

News Story Summary

Kamiyah Mobley was taken from a Florida hospital in July of 1998. Despite a large hunt for her, she was not found until earlier this year. Her identity became known when she tried to secure a job and needed a certified birth certificate and other documents. Gloria Williams, the woman who allegedly took her from the hospital, told Kamiyah about the kidnapping at that point. Kamiyah shared this information with a friend who reported it to law officials in August of last year. Another tip came in November. Officers obtained the birth certificate and social security number used at her high school and determined both to be fraudulent. DNA tests confirmed her identity as the child and she was reunited with her biological mom in January.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the phrase “Kimayah Mobley”.)

Focus Attention

To supplement the Focus Attention idea with the index card, share the news story and ask: *How would you respond if you had been the friend? Would this new information change how you related to her? Explain.*

Explain that some of the disciples had an understanding about Jesus that would change after they encountered His real Father. Lead the class to understand that though the disciples and other followers understood that Jesus was powerful and righteous, their respect for the Heavenly Father may have masked Jesus’ ultimate standing. Explain that today’s lesson indicates that those closest to Jesus believed many *good things* about Him, but did not grasp His rank above *all things*. Guide the class to realize that there is nothing short of an ongoing relationship with Christ that will change our hearts enough to know Him as He *is*.

Challenge

To supplement the Summarize and Challenge ideas, lead group members to discuss how they can explain the necessity of Jesus as having the same identity as His Father and not being “just another prophet.” Remind the group of the news summary, emphasizing how discovering the identity of her friend impacted the friend’s actions. Explain that understanding the full identity of Christ should impact how we respond and relate to Him. Ask group members this week to prepare how they will answer a person who accepts Jesus as a good man or teacher, but does not recognize His exalted identity as the Son of God (Matthew 17:5).