



## Day 1 Devotional

Bible Point: **God knows everything**

Bible Story: **David celebrates all God knows. (Psalm 139)**

Bible Verse: **“O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.”**

**Psalm 139:1**

Tonight is Rainforest Falls! As we dive deep into the hot and humid rainforest, (thank you Indiana weather for helping to make this an authentic experience!) we'll explore the nature of God. For our first night, we will learn that **God knows everything**.

Read through Psalm 139:1

God sees what's inside our hearts. But we can't see what's inside others' hearts, including our kids at VBS. We can get a general feel for what kids are like, but we can't really see clearly into their hearts. But, GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING. He sees those kids clearly and cherishes them all.

How might you treat people differently if you could see their hearts clearly? We can't see what's going on inside the kids we serve, but we can pray and ask God for His heart and vision for these kids.

God, thank you for seeing us, knowing everything about us...and still loving us. We pray that you will open our eyes to see the hurts, the strengths, and the opportunities for each child we interact with this week. Help us view them through your loving eyes.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



## Day 2 Devotional

Bible Point: **God is our safe place**

Bible Story: **David hides from Saul. 1 Samuel 23-24**

Bible Verse: **"Then I pray to you, O Lord. I say, 'You are my place of refuge.'"**

**Psalm 142:5**

Tonight we will be discovering that God is our safe place.

Read Psalm 142:5

A refuge is a safe place to go when the world around you is unsafe. We might find refuge from a storm in a storm shelter, or animals might find refuge at a wildlife preserve that keeps away human threats. Thinking about those examples, how has God been a refuge in your life?

Difficult and scary things will happen in life. Being a Christian doesn't mean nothing bad will ever happen to us. But just as a refuge gives us a safe place to go when bad things happen, God gives us a safe place to turn with our struggles, helping us find peace and comfort in life's storms.

At Rainforest Falls, we're immersing kids in a lively, lush rainforest refuge. God made some safe places in the rainforest. One example is the canopy layer. The canopy layer is where most animals in the rainforest live - God filled it with everything they need!

The canopy layer also protects the ground below from getting too much rain or sun. That keeps the soil fertile so the rainforest can keep on growing. Write down some things that help kids feel safe at church. This can include physical safety, but also things of emotional, social, spiritual and mental health needs. We can be a safe place for kids by being a refuge for them, even at Bible School. As we serve our kids this week, let's make Rainforest Falls be a refuge from the stormy world they experience outside of church.

God, thank you for being our refuge. Help us be a picture of that to kids and create a place where they feel safe, known and loved. Amen.