

JB WANTS TO BE A BUNNY

Commander – I think we’re going to have a visit from one of our special friends.

Allow boys to greet JB.

C - Hi JB. We’ve missed you. How have you been?

JB – I’m doing good. As a matter of fact I’m changing. Can I show you?

C – Sure JB.

JB comes out with bunny ears.

C- Wow. Look at you! Pretending to be a bunny. That’s fun.

JB – Oh no. you’re wrong. I AM a bunny. See my ears?

C – We all like to pretend to be something. Like a super hero, spider man, Mario and Luigi.

Boys who do you like to pretend to be?

Feedback

JB – But I really, really, really want to be a bunny. I’m not happy as a beaver.

C – JB, sometimes everyone feels a bit sad, grumpy or upset. But it doesn’t change who we are.

JB – It doesn’t?

C – No. God made you just the way you are on purpose!

JB – He did?

C – Sure. Look at your tail.

JB – Bunnies have tails.

C – But not like yours! Yours is exactly the way it needs to be to help you swim and pat down the mud for your lodge.– And your teeth.

JB – Bunnies have teeth.

C – But not big strong ones like yours. God gave you those special teeth to gnaw down branches and trees into the water.

JB – bunnies can't do that?

C – Nope. They can eat carrots with theirs.

JB – I don't think I like carrots.

C - And you are one of the speediest swimmers I've ever seen. Bunnies don't swim, ya know.

JB – They don't?

C – Nope.

JB – I really, really like to swim.

C – You can pretend to be a bunny and that's fun. But you will always be a beaver. Just like God made you.

C – And even if the boys dress up like Spiderman and PRETEND (sing) to spin a web any size, catch the thieves just like flies.....They are always still boys. Just the way God made them. And they are all different. Look around, JB. Who has blonde hair? Brown eyes? Blue eyes? Wears glasses?

That's right. All a little different and all A LOT the same.

JB – I never thought of it like that before. You mean God made me on purpose?

C – Yup. And God never, ever, ever, ever makes mistakes.

JB – Never?

C – Never. Ever.

C – And you know what else?

JB – What?

C – He has a purpose for your life.

JB – He DOES?

C – Absolutely. A plan. Just. For. You.

JB – Like what?



C – Well, it could be that you’re the best one to train little JB Junior. Come on out JB Junior. Don’t be shy.

Boys greet Junior

C - Do you think I could show him how to bite a tree down with MY teeth?

JB – Ha Ha. That would be really funny.

C – Or I’d get a toothache. Ouch!

JB – Hi Junior. Come along with me. I want to show you how to make a cool tunnel in our lodge. And then later we can pretend to be a land mammal with a very, very loooooonnnnnngggggg nose. Can you boys guess what it is? Or maybe a very loooooonnnnnngggg neck. What about wings so I can pretend to fly?

C – Sounds like a great idea, JB. Have fun. And we’ll see you soon.

C – It’s fun to pretend to be someone we’re not isn’t it? But when it’s time to have dinner, take a bath, or go to bed, isn’t it better to be you? Nate, Ben...Luke. Where your parents can take care of you, feed you, tuck you in a nice warm bed, hug you when you’re afraid, put a bandage on your cut, pray with you. God has a perfect plan for you!

Verses to help the leader prepare for this topic. Also to possibly use in any discussions that follow.

God knew you before you were born:

1. Psalm 139:13 “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.”

2. Psalm 139:14 “I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”

3. Psalm 139:15 “My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.”

4. 1 Corinthians 8:3 “But the one who loves God is known by God.”

5. Psalm 119:73 “Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.”

6. Job 10:8 “Your hands shaped me and made me. Will you now turn and destroy me?”

7. Jeremiah 1:4-5 “Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

8. Romans 8:29 “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

9. Romans 11:2 “God did not reject His people, whom He foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says about Elijah, how he appealed to God against Israel.”

10. Romans 9:23 “What if He did this to make the riches of His glory known to the vessels of His mercy, whom He prepared in advance for glory.”

11. 1 Samuel 12:22 “Indeed, for the sake of His great name, the LORD will not abandon His people, because He was pleased to make you His own.”

12. Ecclesiastes 11:5 “As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the bones are formed in a mother’s womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things.”

13. Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”