



PROPER 7: GOD KNOWS US

THE STORY: MATTHEW 10:24–39




In today's story, Jesus is trying to tell the disciples how important they are to God. He says to them, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside of God's care. And even the very hairs on your head are all numbered." God loves the world that God created so much that God keeps count of even the smallest things because each thing is important. Do you think you can count all the hairs on your head? It would be hard, right? The amazing thing is that God knows how many hairs you have! God cares for us so much that God knows all the little and big things about us. Nothing can be hidden from God and God loves us just as we are! God's love for us is so great that God knows how many hairs we have on our head and how many sparrows are in the air.

YOUNGER CHILDREN

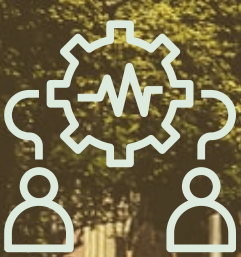
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- *How do you know God watches over you?
 - *How do you know that God knows everything you do?
 - *How do you know that God takes care of nature?

OLDER YOUTH

Questions:

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- wonder what it was like for those listening to Jesus' words for the first time?
 - What do you think their response may have been?
 - I wonder why these words are difficult to hear?
 - I wonder how these words might make us feel liberated?
 - I wonder what this kind of world would look like? What would it look like for people to be equal, for us to not be fearful, for things to be out in the open, and for us to put God first?

ACTIVITIES



Make a bracelet with beads and as you add a bead, share a way that you know God loves you.

Make a video that captures the different ways showing how God loves the world.