up, Pray, & Break*

#### ACTIVITY: Blindfold Partner Walk

Have students pair off in their teams. One wears a blindfold and the other leads. Have the student walk without leading for a few steps and then have them walk with someone guiding them. (*Holding their arm gently*) Bring them back together and ask them these questions. Then wrap up the activity by tying back to Jehovah Shammah.

- 1) How did it feel to walk alone?
- 2) How did it feel when someone was with you who could see?
- 3) Which was most helpful, by yourself or with someone there? Why?

#### ACTIVITY: Free Craft Day!

Ideas:

- Have them create something that reminds them of Jehovah Shammah.
- Pick out a single item from the craft supplies (a rock, a toilet paper roll, tissue paper, etc.) and tell the kids they can create what they want but they have to use that item. Have a "contest" for the best creation.
- Create something with Psalm 139:7-10 on it – a frame, a bookmark, etc.



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